

LDEI Annual Conference 2026 – Event FAQs

Event Basics

What's different about the conference this year?

The 2026 Annual Conference theme is “The Power of Connection,” so we are incorporating additional networking opportunities throughout the Conference. Our members come to learn but find the most value in building strong relationships with the members they meet at the Conference, so you will experience more connection time this year.

Also new this year are guided Roundtables, offering engaging conversations on a range of timely topics and taking place throughout the Conference. With such a talented membership, these sessions will create meaningful opportunities for collaboration and networking beyond cocktail hour (though we wouldn't dream of skipping that!).

Is Conference in a casino hotel? How does that impact our conference?

The Cosmopolitan of Las Vegas does have a casino for attendees who are interested. For those not interested in the casino, when you enter the hotel, you'll be greeted by a beautiful lobby and hotel registration. Just off the lobby is the elevator to take you to your room or to the event space without ever setting foot on the casino floor.

Registration & Fees

What if I need to cancel?

Cancellation policy: Full refund, less \$50 processing fee, if canceled by January 16, 2026. From January 17 through March 23, 2026, 50% refund. After March 23, 2026, no refunds, but registration is transferable to another LDEI member. All refunds are processed after the conference.

Hotel & Travel

Which hotel is being used?

The Cosmopolitan of Las Vegas is the host hotel. We have negotiated a special rate of \$239 per night, plus a \$45 resort fee for the Annual Conference.

How do I book my hotel accommodations?

Please use this link to make your reservation at The Cosmopolitan:

<https://book.passkey.com/event/51112054/owner/2552954/home>

Can I get a discounted rate for additional days at the hotel before or after Conference?

The Conference hotel rate applies to the nights of April 14, 15, and 16, 2026. But we encourage you to come early and stay after to enjoy even more of Vegas if you're able!

How do I get to the hotel?

Attendees are responsible for their own transportation. The Harry Reid International Airport is the main airport serving Las Vegas. It is serviced by most airlines and is a short 15-minute ride to the hotel. Taxi and rideshare services are readily available and will cost approximately \$20.

Can I stay somewhere besides the Cosmopolitan?

Yes! You're welcome to stay anywhere you'd like. However, the standard Conference registration fee is only for members who have a valid Cosmopolitan hotel confirmation number.

Program & Agenda

What is the conference schedule like?

The conference takes place April 14-16 with a pre-conference workshop, sessions, and networking. Click here to see the Conference brochure:

https://issuu.com/lesdames/docs/2026_ldei_las_vegas_pre-conference_brochure?fr=sZTVkYTgzNzQ3OTQ

When should I arrive and depart for the Annual Conference in Las Vegas?

Participants are encouraged to arrive on Tuesday, April 14, to attend the opening reception. Departures should take place on Friday, as you will NOT want to miss the Woman of Purpose Dinner on Thursday night.

Will there be pre-conference tours?

Rather than provide tours in a city that has so much buzz and excitement, we'll share a curated list of popular Las Vegas tours, concerts, and events happening in April for you to choose from. Attendees can book these independently and even connect for ridesharing through group chats in Guidebook, our Conference app.

What is the pre-conference workshop?

As another pre-conference option, we're offering a half-day, hands-on Business Development Workshop that is focused on social media and marketing for businesses. Space will be limited to keep it personalized and impactful, and participants will take away practical tools to improve their marketing strategy. Anyone who handles marketing for their business won't want to miss this. There's an additional fee to attend and it's scheduled for the afternoon of April 14 so most attendees can arrive that morning—no extra hotel night required! Registration is limited to 50 attendees; cost is \$175 per Dame. Please select the pre-conference workshop as an add-on option during registration.

Will there be an event app for this event?

Yes, we are using Guidebook again this year. We will share information prior to Conference so you can log in early to start planning your personal schedule and communicating with other attendees!

Will I need to pre-select my educational sessions during registration?

Unlike in years past, you do not have to preselect this year. All of our rooms are large enough to give our members the flexibility to choose during the conference.

Are there times or days during Conference that I can try local restaurants?

Yes! You'll have time to enjoy the local dining scene on Tuesday evening after the Welcome Reception, as well as on Wednesday evening. Plan your travel accordingly to arrive early or stay late to experience even more of Las Vegas's culinary offerings! But don't make your reservations quite yet. A list of women-owned restaurants to support and other dining opportunities is being organized and will be sent to your inbox in the coming weeks.

Attendee Information

What is the dress code?

The attire for the Conference is business casual. For the Woman of Purpose Gala Dinner, cocktail attire is suggested. Meeting rooms can be chilly, so bring layers, and don't forget — comfortable shoes are a must for getting around!

Will meals be provided?

Full registration includes the Tuesday evening Opening Reception, all conference events along with breakfast and lunch scheduled Wednesday and Thursday and the Woman of Purpose Gala dinner Thursday evening.

Will there be a quiet space at Conference?

We understand that there are times at our Conference when you might long for a room that offers a bit of tranquility, a quiet place to check your emails, or simply where you can enjoy a moment away from the hustle and bustle of Las Vegas and the Conference. Think soft lighting, comfortable furniture and charging stations as you take a moment for yourself in "The Walk-In Cooler" quiet room.

Las Vegas Details

What is the weather like in April?

The weather in April in Las Vegas is very pleasant springtime weather with warm, sunny days and mild, comfortable evenings. The dry, sunny conditions are ideal for outdoor activities, including the beginning of pool-party season. Daytime temperatures average in the mid-70s with nighttime lows in the mid-50s.

Time Zone?

Las Vegas is located in the Pacific Time Zone.

I love to attend the LDEI Annual Conference but Las Vegas is overwhelming.

Should I wait until next year to attend?

Absolutely not! Once you enter the hotel, you don't have to be exposed to the gambling/party scene unless you want to. Hotel registration is near the elevators in the lobby and all conference events take place in one convenient location, also close to the elevators. Navigating your way from your room to the Conference event space is actually quite efficient.

Contact

Who do I contact with event or registration questions?

Email info@ldei.org or call (502) 456-1851 x1.

Who do I contact for sponsorship opportunities if I would like my business to have a presence?

Please send inquiries to:

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