AGENDA

2026 Human Resources Workshop
September 9-10, 2026
Courtyard by Marriot
311 South 17th Street, Ames, Iowa 50010

Wednesday, September 9, 2026 – Day 1

10:00 a.m.	-	10:30 a.m.	**SHRM**	**Registration**
10:30 a.m.		12:00 p.m.	1.5	**I – 72 Hours** *Dr. Claire Muselman, Drake University Zimpleman College of Business*
12:00 p.m.		12:45 p.m.	-	**Lunch**
12:45 p.m.		1:30 p.m.	.75	**II – Work Based Learning & Talent Pipelines Panel** *Matt Verbraken, Mid-Iowa Cooperative* *Linda Fandel, Iowa Workforce Development*
2:00 p.m.		3:00 p.m.	1.0	**III – AI Usage -- HR USE Cases and HR Examples** *Innovative Profs*
3:00 p.m.		3:30 p.m.	-	BREAK
3:30 p.m.		4:30 p.m.	1.0	**IV – Succession Planning (*And keeping it fresh*)** *ATW*
5:30 p.m.		8:00 p.m.	-	**Happy Hour, Networking, and Supper** *Cornbred - 526 Main Street, Ames, IA 50010*

Thursday, September 10, 2026 – Day 2

8:00 a.m.	-	**8:30 a.m.**	**SHRM**	**COFFEE BAR – RECAP AND DAY 2 AGENDA**
8:30 a.m.		9:30 a.m.	1.0	**I - HR EMPLOYMENT UPDATES – CURRENT TOPICS** *MARY FUNK, NYEMASTER*
9:30 a.m.		10:30 a.m.	1.0	***II – EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS (EAP)*** *CONNECTIONS EAP*
10:45 p.m.		12:30 p.m.	1.75	**III - TABLE DISCUSSIONS AND WORKING LUNCH** *VARIOUS TOPICS*
12:30 p.m.		1:30 p.m.	1.0	**IV – COOPERATIVE OUTLOOK** *BOBBY MARTENS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, IOWA INSTITUTE FOR COOPERATIVES*
1:30 p.m.		2:00 p.m.	-	**TBD**
2:00 p.m.		2:30 p.m.	-	**V - FUTURE HR CONFERENCE DATES** **PLANNING COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS** **VI - SUMMATION AND LAUNCH FORWARD**

SHRM RE-Certification Credits – 1 PDC / HR = **9 PDC's**

Registration Form

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Cooperative Name: _____

Cooperative Town: _____

Please list the names of people who will be attending.

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Registration Fee is $500 per person
($550 per person if registered after to July 31, 2026)

Please mail or email (info@iowainstitute.coop) to us by September 2, 2026:

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