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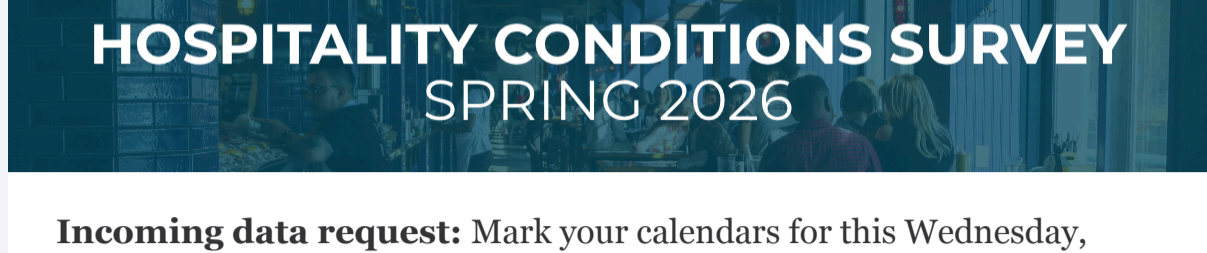
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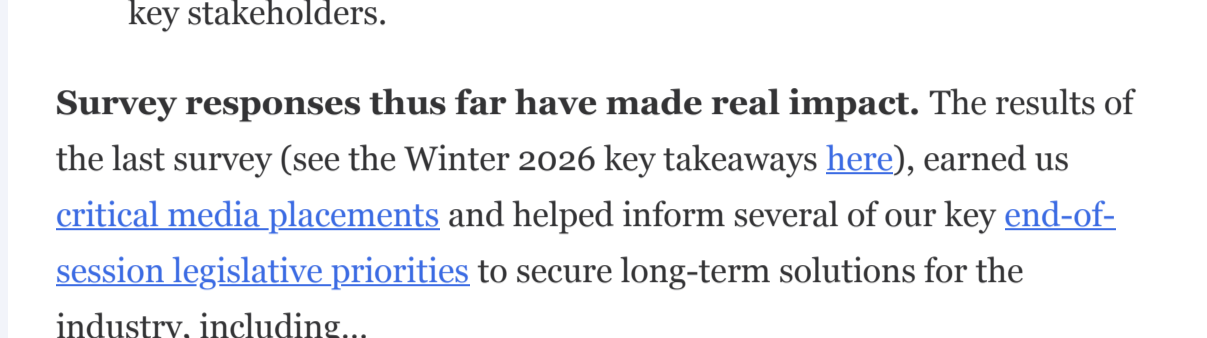
In today's May 4, 2026 Update:

- **Next Hospitality Conditions Survey Opens Wednesday:** Mark Your Calendars
- **Minnesota ProStart Champions Compete at National ProStart Invitational:** [Watch National ProStart Awards Livestream](#)
- **Hospitality Minnesota Golf Tournament - September 14:** [Join Hospitality Leaders at Legends Golf Club in Prior Lake](#)
- **Next USI Insurance Webinar - May 12:** [Learn How to Reduce Your Legal Risks When Disciplining or Terminating Employees](#)
- **Hotels on the Hill - May 12-13:** [Join American Hotel & Lodging Association in Washington D.C.](#)
- **NRA Food Show - May 16-19:** [Contact Andrea](#) for Discounted Registration Fees
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Spring 2026 Hospitality Conditions Survey Opens on Wednesday



Incoming data request: Mark your calendars for this Wednesday, May 6th, when we begin accepting responses for the Spring 2026 Hospitality Conditions Survey.

- **Why it matters:** After each survey we conduct, we compile the data we've received from operators like you. Your input is then used to inform our advocacy efforts and explain our industry's reality to key stakeholders.

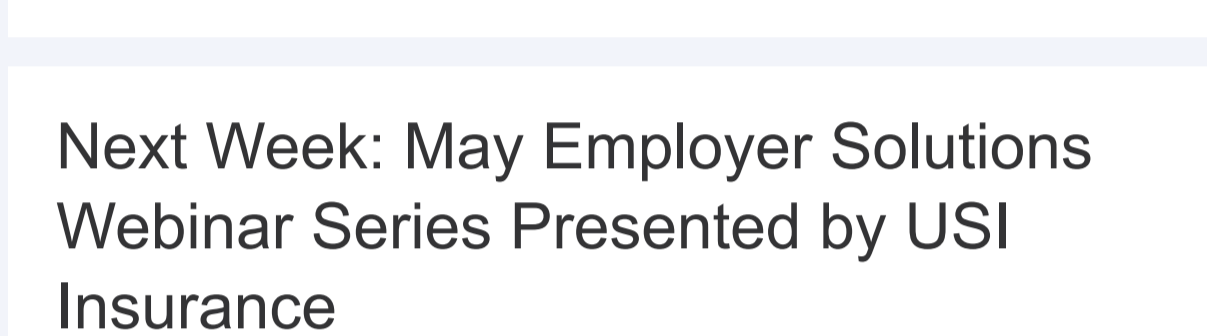
Survey responses thus far have made real impact. The results of the last survey (see the Winter 2026 key takeaways [here](#)), earned us [critical media placements](#) and helped inform several of our key [end-of-session legislative priorities](#) to secure long-term solutions for the industry, including...

- **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 Winter 2026 Survey results [here](#), and check our 2026 State of Hospitality Report [here](#).

Minnesota's ProStart Champions Place Favorably at the National ProStart Invitational

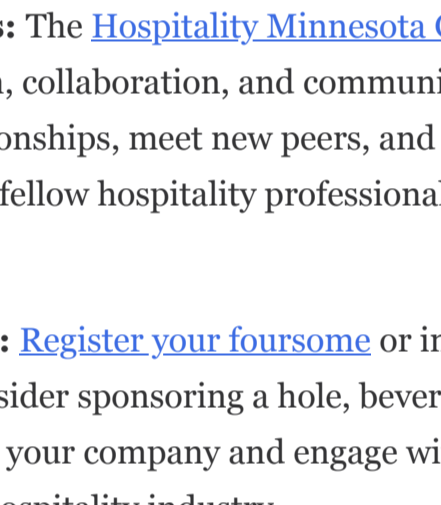


ProStart update: Minnesota's ProStart Champions were in Baltimore this past weekend for the National ProStart Invitational.

- **The results:** Our Culinary team from Elk River High School placed 9th out of 48 teams and our Management team from Sauk-Rapids Rice placed 13th nationally.

Go deeper: Learn more about the National ProStart Competition and watch the 2026 ProStart Awards Gala [here](#), and check out Minnesota's ProStart Programs [here](#).

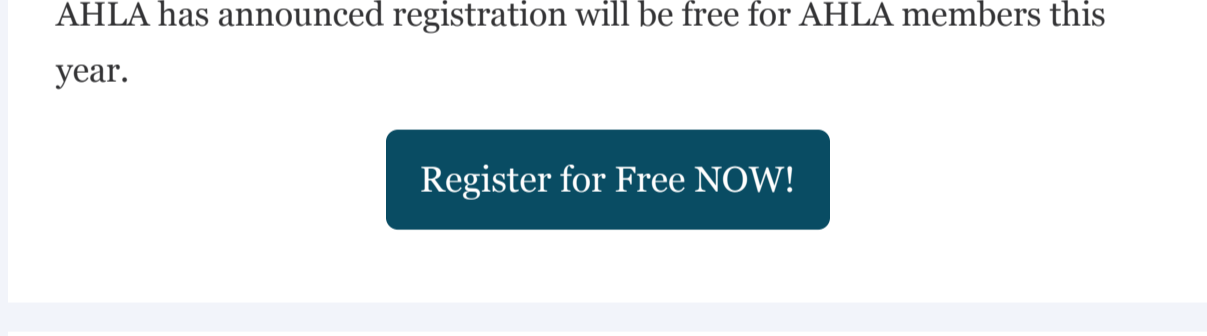
Next Week: May Employer Solutions Webinar Series Presented by USI Insurance



Calling all operators: Did you know more lawsuits result from disciplining or terminating employees than any other employment decision? [Join USI Insurance virtually on May 12, 2026 at 10 AM](#) to further understand employment law risks when disciplining or terminating employees.

[Register Here!](#)

HM Golf Tournament Returns to Legends Golf Club - September 14



Secure your spot today: Join Minnesota's hospitality leaders at the [2026 Hospitality Minnesota Golf Tournament](#) on 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 early—spots fill quickly. Consider sponsoring a hole, beverage cart, or a Bloody Mary bar to showcase your company and engage with members of Minnesota's vibrant hospitality industry.

[Register Today!](#)

Next Tuesday: Complimentary Registration for Hotels on the Hill Now Available



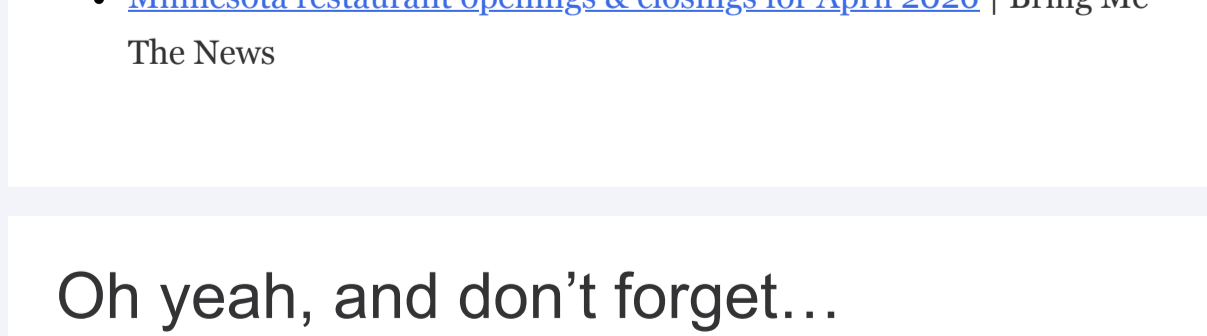
Calling all lodging advocates: Hotels on the Hill, the lodging industry's premier advocacy event, is taking place [May 12-13, 2026, in Washington, D.C.](#)

- **Why it matters:** Direct advocacy results in change. In-person advocacy remains our strongest avenue for effective advocacy.

Complimentary registration: To remove barriers to participation, AHLA has announced registration will be free for AHLA members this year.

[Register for Free NOW!](#)

Don't Miss the 2026 National Restaurant Show May 16-19



NRA Food Show Returns: The National Restaurant Association's Food Show is [returning to McCormick Place in Chicago, May 16-19, 2026.](#)

Member Perk: Hospitality Minnesota members are eligible for exclusive registration discounts.

- **Next step:** [Email Andrea](#), our Membership Manager, to claim your discount code before you register.

[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!

- [Minneapolis - May 5](#)
- [Duluth - May 6](#)
- [Fridley - May 7](#)
- [Plymouth - May 12](#)
- [Roseville - May 14](#)

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In the News

- [Daniel del Prado opening mini food hall near 50th & France](#) | Star Tribune
- [Explore Paynesville Launches to Boost Tourism in Central Minnesota](#) | Explore Paynesville
- [Minnesota restaurant openings & closings for April 2026](#) | Bring Me The News

Oh yeah, and don't forget...

- **Enroll/opt out today:** [Minnesota Secure Choice Retirement Program](#) is a state-facilitated, employer-supported retirement program that bridges the retirement savings gap for hundreds of thousands of Minnesotans.

See you back here next week!

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