

# NEBSA 55th Regional Convention FAQs

## REGISTRATION FAQs

- I. When is Convention?
  - a. Wednesday, February 8 to Sunday, February 12, 2023
  - b. In-person registration opens at 6PM on 2/8/23.
  
- II. Is there an early bird registration?
  - a. Yes, we have a 3-tiered registration price.
    - i. **Early bird I:** \$170 from October 24 to November 14, 2022
    - ii. **Early bird II:** \$180 from November 15 to November 30, 2022
    - iii. **Regular registration:** \$200 from December 1 until tickets are sold out!
    - iv. **Please note:** These are hard registration deadlines. No negotiations or exceptions!
  
- III. How do I register for Convention?
  - a. Register to attend:  
<https://nationalblsa.wildapricot.org/event-5000871>
  - b. Book your hotel: <https://book.passkey.com/go/SH02BL3>
  
- IV. Do competitors register for convention?
  - a. Yes, it involves two important steps. Competitors must pay the competition fee for teams, then pay registration fee to attend NEBSA convention
  
- V. How does my school get a bulk registration for convention?
  - a. Please email Onid Larosilière ([nebsa.convention@nblsa.org](mailto:nebsa.convention@nblsa.org)) to set up a bulk registration link and to receive a code for

your school. Once you complete and pay for the bulk registration, your students will then have to individually complete their registration using a separate special school code.

- VI. Will transportation be provided to Convention this year, and is it free?
  - a. If you need transportation to convention, we will send a form after registration is confirmed. Stops are from Boston, Upstate NY, and NYC, but additional stops may be added if there is enough interest (i.e: CT and RI).
  - b. FREE bus comes with the early bird I and early bird II package. After November 30, a one-time fee of \$15 is required to reserve your seat round trip

## **VENUE & HOTEL FAQs**

- VII. Where is Convention?
  - a. The 55<sup>th</sup> NEBLSA Regional Convention will take place at Harrah's Resort in Atlantic City, NJ. The official address is 777 Harrah's Boulevard, Atlantic City, NJ 08401
- VIII. Are the convention events, such as panels, plenary, gala, or competitions, at multiple venues/locations?
  - a. No! Everything will occur at Harrah's Resort. Once you arrive, you can relax, network, and socialize with your peers while being equipped, engaged, and empowered all in one beautiful location.
- IX. How do I book my hotel room for the Convention?
  - a. <https://book.passkey.com/go/SH02BL3>
  - b. Deadline to reserve is January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023

- c. When checking into your hotel, please bring your ID with you.
  - d. Please note you will be charged a refundable fee for incidentals
- X. Is parking available and is it free?
- a. Parking is \$10 per weekday; \$15 over the weekend.
- XI. Will you be feeding us?
- a. Yes, we will provide breakfast, lunch, and dinner throughout the Convention!

## **SCHEDULE FAQs**

- XII. Where can I see the official Convention Schedule?
- a. The most up-to-date schedule will be posted on the NEBLSA website by February 2023
  - b. You will also receive an official physical copy of the convention program
- XIII. **DRESS CODE FOR CONVENTION:**
- a. Panels/Workshops: business casual is appropriate
  - b. Career Fair: business formal is appropriate
  - c. Gala: attire is Black Tie (formal dress/suits) and the color for the night is **BLACK!** Please show up in your finest **black** gowns and suits!
  - d. Trap & Paint: Throwback Day (any time period between 1920s (Harlem Renaissance) to 2010s!
    - i. More information will be provided
  - e. Mixers/Soirees: Casual attire is appropriate
  - f. If you are taking the bus, please dress warm and comfortably.

- XIV. What should I bring to Convention?
- a. Bring whatever you need in terms of toiletries, medicine, etc.
  - b. We suggest you bring at least 2 outfits per day: business causal in the day, casual attire at night
  - c. Comfortable but appropriate walking shoes
  - d. Few copies of your resumes and business cards
- XV. What are your COVID protocols?
- a. We require a negative covid test from all attendees taken within 72 hours of the Convention. In other words, regardless of your vaccination status, you must have a negative covid test to attend. Instructions to upload your COVID results will be shared as we approach closer to February.

## **AWARDS FAQs**

- XVI. When are Chapter of the Year Applications Due?
- a. Applications are due January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023. [Attached](#) is the form for the rubric and application for Chapter of the Year.
- XVII. When are Chapter of the Year interviews?
- a. Chapter of the Year interviews will be the following week from January 15-28, 2023. The Director of Community Service will reach out with more information.

## **TECHNOLOGY FAQs**

- XVIII. How can I connect with other students before and during convention and be updated on what's occurring?

- a. Please join our official Slack Channel so that you can always be in the know! We will provide more information in the next couple of weeks

**Who should I contact if I have any further questions?**

Please contact our Director of Programming and Events, Onid Larosilière, at [NEBLSA.convention@nblsa.org](mailto:NEBLSA.convention@nblsa.org) or 646 752 7311. If you choose the option to text, please state your name and school/organization.