



IaPELRA

2025 Fall Conference Agenda

Thursday September 11th, 2025

- 8:00am – 8:30am Check-in, Networking, Breakfast (provided)
- 8:30am – 8:45am Welcome Message from Urbandale Mayor Bob Andeweg
- 8:45am – 9:45am Wellbeing Programs
Dr. Jen Musick, Navigate Wellbeing Solutions
- 9:45am – 10:45am Responding to a Civil Rights Complaint
Amy Heverly – Iowa Office of Civil Rights
- 10:45am – 11:00am Break
- 11:00am – 12:00pm CDL Program Rules
Ronee Slagle, Iowa DOT
- 12:00pm – 12:45pm Lunch (provided)
Brief message from our sponsors at Slingshot25
- 12:45pm – 2:15pm Coaching: The Secret Skill That Changes Everything
Jackie Pelland – Slingshot25
- 2:15pm – 3:00pm Annual Board Meeting and Election of Officers
NPELRA Update – Andrew Haines, Executive Director
- 3:00pm – 3:15pm Break
- 3:15pm – 4:15pm Better Benefits Without Higher Costs: Case Studies in Customizing Public Sector Health Plans
Jessica Eaton and Colton Storla, North Risk Partners

Thursday Evening Dinner

5:30pm Così Cucina

1075 NW 86th Street, Clive, IA 50325

please submit your RSVP by Sept 3rd

(meal not included with registration)



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Friday September 12th, 2025

8:00am – 8:30am	Check-in, Networking & Breakfast (provided)
8:30am – 9:30am	Clear Paths Forward: Managing the ADA with Confidence Holly Corkery – Lynch Dallas, P.C.
9:30am – 10:15am	“Stump the Attorney” Q&A Panel Holly Corkery – Lynch Dallas, P.C. Ann Smisek – Ahlers & Cooney, P.C. Jeff Edgar – Ahlers & Cooney, P.C. <i>*please <u>submit your questions</u> by Sept 3rd*</i>
10:15am – 10:30am	Break
10:30am – 11:30am	Bargaining Update Ann Smisek and Jeff Edgar - Ahlers & Cooney, P.C.
11:30am – 11:40am	Closing Remarks & 2026 Charlotte NPELRA ATC Drawing (must be present to win)

REGISTRATION & ACCOMODATIONS

Registration closes September 3rd. The cost for members is \$100 or \$150 for non-members. The conference is being held at the [Giovannetti Event Center](#) at Walker Johnston Park located at 9000 Douglas Avenue in Urbandale. There are a variety of [hotels](#) that offer government rates available in the near the event venue.

FUTURE EVENTS

Winter Conference (½ day)	December 5, 2025	Virtual
Spring Conference (1 day)	May 8, 2026	Location TBD
Fall Conference (1 ½ days)	September 17-18, 2026	Location TBD

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