

# LERA 78th Annual Meeting

May 28 - 31, 2026  
Minneapolis, MN

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**CALL FOR  
PROPOSALS!**

**Due** ✨  
**11-15-25**

## “Deep Divides and Accelerating Technologies Challenging Legal and Economic Institutions”

*Beverly Harrison, LERA President-Elect and Program Chair*

**DEADLINE FOR SESSION PROPOSALS AND PAPER ABSTRACTS IS NOV. 15, 2025.**

The Co-chairs and Program Committee welcome session proposals from the best and brightest. At least one participant in a session must be a LERA member, and one author on each paper.

**Submit an online proposal at: [www.LERAwEB.org/Call-2026-Minn](http://www.LERAwEB.org/Call-2026-Minn).**

The LERA Program Committee invites session ideas for **stimulating and creative proposals** related to engaging various, sometimes differing, stakeholders involved in employment relations with the end goal of enriching investors, managers, employees, policy makers, and unions. **LERA’s program format** offers fresh opportunities for thought leaders from all aspects of employment and industrial relations to create connections. **LERA’s mission** bridges research, practice and policy, as well as stakeholders. Proposals incorporating these three aspects are strongly encouraged, as is a balance of gender, racial, and generational diversity among the proposed participants. We also accept submissions from different disciplines, including, but not limited to:

- **Economics**
- **Sociology**
- **Political Science**
- **Labor and Employment Law**
- **Industrial Relations**
- **Human Resource Studies**

Presentations may take a variety of forms: Symposia, panels, workshops, posters, skill-building debates, roundtable discussions, etc. The number of tracks and lengths of sessions depends on the quantity and quality of proposals. To encourage thought diversity, participants may only present on the program once per role. **Deadline = 11/15/25**

**Other paper competitions** include **LERA Competitive Papers** (complete papers up to 30 pages) or the **AILR/LERA Best Papers Competition** (paper proposals up to 3 pages), the **LERA/ICJI Best Papers Competition**, and the special LERA Best Papers edition of the **AILR Journal** (complete papers up to 30 pages). Winning authors will be invited to present in special sessions at the meeting and may earn invitations to publish. **Deadlines = 12/15/25 and 1/15/26**

**Organizers are required to provide** a session abstract and description, identify participants (confirmed or invited), and provide full contact information at the time of submission for all session participants. If you have questions about this Call for Proposals, contact:

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