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# Ely Chapter Newsletter

## HAPPENING THIS MONTH



# Ely Chapter Social Pop-Up



Thursday, July 13

5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Arcadis, Borg Warner Building

200 S. Michigan Ave., Suite 2000 (20th floor), Chicago

Come spend some time with your fellow Ely Chapter members at this jazz inspired wine and cheese social. This is also a fantastic opportunity to introduce new potential members, especially those who are applying and are eager to meet the two-event minimum!

We promise a breathtaking view of Lake Michigan and Millennium Park. We'll see you there!

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the Member Support Fund.



### JULY 2023 CHAPTER LUNCHEON

#### PANEL DISCUSSION: AN EQUITABLE PATH FORWARD

Wednesday, July 19  
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.  
Maggiano's Little Italy

What’s in a name? Our chapter is named after Richard T. Ely, “the father of Land Economics.” As we are nearly a hundred years old and live in the shadow of an intellect who was “a man of his time,” there are impacts that we as a chapter should address. Who, what and where do we want to be for our next 100 years? Join us for a moderated discussion with a panel of your peers as we map out our path forward.



Jewell Walton  
Panelist



Christine Williams DeVries  
Panelist



Lynsey Sorrell  
Moderator

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## July 19, 2023 Special Meeting of the Membership Vote on Bylaws

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Chapter events are excellent opportunities for members to network and learn. They also present opportunities to introduce your professional colleagues to our LAI Ely Chapter.

## UPCOMING EVENT

### LAI ELY CHAPTER IN SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY



**GREATER  
CHICAGO  
- FOOD -  
DEPOSITORY®**

Saturday, August 5, 2023

8:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

4100 West Ann Lurie Place, Chicago

Help the LAI Ely Chapter assist the Greater Chicago Food Depository's Saturday morning food packing. Both members and non-members are welcome to join us on this day and are encouraged to bring family and friends to help.

You will repack donated and purchased food. The food we receive at our warehouse comes in bulk quantities, and volunteers break it down into manageable sizes.

**Space is limited.**

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## SAVE THE DATES

### SEPTEMBER 2023 CHAPTER LUNCHEON

Wednesday, September 20

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

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Event details will be announced soon.

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## LAI ELY CHAPTER 2023 NEW MEMBER INITIATION & AWARDS BANQUET



Join Lambda Alpha International's Ely Chapter for the Initiation Banquet of the 2023 member class and annual awards presentation.

Wednesday, October 18  
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Event details and registration is coming soon!

## NOVEMBER 2023 CHAPTER LUNCHEON

Wednesday, November 15  
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.  
Maggiano's Little Italy

Registration will open soon.

**MEMBER NEWS**

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Please join us in congratulating our esteemed colleague, Richard Wilson, for winning the distinguished **LAI International Member of the Year Award**, which is presented annually to the member who most epitomizes dedication to the work and ethos of the Society.

Richard has been an active and passionate member of the Ely Chapter since 2006. He joined the board in 2018, rising to the presidency in 2020. Richard was the Chapter's first two-year term leader, and he did an incredible job keeping the chapter vibrant and financially stable during the toughest years of the pandemic. Ely-member, Jacqueline Loewe, described Wilson's leadership beautifully: "Richard put all of us on his back and got us through Covid together."

Congratulations, Richard, on receiving this well-deserved award.

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## CHAPTER NEWS

### 2023 CHAUTAUQUA: EXPLORING REGIONAL CONNECTIONS

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**12 Speakers + 3 Cities + 3 Tours + 3 Programs + 1 Happy Hour = ONE INCREDIBLE DAY**

LAI Ely Chapter members and guests took in a first-hand look at the momentum happening in Northwest Indiana. This year's Chautauqua focused on the regional connectivity, transit-oriented development (TOD), and natural resources. The day started out in Hammond with Anne Anderson, Executive Director of the city's Planning and Development Department, sharing the Downtown Masterplan, which recently received a Merit Award from the Congress for New Urbanism. From there, attendees were treated to a bus tour of Gary, IN to understand how the once-in-a-generation public investment in transit modernization will support revitalization and economic development efforts downtown. Lunch was all about taking in the natural beauty of the Indiana Dunes and a Marquette Trail tour led by the National Park Service.

The afternoon was spent in Michigan City with an in-depth look at how the Northwest Indiana Regional Development Authority (RDA) and Northern Indiana Commuter Transit District (NICTD) set the foundation for how each community impacted with the rail projects and TODs can be proactive in attracting economic development specific to its unique growth path. A guided one-hour walking tour and mobile app of Michigan City's downtown revealed tangible examples of the new train station and major TODs. The day was capped off with the CEOs from One Region and Northwest Indiana Forum discussing how the future of Northwest Indiana starts now.

**Thank you to our Northwest Indiana event sponsors:**

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- [Economic Development Corporation, Michigan City](#)
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- [One Region](#)

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- [City of Michigan City Redevelopment](#)
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## New Member Nominations Close on July 14 at 5:00 p.m.

The Ely Chapter of Lambda Alpha International is seeking nominations for new members. If you know of a highly accomplished leader who represents the diverse professional disciplines related to land economics, please consider sponsoring a candidate for membership.

If you intend to sponsor a nominee this year, please let us know at [nominations@ely-chicago.org](mailto:nominations@ely-chicago.org).

Nominations will be accepted at any time prior to July 14, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.

[Download Nomination Form](#)

## LAI ELY CHAPTER MEMBER SUPPORT FUND

LAI Ely Chapter aims to be an accessible society and as such, we are happy to launch a new initiative to help our members engage more with our programming. The program details are outlined here with a link to the application.

The LAI Ely Chapter Member Support Fund is available to members who serve nonprofit organizations, public agencies, academic institutions, or those who in a professional employment transition to help offset the cost of attendance at chapter events and membership dues. The goal of the fund is to make Chapter activities more accessible and encourage attendance and engagement. In some instances, guests of members may also be eligible to receive these funds.

Who is Qualified to Apply:

- Members who work for a nonprofit organization, public agency, or academic institution
- Members who are in a professional employment transition
- Members on behalf of a guest who works for a nonprofit organization, public agency, or academic institution

Use of Funds:

- Funds may be used to cover or reduce the cost of tickets for luncheons for either members or guests who work for a nonprofit organization, public agency, or academic institution or those in a professional employment transition; regardless of the formula, the total ticket cost will be paid in full.

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- Funds may be used to cover or reduce the cost of both International and Ely Chapter dues.

#### Amounts Available for Request

- 50% or 100% of fees to attend a monthly luncheon for members or member guests.
- 50% or 100% of fees to attend the Member Initiation Banquet for members only.
- 25%, 50%, or 75% of International and Ely Chapter dues.

#### Application Requirements:

Members may apply annually for assistance with membership dues.

- Members may apply one time in the Spring and one time in the Fall for assistance to attend upcoming luncheons. The purchase of a luncheon ticket may be used for a member or a member guest who serves a nonprofit organization, public agency, academic institution or is in a professional employment transition.
- Members may apply by September 1 for assistance to attend the Member Initiation Banquet. This assistance is limited to members only, not guests.
- Any single member may apply for all three types of assistance.

#### Fund Management:

During the pilot program (June 2023 – May 2024), the Board of Directors will oversee the management of the fund and the application process. Monies donated to the Chapter will be set aside specifically for the purpose of supporting members who apply for assistance to attend events or supplement dues payments. Applications will be held in the strictest confidence. Monies will be disbursed based on availability throughout the course of the year. Any funds remaining at the end of the fiscal year will be rolled over to the following year. At the conclusion of the pilot year, the Board of Directors will establish a Member Support Fund Committee to oversee management of the fund.

#### Member Application Consideration:

In an effort to serve as many people as possible, applicants are asked to contribute a portion of their own money to cover a percentage of the fees if they are able.

[Click here for application](#)

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## Any Achievements or Notices to Share?

We want to promote your professional accomplishments, speaking engagements, work projects, and other news with the chapter. Information shared with us will be posted to the Ely Chapter website, and can be sent to [support@ely-chicago.org](mailto:support@ely-chicago.org).



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## Keep Your LAI Profile Up to Date

Log in to the members-only portal on the [Lambda Alpha International](#) website to keep business and contact information up to date and to check if your dues are current.

If you need assistance, contact Ely Chapter staff at [support@ely-chicago.org](mailto:support@ely-chicago.org) or call 773.804.8592.

## Follow the Ely Chapter LinkedIn Page

As members of Lambda Alpha International, we want to share events, recognize member achievements, showcase our amazing speakers, and thank our sponsors. Follow the Ely Chapter's [LinkedIn](#) page to make sure you don't miss out on anything!

# GET INVOLVED

## Speakers Bureau

The LAI Ely Chapter Speakers Bureau is an initiative to bring the Ely Chapter and its members to the forefront as a land economics resource for those outside of LAI.

If you are a speaker and have interest in being a voice for the advancement of land economics please visit the [Speakers Bureau](#) page or email [support@ely-chicago.org](mailto:support@ely-chicago.org) for more information. If you are ready to apply, please submit your [application](#) online.

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