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107th Annual Convention Update

At this point in time, we are anticipating that we will have a face-to-face convention in Seattle. We are very excited by the prospect of returning to this format and embracing all that this location offers, while ensuring that we follow CDC and local guidelines. As the situation around us changes daily, please know that the NCA Officers and National Office staff are carefully monitoring current health and safety protocols and that our convention will adhere to these practices. We also are cognizant that there are many reasons that some members may not be able to attend the convention in person this year. When the NCA Executive Committee meets in June, we will discuss how we might offer some expanded virtual access to select sessions. Watch for updates regarding these opportunities in the future.

--[Roseann Mandziuk](#), NCA First Vice President, Texas State University

107th Annual Convention Registration

Online convention registration will open in July. You can review the registration rates, and what is included with registration, on the convention [Registration Information](#) webpage. NCA is pleased to offer the following discounted/special registration rates again in 2021.

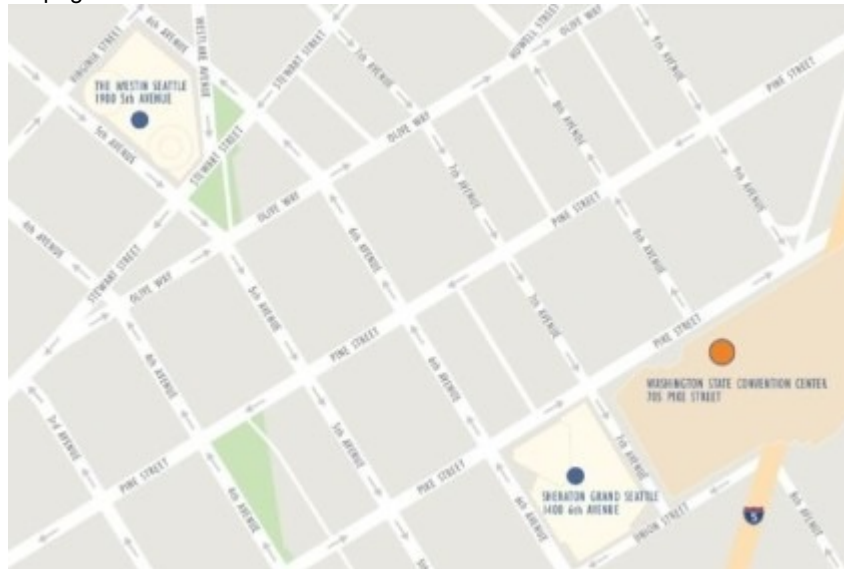
- **Guest Speaker Registration:** Attendees who were invited to participate in a session based on their expertise in an area outside of the discipline may receive a complimentary registration. Guest speakers are people who would not normally attend the convention, and are not, and never have been, members of NCA. Guest Speakers must register in advance by completing and submitting the [Guest Speaker Request Form](#) before October 11, 2021.
- **K-12 Educators Pass:** Active K-12 educators will receive free registration. Attendees must register onsite at the NCA Registration Area and show a valid K-12 school ID.
- **Friends and Family:** Spouses, partners, family members, and friends are welcome at the convention and may register for a flat rate of \$50. The Friends and Family registration grants access to all areas, sessions, and events at the convention. This registration type does not apply to individuals who are in the discipline, who are or ever have been members of NCA, or who are on the convention program. Friends and family must register onsite at the NCA Registration Area.

The online convention program will be available in July on [NCA Convention Central](#). Accept and decline notifications will be sent via e-mail to submitters by the NCA Program Planners at the end of June.

Please contact the [Convention Team](#) for more information.

Hotel and Travel Information

Hotel reservations will open in July. Hotel rooms will be available at the Sheraton Seattle and the Westin Seattle. There will be sessions held at the Sheraton Seattle; the exhibit hall and NCA registration area will be located in the Washington State Convention Center. Please see the map below for the locations of the hotels in proximity to the Washington State Convention Center. For more information, including travel resources, please visit the [Hotel and Travel Information](#) webpage.



Our Host City: Seattle

Seattle, WA, is an ideal location for the NCA Annual Convention. An urban hub that is home to world-class museums, 6,000 acres of parks, and more than 1,000 restaurants, Seattle offers something for everyone.

Located in Downtown Seattle, the Washington State Convention Center is surrounded by renowned attractions, including the Space Needle and Pike Place Market, shopping, and restaurants. Many of the city's one-of-a-kind neighborhoods and attractions are easily accessible via the [Seattle Monorail](#) and the [RapidRide](#) bus. The Convention Center is located just 15 miles from the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport and is accessible via the [Link light rail](#).

Washington is following a phased recovery system in accordance with county-by-county evaluations. King County, where Seattle is located, is currently in Phase 3, which allows for indoor and outdoor dining at reduced capacities, and indoor gatherings for conventions with reduced meeting room capacity. At this time, Washington is planning on increasing to 100% capacity for all indoor and outdoor activities on June 30, 2021.

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