

## **IVIE CONVENTION 2026**

It is time to start making your hotel reservations for the summer convention. ACB convention dates are July 24 through July 31. Hotel details: Room rates at the Hyatt Regency Arch, 315 Chestnut St, are \$104.00 single or double, \$129.00 triple or \$154.00 quad,.) plus applicable state and local taxes (currently 17.92 %)

### **To make reservations online go to**

<https://www.hyatt.com/events/en-US/group-booking/STLRS/G-ACBL>.

If you prefer to make your reservations by telephone, please call central reservations at

(888) 591-1234. Make sure to let them know you are reserving a room at the Hyatt St Louis Arch at 315 Chestnut street and use group code G-ACBL

The cut-off date for reservations is July 5, 2026, so make your reservations today! All sleeping rooms have safes, ironing boards, refrigerators and k-cup coffee makers. The hotel has a twenty-four-hour fitness center; it does not have a pool. There are no guest washers and dryers, but there is a dry-cleaning service. The hotel is cashless; any purchases must be made with a credit or debit card. For

any convention-related questions please contact Janet Dickelman, convention chair,

(651) 428-5059

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When you register on the ACB convention site, please check the IVIE affiliate Donation. When you pre-Register for IVIE, the fee is \$15; On-Site, it is \$20. (IVIE Donation Fee Includes \$15 IVIE Annual Dues for 2027)

Before the convention, we'll have our annual membership meeting on Sunday, July 12 at 6 PM Pacific/9 PM Eastern. We'll have a couple elections as well as one Constitution and bylaw change. Please join us and add your thoughts on assisting IVIE.

On Saturday July 18 at 2:30 PM Central, Our session will be on "What Does It Take To Be An Entrepreneur?"

Panelists will talk about what was required for them to start their Different types of businesses and answer questions from the audience.

Speakers: Kimberly Ruf, Mary Kay Inc. Dayton, OH; Edward Cohen, EZ2 See Products, Rochester, MN ; and Jeremy Johansen, Farmer Host, San Leandro, CA.

On Saturday July 25 at 12:15 PM, IVIE/RSVA will hold a joint Luncheon. The ticket Price is \$52. At 1 PM, the session is called "Path to Success." Our speaker is Jack Pinnock, Dreamie Cookies, Inc. from Orlando, FL. He will tell how he started his business making cookies and brownies in his home and now trains others to be bakers. He still makes different types of brownies and cookies and sells them to vendors and other companies. This hybrid session is sponsored by IVIE and RSVA.

On Sunday, July 26 at 1 PM the session is "Nuts And Bolts Of Starting A Business". In this session, speakers will give the steps to starting a business from writing a business plan to deciding on which type of business (sole proprietorship or LLC or Inc.), and which marketing techniques are right for you.

Speakers: Ardis Bazyn, Bazyn Communications, Thornton, CO; Scott Eggen, SVS Vending, Maplewood, MN; Edward Cohen, EZ2 See Products, Rochester, MN; and Jeremy Johansen, Farmer Host, San Leandro, CA. This in person session is sponsored by IVIE and RSVA.

On Wednesday, July 29, from 12:15-2:30 PM, the IVIE Business Expo will be held. Blind and visually impaired business owners will showcase their products and services and answer your questions. (in-person only). Please contact Ardis Bazyn if you are interested in presenting. Send an email to [info@ivie-acb.org](mailto:info@ivie-acb.org) or call Ardis at 818-209-8684. Members pay just \$10 and nonmembers \$25.