

# ALEC, AMEREN AND YOU

While Missourians are struggling to pay their electric bills during the worst heat wave since the 1930's, their state legislators who belong to the American Legislative Exchange Council are partying at a Five Star hotel in Salt Lake City. And our electric company, AMEREN, is paying a portion of the cost of that party. Why? Because ALEC's corporate lobbyists write legislation our ALEC members in Jeff City will carry back and try to pass next spring.

Several dozen companies have dropped their membership in ALEC recently because of ALEC's extreme position on a variety of different issues. ALEC is behind the attacks on the EPA (see [www.alec.org/EPA's Regulatory Train Wreck: Strategies for State Legislators](http://www.alec.org/EPA's%20Regulatory%20Train%20Wreck%20Strategies%20for%20State%20Legislators).)

ALEC is also pushing states to require the teaching of climate change **denial** as a legitimate scientific theory in our schools. (see [www.alecexposed.org](http://www.alecexposed.org).) As if their allegiance to the fossil fuel and nuclear industries weren't dangerous enough, ALEC pushes laws that cripple local governmental authorities when it comes to protecting us from pollution and other environmental hazards.

So why is AMEREN supporting a lobbyist group that works directly against the best interest of Missouri citizens and its rate payers? How many millions of dollars does AMEREN spend on lobbying, and why should we give them even more money to work against our health and safety?

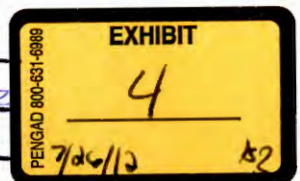
The ALEC meeting this week is being held at the Grand America Hotel which boasts "lavish amenities" including a full-service spa, a lobby lounge featuring a harp serenade, afternoon tea service and down comforters in the suites which range from 700 to 880 square feet in size.

Recently, a local St. Louis man died in his mobile home because he couldn't pay his air conditioning bill. His home was probably no bigger than one of the luxurious suites our state legislators and their families are enjoying in Salt Lake City. How can legislators who make around \$40,000 a year afford such vacations? AMEREN customers indirectly subsidize the "Missouri Night" dinner and reception.

This is what passes for economic justice today. The next Speaker of the Missouri House, Rep. Tim Jones of Eureka, is co-chair of the Missouri delegation to ALEC. What are the chances that he and the other ALEC members will protect Missourians from exploitation by a monopoly utility company? Tell the Public Service Commission to JUST SAY NO to yet another rate hike.

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**Subject:** ALEC -- Missouri Night  
**Importance:** High

Hi everyone,

The American Legislative Exchange Council conference is only twenty minutes from a great restaurant for Missouri Night, but need to get an exact headcount for transportation. If you are planning on attending Missouri Night reception please let me know your name and the names of your guest and/or family members with you by this Friday, July 6<sup>th</sup>.

Here are the Legislators that I know are going: Representatives Tim Diehl, Caleb Jones, Shelley Keeney, Chuck Gatschenberger, Vicki Sommer and Senator Jane Cunningham.

Here are the Companies that are paid sponsors: MTIA, AMEC, Century Energy, AT&T, MCTA, Comcast, Gamble & Schlemeier, Ameren, Peabody Energy. These companies/individuals have committed to sponsoring: Cerner,

If anything is not correct, please let me know asap. We need to get the final list of your support. If you have any questions, let me know.

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# 39th Annual Meeting

## Meetings

[39th Annual Meeting](#)  
States & Nation Policy Summit 2012

**July 25-28, 2012**  
Salt Lake City, Utah



### Registration and Housing for ALEC's 2012

**Housing cut-off deadline is July 13, 2012**

### Registration

Select one of the following methods to register for ALEC's 2012 Annual Meeting:

- 1) [Click here to register online.](#)
- 2) **Fax** – Simply download forms below, complete them, and fax them to the registration office.
  - [Attendee Registration & Housing Form](#)
  - [Spouse/Guest/Kids' Congress Registration Form](#)

**Question?** Please contact [Ngan Nguyen](#) via email or call 801-462-1100.

## Registration Rates



## Tentative Agenda

All meetings will be held in the Salt Lake City Grand America unless otherwise noted.

### Monday, July 23

### Time

Board of Directors Reception, *by invitation only* 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Board of Directors Dinner, *by invitation only* 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

### Tuesday, July 24

### Time

Registration Open 1:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Kids Congress Registration 7:30 a.m. – 10:30 p.m.

Joint Board of Directors Meeting 9:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

State Chairs Training 3:00 p.m. – 5:00p.m.

Leadership Reception, *by invitation only* 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Leadership Dinner, *by invitation only* 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Hospitality Suite 9:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

### Wednesday, July 25

### Time

Registration Open 7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Kids Congress Registration 7:30 a.m. – 10:30 p.m.

**Task Force Subcommittee Meetings** 7:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Commerce and Taxation 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Energy 7:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Public Pension Reform 8:45 am – 9:45 am

Commerce, Insurance and Economic Development 7:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Fiscal Policy 7:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

HHS Panel 10:00 am – 11:15 am

Communication and Technology 8:30 am – 11:15 am

Leadership Institute Social Media Training 9:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

State Chairs Meeting 9:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

International Relations Task Force Meeting 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. 10:15  
National Security Federalism a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

ALEC Exhibition Hall Open 9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Workshop II	1:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Workshop III	1:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Task Force Chairs Meeting	1:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Workshop IV	3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Workshop V	3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Workshop VI	3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Chairman's Reception – <i>by Invitation Only</i>	5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Welcome Reception, <i>Natural History Museum</i>	6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
<b>Thursday, July 26</b>	<b>Time</b>
Registration Open	7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Kids Congress Registration	7:30 a.m. – 10:30 p.m.
<b>Plenary Breakfast with Charlie Cook</b>	<b>8:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.</b>
ALEC Exhibition Hall Open	9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Workshop VII	9:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.
Workshop VIII	9:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.
Workshop IX	9:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.
Workshop X	11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
Workshop XI	11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
Workshop XII	11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
HHS Executive Committee	11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
<b>Plenary Luncheon</b>	<b>12:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.</b>
Task Force Meetings	2:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Energy	2:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Health Care	2:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
International Relations	2:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Tax	2:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
International Relations Reception, <i>by invitation only</i>	5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Cigar Reception, <i>by invitation only</i>	9:00 p.m. – 12:00 p.m.
2013 Annual Meeting Preview Reception	8:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.
Special Mormon Tabernacle Choir Concert	8:30 p.m. – 9:15 p.m.

<b>Friday, July 27</b>	<b>Time</b>
Registration Open	7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Kids Congress Registration	7:30 a.m. – 10:30 p.m.
<b>Plenary Breakfast</b>	<b>8:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.</b>
ALEC Exhibition Hall Open	9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Workshop XIII	9:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.
Workshop XIV	9:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.
Workshop XV	9:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.
Workshop XVI	11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
Workshop XVII	11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
Workshop XVIII	11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
<b>Plenary Luncheon</b>	<b>12:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.</b>
Task Force Meetings	2:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Civil Justice	2:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Communications and Technology	2:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Commerce	2:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Education	2:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Incoming Chairman's Reception, <i>by invitation only</i>	5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Communications & Technology	5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
State Night <i>Contact Your State Chair</i>	5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
<b>Saturday, July 28</b>	<b>Time</b>
Social Media Training	9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.