



2023 Annual Conference Frequently Asked Questions

I've never been to an Annual Conference. Where do I go to check in? Park at the Convention Center and come into the conference lobby. OACP staff and volunteers will be ready to check you in and answer any questions you may have.

What is the dress code at the conference? Business casual is what most attendees wear for the training. They get a bit fancier for Tuesday night's dinner, and then pull out their best duds for the Awards Banquet on Thursday evening.

Can I attend a committee meeting even if I'm not officially ON the committee?

Certainly! Sit in on any committee that may be of interest to you... and perhaps by doing so you'll be more willing to sign up as a committee member in the coming year. We hope you do!

Are there other options for Tuesday morning during committee meetings? Yes! This year we're adding some new opportunities during this time. We will have a panel discussion hosted by the Second in Command committee on the topic of "*How to be an Awesome Second in Command*" and there will also be three optional roundtable discussions facilitated by an OACP member. You can join in on one, or all of them. A different topic will be discussed each hour and will be listed on the schedule.

If I am not attending a committee meeting or any of the supplemental roundtable discussions or training, when should I show up? We'd love for you to join us for lunch prior to the board meeting on Tuesday afternoon.

Can I attend the Board meeting even if I'm not a member? Of course. You won't be able to vote on formal motions of the board, but your attendance and participation are encouraged.

Can I attend the Retired Member Dinner and the Past Presidents Reception? Yes! These events are to honor our retired members and past presidents and we want you to be there to join in on the celebration. These are included as part of the registration fee.

Can I have a guest join me for one of the evening meals/receptions even though I did not put them on the registration form when I first signed up? It's not too late. Just send Marie an email indicating which meals your guest will be joining you for, along with their name, and we will get them added to the list. We'll send an invoice to cover the guest fee.

I'm interested in joining the event at Hamley's Slickfork Saloon on Wednesday night but cannot enjoy a drink and drive my city's vehicle. No problem. Pendleton PD has arranged for transportation. Shuttles will be picking guests up at their hotels and delivering them to Hamleys and then returning them later in the evening.

I keep hearing there are going to be a LOT of vendors at the Trade Show. What does that mean for me? This means we need you to be "**all in**" to participate at all three vendor breaks/reception. Happy vendors make us all happy (and bring in resources for our association). We encourage attendees to make it to the vendor booths and listen in on what products and services they offer.

Is it true that the Bingo game got a revision? Yes. We listened to our vendors, and they would like more meaningful engagement. As a result, we are asking them to provide us with a specific question they want YOU to ask them. If you do (and listen to their brief response), they will sign your "Question Scavenger" card. When you have a certain amount of signatures, you'll get your name put in for a \$50 drawing. We will be giving out a handful of these crisp \$50 bills!

Is it true that there will be hidden items at some of the vendor booths? Yes, there will be. You will have a chance to find a rocket cutout hidden in the booths. Once found, you can exchange it for some great gifts. We've collected plenty!

Are female LE leaders meeting for a separate training? Yes, and this is going to take place Friday morning at breakfast and will be held in Happy Canyon. Any female attending the conference is WELCOME.