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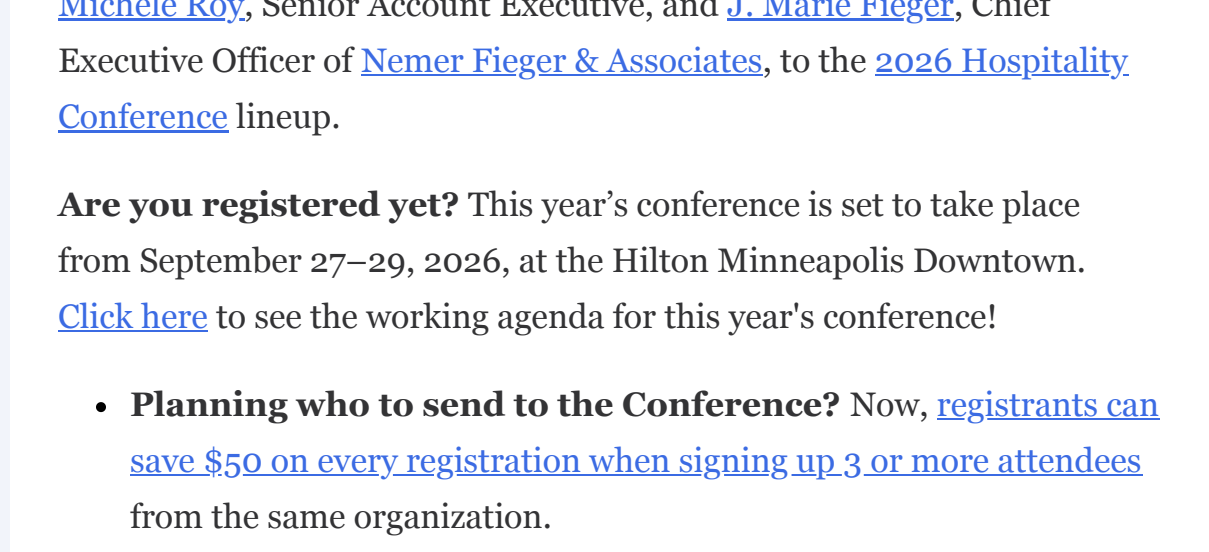
In today's September 8, 2026 Update:

- **2026 Hospitality Conference:** [Nemer Fieger Joins Speaker Line-Up](#)
- **Share Your Perspective:** [September 2026 Hospitality Conditions Survey Now Live!](#)
- **Next Monday - Hospitality Minnesota Golf Tournament:** [Join Hospitality Leaders at Legends Golf Club in Prior Lake](#)
- **Now Accepting Nominations:** [Submit Your Hospitality Trailblazers for our Stars of the Industry Awards](#)
- **October 13 USI Insurance Webinar:** [Exempt vs. Nonexempt Wage Laws](#)
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Leaders of Nemer Fieger Join 2026 Hospitality Conference



Let's talk marketing! Hospitality Minnesota is excited to welcome [Michele Roy](#), Senior Account Executive, and [J. Marie Fieger](#), Chief Executive Officer of [Nemer Fieger & Associates](#), to the [2026 Hospitality Conference](#) lineup.

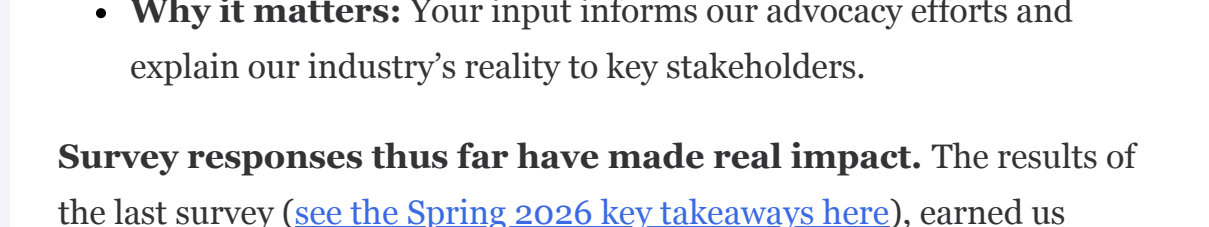
Are you registered yet? This year's conference is set to take place from September 27–29, 2026, at the Hilton Minneapolis Downtown. [Click here](#) to see the working agenda for this year's conference!

- **Planning who to send to the Conference?** Now, [registrants can save \\$50 on every registration when signing up 3 or more attendees](#) from the same organization.

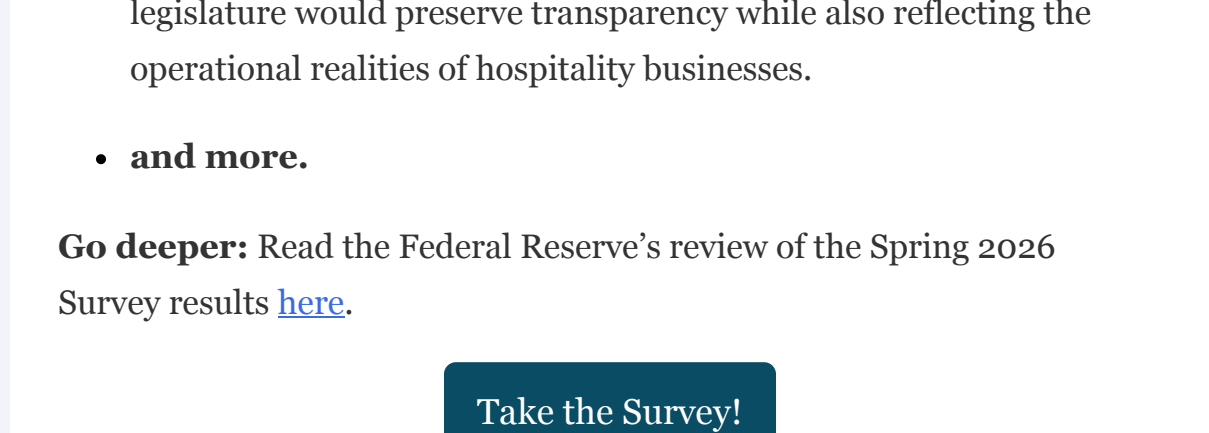
About Michele: [Michele Roy](#) brings over 25 years of experience in client service, campaign execution, and event planning and support. As Senior Account Executive, she manages daily schedules, coordinates project timelines, and keeps all the moving pieces of a campaign on track.

About J. Marie Fieger: [J. Marie Fieger](#) grew up in the family advertising business and now serves as Chief Executive Officer of Nemer Fieger & Associates.

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Input Needed: September Hospitality Conditions Survey



Share Your Perspective: Hospitality Minnesota is once again partnering with the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis for this month's [Hospitality Conditions Survey](#).

- **Why it matters:** Your input informs our advocacy efforts and explain our industry's reality to key stakeholders.

Survey responses thus far have made real impact. The results of the last survey ([see the Spring 2026 key takeaways here](#)), earned us critical media placements and helped inform several of our key legislative priorities to secure long-term solutions for the industry, including...

- **Addressing liquor-posting consequences:** Our effort to secure a technical fix addressing the conflict between Minnesota's tax abatement process and current liquor-posting consequences.
- **Junk-fee exemptions:** A proposal that if adopted by the legislature would preserve transparency while also reflecting the operational realities of hospitality businesses.
- **and more.**

Go deeper: Read the Federal Reserve's review of the Spring 2026 Survey results [here](#).

[Take the Survey!](#)

Few Foursomes Remain!



Secure your spot today: Join Minnesota's hospitality leaders at the [2026 Hospitality Minnesota Golf Tournament](#) next Monday, September 14, at the [Legends Golf Club](#) in Prior Lake.

- **Why it matters:** The [Hospitality Minnesota Golf Tournament](#) is all about connection, collaboration, and community. It's a chance to strengthen relationships, meet new peers, and enjoy a day of relaxed networking with fellow hospitality professionals in a beautiful outdoor setting.

How to participate: [Register your foursome](#) or individual slot before noon on Thursday—spots are almost gone!

[Register Today!](#)

Nominate Your Trailblazers for Stars of the Industry Awards



Call for Stars of the Industry Nominations: Help us celebrate the extraordinary talent across Minnesota hospitality by putting your most deserving team members forward for the Stars of the Industry Awards. The deadline to nominate is October 22, 2026.

About the program: The Stars of the Industry Awards honor the remarkable people and operating teams shaping our state's restaurants, hotels, resorts, campgrounds, and supplier partnerships.

- **About the categories:** This year, we're accepting nominations for 11 different awards. [Read the description and eligibility requirements for each category here.](#)

[Submit Your Nominations!](#)

Register Now for Next Month's USI Webinar on Exempt vs. Nonexempt Laws

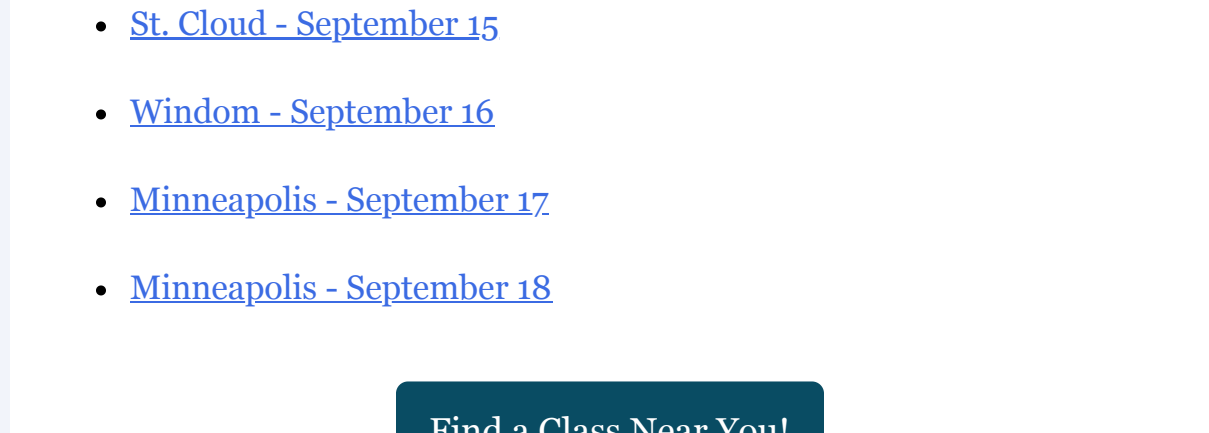


October 13 USI Employer Solution Webinar: [Understanding Exempt vs. Nonexempt and Other Difficult Wage and Hour Laws](#)

- **Why it matters:** Employers spend a lot of time (rightly) worrying about harassment and discrimination in the workplace, but not enough time making sure their wage and hour practices are in good shape.

[Register Now!](#)

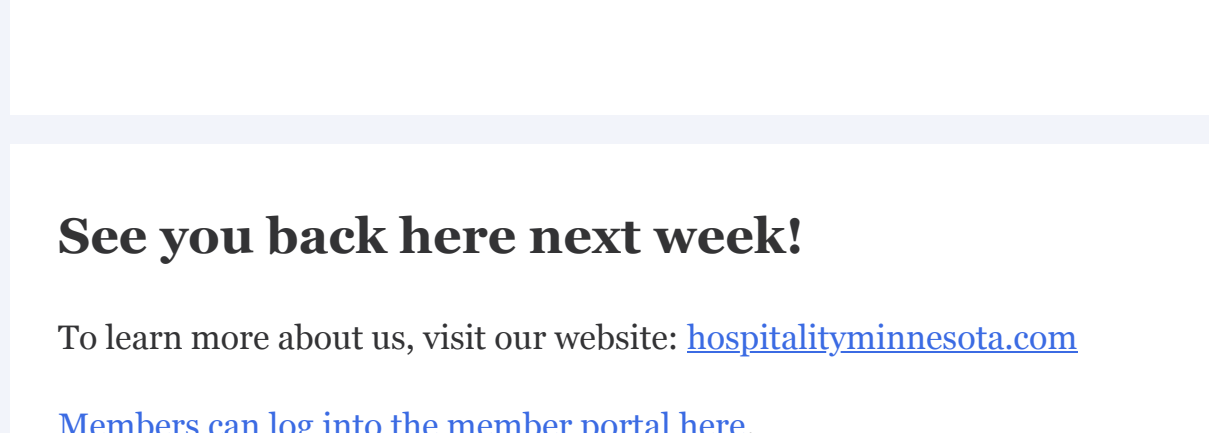
Navigating Health Insurance: Streamlined Options for Your Team



Let's talk health insurance: It's the season of open enrollment, and securing reliable health coverage doesn't have to be complicated. Through [our partnership with HealthMarkets](#), Hospitality Minnesota members and their teams have direct access to flexible healthcare solutions.

[Learn More!](#)

ServSafe Classes Near You



Did you know: Minnesota law requires at least one certified food manager on staff at nearly every food establishment. [Check this calendar](#) for all upcoming ServSafe classes!

- [Plymouth - September 15](#)
- [St. Cloud - September 15](#)
- [Windom - September 16](#)
- [Minneapolis - September 17](#)
- [Minneapolis - September 18](#)

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