

# IOWA ASSOCIATION OF CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE



## HOSTING AGREEMENT/ PLANNING GUIDELINES

### Fall Conference '28 AND/OR '29

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***Summary of Conference Host Requirements/Guidelines/Agreement -***  
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Iowa Association of Chambers of Commerce is comprised of nearly 100 local chambers of commerce and over 200 local chamber executives and staff members throughout Iowa. The organization historically holds a conference each fall. This conference has been hosted by communities from every area of Iowa.

The fall conference is to be held on a Wednesday and Thursday in October. The host community and IACC staff will work together to schedule around other Iowa association conferences as well as neighboring states (because it becomes difficult for traditional sponsors). The conference is a one-night event that has typically been from Wednesday afternoon to Thursday afternoon.

Breakout rooms should be available but may or may not be utilized depending on the conference agenda. The board may require a meeting room for up to 15 people, and can use the local chamber office if the hotel will charge for the space. General sessions require space for 50-70 people and AV/microphone should be available. We also need space for vendors/sponsors near the general session room. Having the sponsors/vendors in the same room as the conference sessions works well. Most vendors will require an electric outlet and Internet for their booth space.

The attendee registration fees typically help cover basic costs such as meal functions (some but not all), overhead such as printing, postage, name badges, room fees, speaker fees/travel expenses. Registration fees should not include special events such as evenings on the town, golf outings, etc.

The IACC conference committee and the host organization should solicit businesses and organizations for sponsorships. This may include in-kind contributions to help make the event a success.

For each conference, a committee is appointed which typically consists of IACC staff, select IACC board members, IACC volunteer members, and at past host community staff members as well as host community staff members that will serve as the point of contact. All budget items need to be approved by IACC staff & board.

**Host Chamber responsibilities include:**

- \* Assist committee in securing local sponsors
- \* Sponsor a reception one evening of the conference
- \* Attend conference committee meetings and serve as organizer of the event with IACC staff
- \* Attend the conference and be present at events

Attendance at the conference usually ranges between 50-70 individuals. Please email the signed bid to [director@iowachamber.org](mailto:director@iowachamber.org). Bids for Fall 2028 and/or 2029 conferences will close on May 29, 2026. A decision will be made by July 31st, 2026 and local communities will be notified the following week.

**IMPORTANT: Priority will be given to those who have attended IACC conferences in previous years.**

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**HOST AGREEMENT/BID**

Host Chamber \_\_\_\_\_ Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Email \_\_\_\_\_

Conference Facility \_\_\_\_\_ Contact \_\_\_\_\_

**Room Cost: (per person/per night including all tax)**

(a block of rooms is needed Wednesday night with some available Tuesday evening also)

Single rate \_\_\_\_\_ Double rate \_\_\_\_\_

Is breakfast included? (Y/N)      Yes      No

Can delegates arrive early or extend their stay at this rate? (Y/N)      Yes      No

**Meal Cost per person: (including all tax and service fees)**

Snack Break/Drinks (the agenda typically includes two total snack breaks) \$

*Example of what is included for cost*

Wednesday Dinner (usually appetizers) \$

*Example of what is included for cost*

Thursday Breakfast \$

*Example of what is included for cost*

Thursday Lunch \$

*Example of what is included for cost*

**General Meeting Room Rental Cost:** No charge      Cost per day \$

**Audio-Visual Cost:** (if any for microphone, internet, and projector)

No charge      Please list costs

**Incidental Costs:** (parking, etc.)

**Amenities:**

Will the facility provide a complimentary room for the IACC staff or Chair? (Y/N)      Yes      No

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Will the facility provide a complimentary space for attendee networking following the evening activity? (Y/N)      Yes      No

**As part of the conference agenda, we typically include an evening activity that highlights the host community, while allowing attendees to mix and mingle. What would your evening activity entail?** *(examples from previous years: main street tour with light food/beverages, brewery tour, train ride that served dinner/drinks to attendees.)*

**What extra amenities or services can your facility and/or chamber provide?**

**The local chamber must be the lead organizer of the event. Please list who besides the chamber director/president is the contact:**

**Please indicate which year(s) you would be willing to host:**

Fall 2026

Fall 2027

**Please indicate your preferred dates for hosting in October 2026 and/or October 2027:**

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Signed:

IACC Executive Director

Host Facility Representative