

2021 Convention Know Before You Go

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Dear <<NAME>>,

We look forward to seeing you at the 2021 APALA Convention! We've put together these reminders so you'll have a smooth experience for our first virtual convention!

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*****These links are unique to you, please do not share or distribute*****

Thursday, 8/5, Preconvention Main Floor: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86009025023>

****All Convention attendees and voting delegates will receive another email Thursday night with unique Friday to Saturday Convention Floor Zoom links.*

Caucus Zoom Meeting Links

Thursday, 8/5 - LGBTQ+ Caucuses: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83968822783>

Friday, 8/6 - Union + Worker Caucuses (AFGE, AFSCME, AFT, CWA, IBEW, OPEIU, UAW, UNITE HERE, USW, Worker Centers, Unorganized Workers):

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83345603963>

Friday, 8/6 - Union Caucus (SEIU): <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85427110638>

Friday, 8/6 - Union Caucus (NEA): <https://bit.ly/MonicaZoom>

Saturday, 8/7 - Regional Caucuses: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83643519739>

Sunday, 8/8 - Young Workers Caucuses: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89659493127>

Kumospace (open during breaks and virtual happy hour):

<https://www.kumospace.com/apalanational>

Get tech savvy! We'll be using 3 virtual platforms for Convention.

- Watch our [Convention Tech Video](#) and review the [Tech Guide](#) before you join us!
- Familiarize yourself with our virtual platforms and **download the latest updated version:** [Zoom](#) and [Kumospace](#).
- If you are a credentialed delegate, we will be using [Election Buddy](#) to vote during Convention Business. Please look in your email for your unique access key and password.
- Have a second device available. A backup smartphone, tablet or computer will make voting and participating in convention a lot easier!
- Set up your devices in a location with a strong internet connection.

Create a safe and comfortable convention environment around you.

- Be comfortable. Get water and keep snacks nearby in case you get hungry. Use the 1-hour Convention breaks to do some physical activity.
- Don't drive while attending Convention. To fully participate in convention, including voting and caucuses, please be in a location with strong Internet and not in transit.
- All attendees must follow APALA's Code of Conduct:
"APALA is committed to providing an environment free from discrimination and harassment, regardless of an individual's race, ethnicity, religion, color, sex, age, national origin, sexual orientation, disability, gender identity or expression, ancestry, pregnancy, or any other characteristic prohibited by law. As such, APALA will not tolerate discriminatory, harassing or otherwise unacceptable behavior at any of its activities, events, or meetings. APALA expects everyone who participates in any of its activities, events or meetings to abide by this standard of conduct. There will be no retaliation or other adverse actions taken against an individual who makes a complaint. Complaints should be sent to CareTeam@apalanet.org."

Stay informed.

- Make sure to read APALA's Code of Conduct above. We are committed to making sure that Convention is a safe space for all.
- If you're here with your union, connect with your union representative and if you're here with your chapter, connect with your chapter leader to let them know you're attending the Convention!
- Read the resolutions and constitutional amendments at APALAConvention.org. Credentialed delegates will be voting on these [resolutions](#) and [amendments](#) to help shape the future of APALA! Delegates are asked to submit in advance amendment language for resolutions to amendments@apalanet.org, per Rule 8 of the [Convention Rules](#).

If you have any questions regarding convention, please contact convention@apalanet.org. Thank you.