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Illinois LICA's
**Annual Convention &
Members' Meeting**

January 21 - 23, 2026

*DoubleTree Hotel Bloomington
10 Brickyard Dr., Bloomington, IL 61701*

We invite you to join us at the 2026 Illinois LICA Annual Convention & Members' Meeting, where we'll be "Turning Soil into Success!" At this year's event, you'll be able to tour the Bloomington Center for the Performing Arts and the Grossinger Motors Arena, attend informative and applicable education sessions, earn septic license CEUs, and explore the large trade show featuring over 40 vendors. After the sun sets, the fun really gets going. Celebrate our ILICA award recipients at the banquet, participate in the lively auction to support the ILICA scholarship, sing-a-long or request a song at the dueling pianos show, grab a drink in the hospitality room, and so much more. We can't wait to see you there!



Convention Agenda

Wednesday, January 21

2:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Registration

3 pm; 4 pm; 4:30 pm

Convention, Nomination, Awards Comm. Mtgs.

5:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Final Regular Board of Directors Meeting

6:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Members' Dinner Meeting & Election of Officers

All members are encouraged to participate. Members will be given updates from our various committees, as well as have the opportunity to guide Illinois LICA through 2026.

Thursday, January 22

7:00 am - 4:00 pm

Registration

7:30 am - 8:00 am

Devotions

Jump start your morning with scripture, testimony, and hymns.

8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Septic Training

Installers, pumpers, and portable sanitation technicians receive 3 CEUs from this inclusive training provided by Doug Ebelherr, Contractor Training Store.

8:30 am - 12:00 pm

Tours: Grossinger Motors Arena & Bloomington Center for Performing Arts

Jump on the bus with other members to head down the road to tour Grossinger Motors Arena and the Bloomington Center for Performing Arts.

10:00 am - 10:30 am

Morning Break

Thursday, January 22 (Continued)

12:00 pm

Welcome Luncheon

Convention committee chairman welcome and new member recognition.

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Ladies Activity

Join the ILICA Ladies for an afternoon of laughs, art, and relaxation at the "Paint with Erin Boggs" experience. Whether you're a first-timer at the canvas or a Vincent van Gogh, Erin will help guide you through painting a wonderful winter scene to enjoy.

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

FREE Trade Show

Explore 40+ industry vendors and connect with Associate members showcasing the latest in equipment, technology, and products. Your name may even be drawn to win \$250 trade show dough!

2:30 pm - 3:00 pm

Afternoon Break

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Happy Hour

Speculate over the 2025 award recipients with a drink.

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Awards Banquet

Help us recognize those individuals and entities that have contributed so much to the Association over the past year during this formal event. Friends and family welcome.

8:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Live Auction

Bid on your favorite items from model toys to tools and everything in between during the Live Auction hosted by BigIron! All proceeds fund the ILICA scholarship.

10:00 pm - 1:00 am

Associate Hospitality Room

Before you turn in for the night, pop on in to the Associate Hospitality Room to congratulate the 2025 award winners one more time. We know they would appreciate it!

Friday, January 23

7:00 am - 4:00 pm

Registration

7:30 am - 8:30 am

Devotions

Using God's Word in song to spread the message of salvation, Mark & Pam Fisher are back again to uplift, encourage, and entertain you with their Gospel music! Their high-energy, toe-tapping presentation incorporates Southern Gospel, traditional, contemporary, and country styles. Named the Illinois Country Music Association's "2009 Gospel Duo/Group of the Year," they have a rich musical history of motivating listeners and stirring hearts!

9:00 am - 11:00 am

FREE Trade Show

Take advantage of your last opportunity to visit over 40 industry vendors and to win \$250 trade show dough!

10:00 am - 2:30 pm

Ladies Outing

Join the ILICA Ladies for a day of shopping and lunch at Rosie's Pub. Enjoy good company while strolling through a myriad of local artisan and thrift shops, including Cross Roads, Spice Works, Painted Tree, and more. Meet at the registration desk for car pooling.

10:00 am - 10:30 am

Morning Break

11:00 am

Associates Committee Meeting

11:00 am - 12:00 pm

IDOT Commercial Vehicle Regulations

Learn all about the various commercial vehicle rules and regulations to keep your company in compliance and prevent downtime. Illinois State Police CVEO, Trooper Ross Drennan, will cover CDL requirements, physical requirements, load securement, weight regulations, hours of service and inspections, safety scores, audits, and more.

12:00 pm

Luncheon

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Understanding the Positive Response Requirement for Excavators

The use of JULIE's Positive Response System became an enforceable requirement on January 1, 2026, meaning excavators must verify and document responses from utility companies before breaking ground. This presentation by

Friday, January 23 (Continued)

JULIE's Brian MacKenzie will explain what excavators need to know about the new mandate, how to properly use PRS, why it matters for safety and legal compliance, and how it protects operators from violations and liability.

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Job Costing Edge of Field Practices

Interested in adding conservation drainage practices to your list of construction services for clients or to diversify your company business model? Learn what it takes to install and job cost these practices, including bioreactors and saturated buffers, from fellow contractors leading the charge in Illinois - Jon Seevers, Seevers Farm Drainage; LaVerne Weber, Grade Solutions; Joe Streitmatter, Streitmatter Land Improvement

3:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Afternoon Break

Grab a sweet treat at the ice cream social.

3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

One Big Beautiful Bill

Passed in May 2025, the "One Big Beautiful Bill" made many changes to US tax policy & spending. Get all the latest updates on how these changes apply to your company from Dustin Courson, Courson & Associates.

4:30 pm - 5:30 pm

LICA Insurance Programs: Past, Present, & Future

Like all industries, the insurance sector has currently been experiencing various changes with impacts to operations and underwriting that ultimately affect your company's coverages and policies. Join Prins Insurance's Amber Bosma to hear about all these dynamics at play within the industry, as well as to gather insight into LICA's insurance program benefits from over the years and into the future.

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Happy Hour

6:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Dinner & Dueling Pianos

What's the best way to wrap up a great convention? Dinner and a show! Grab some sustenance and enjoy Howl at the Moon's world famous dueling piano show. You can make requests, dance, sing, back-flip, or get your groove on in any manner you prefer, as long as you do it safely and in good company.

9:00 pm - 1:00 am

Associate Hospitality Room

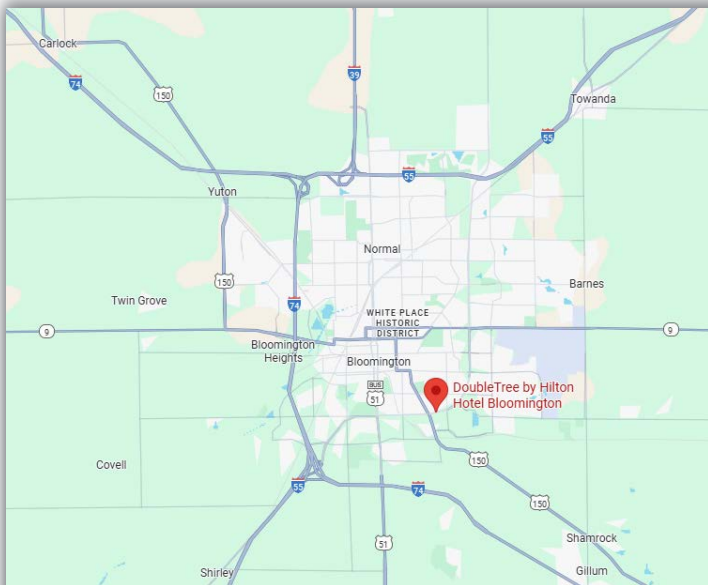
Pop into the Associate Hospitality Room one last time before calling it a night to chat about the day's events and to close out the event in the company of friends.

Hotel Info

The DoubleTree Hotel Bloomington is offering a room rate of \$169 per night for a standard king or a double queen, plus applicable state and local taxes. To take advantage of this block room rate, please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/y5mxumtu>

Or call 309-664-6446 and simply ask for the IL Land Improvement Contractors Association room block. This rate will expire on January 6, 2026, so reserve your room as soon as possible!

Hotel Reservations



Tours



Join us for two exclusive & unique tours in the Bloomington area!

Take an exclusive behind-the-scenes tour of a City of Bloomington architectural wonder, the Bloomington Center for the Performing Arts (BCPA). The Behind the Curtain tour gives you the chance to discover the history, legends, and lore of a local national treasure. Walk on one of the largest performance stages west of New York City, enjoy the beautiful Neo-Classical interior design, see the renowned "Green Room Artist Wall," and explore the BCPA Sub-Stage.

The Grossinger Motors Arena first opened its doors to the public nearly twenty years ago (then known as the U.S. Cellular Coliseum). Serving as the home venue for several hockey, indoor football, and basketball teams throughout the years, Grossinger Motors Arena hosts the Illinois State Redbird Hockey Club. In addition to its sports tenants, Grossinger Motors Arena also hosts various other events, including concerts, family shows, ice shows, motor sport shows, trade shows, graduations, weddings, and more.

Ladies' Outing



Calling all LICA Ladies, grab your keys and your shopping spirit! Lunch at Rosie's Pub kicks off a day of treasure hunting through local artisan and thrift shops. Everything's close by, so we'll carpool to keep things simple. Don't miss the fun!

Cross Roads: www.crossroadshandcrafts.com

Spice Works: www.bloomingtonspiceworks.com

Painted Tree: paintedtree.com

Two \$250 Drawings!



Attend the 2026 ILICA Trade Show for a chance to win one of two \$250 vouchers redeemable at the participating vendor of your choice! One winner will be drawn each day. Must be present to win.

ILICA CONVENTION
Details & Registration

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