

IVIE 2022 CONVENTION HAPPENINGS

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Before you know it, the 2022 ACB Convention will be here! IVIE has a packed agenda for this year's convention.

We start things off on Saturday June 25th with our annual business meeting. It will take place from 10:00 to 11:15 AM Central time on Zoom. IVIE members will be sent a Zoom invitation. We hope that many members will participate.

On Friday July 1st at 9:00 PM, RSVA has invited IVIE to join them in a combined in-person mixer in Omaha. Come and catch up with old friends and make some new ones.

Saturday July 2nd brings the first of three opportunities for IVIE members to exhibit their products and services. IVIE can have up to five tables at ACB Marketplace from 4:00 to 7:00 PM which can be purchased from IVIE at a cost of \$10 a table for IVIE members and \$25 a table for non-members. Watch the IVIE list for more details.

Monday July 4th is IVIE Day at the ACB Convention. We begin the day's festivities at 12:15 with our annual luncheon. This will be followed by our program at 1:00 PM which will be streamed. IVIE will Team up with ACB Next Generation and the ACB Employment Committee for a panel presentation titled, "Selling Yourself: How to Put Your Best Foot Forward In The Evolving Employment World." Join Sara Freeman Smith, an HR professional on

the ACB Employment Committee, Kaila Allen, recent new-hire and ACB Next Generation member, and IVIE's own Pam Shaw who will share their experience with written, Verbal and visual aspects of positioning yourself as the best job candidate and maximizing those networking opportunities. The panel will tackle these three aspects in each of their facets of the employment/networking processes.

Immediately after this presentation, the IVIE Business Expo will take place from 2:30-5:15 where blind and visually impaired business owners will showcase their products and services. This will be your second exhibiting opportunity of the convention. Tables will cost \$10 for IVIE members and \$25 for non-members with the option of joining IVIE and applying \$15 of the expo booth cost to IVIE annual dues.

If there's enough interest, IVIE will also purchase a table in the ACB Convention Exhibit Hall and members will pay IVIE for exhibit hours at the table. This can only happen if we get enough people who are willing to pay for exhibit hours and share the cost of the table. If you are interested in any of these exhibiting opportunities please contact Ardis Bazyn.

This would also be an excellent time to pay your IVIE annual dues of \$15 if you haven't already done so. You can pay electronically on IVIE's secure website: ivie-acb.org or by submitting your check along with the membership form which can be printed from the website.

As you can see, we have a busy convention planned for you! I hope you will join us for some or all of our activities.