

FBINAA National Annual Training Conference

Conference Policies, Terms & Conditions

Registration Submission and Acceptance

Registration submissions and payment for the conference are provisional and subject to modification or cancellation due to unforeseen circumstances, including pandemics or other emergencies. FBINAA will communicate any changes that might affect the cost, duration, activities, and events directly with registrants. FBINAA reserves the right to cancel registration submissions at its discretion.

Registration Payment and Cut-off

Registration and payment for all attendees must be submitted by Friday, July 11, 2025.

Registration payment can be submitted by credit card at the time of submission. Additional options include purchase order and check. Payment will be applied to registration submissions by purchase order or check once the funds have been received and deposited by FBINAA. Once registration is paid, registrants will be given access to the Attendee Service Center (ASC) to add guests, add optional events, and gain access to various other features of the ASC.

No badges will be distributed onsite for unpaid registration submissions.

Email conference@fbinaa.org for questions or comments.

Registration Substitution Policy

Substitutions of a registered attendee will be accepted with a \$50 processing fee only if notified via **conference@fbinaa.org** by **Friday, July 11, 2025**. After this date and onsite, the fee will be \$100. Substitutes must submit a complete registration form, and any fee differences will be charged based on the membership category.

Replacement of a registered attendee by a business colleague/coworker will be accepted. A \$50 processing fee will apply to all substitutions if notified in writing via email to <u>conference@fbinaa.org</u> by Friday, July 11, 2025. Starting Saturday, July 12, 2025, and onsite, a \$100 processing fee will apply. A substitute registration form must be submitted for the replacement attendee. If the substitute's

membership category is different from the original registrant's, the registration fee difference will be charged in addition to processing fees.

Registration Cancellation Policy

All cancellation requests must be submitted in writing to <u>conference@fbinaa.org</u>. Cancellation must be submitted by Friday, July 11, 2025, to be eligible for a refund. See the table below for available refunds. After Friday, July 11, 2025, refunds are no longer available. **No refunds will be granted for no-shows.**

If the entire Conference is canceled due to acts of God, war, government regulation, terrorism, disaster, strikes, civil disorder, curtailment of transportation facilities, or any other emergency of a comparable nature beyond the control of the Association, attendees, venue, and sponsors, a full refund, less a \$25 fee reserved to process and distribute refunds, will be sent to attendees once it is appropriate to do so. In the event of cancellation, the Association will not refund airfare, ground transportation, or any other arrangements or reservations made in support of participation in the Conference.

Badge Type	Cancellation Fee*	
Basic Training Badge	\$	50.00
Conference Badge	\$	100.00
Family Badge	\$	10.00

*Must be submitted by Friday, July 11, 2025

In the event of emergencies or exceptional circumstances, attendees are required to email <u>conference@fbinaa.org</u> directly before the conclusion of the first day of the conference to request special considerations. No other form of communication will be acknowledged or acted upon regarding refunds.

Hotel Booking Policy

Conference registration is required before delegates may reserve hotel rooms. The room reservation link is in the registration confirmation email.

Two hotel rooms maximum can be reserved per registered member or nonmember. If more than two rooms are required email us at <u>conference@fbinaa.org</u> for instructions.

Hotel room reservations within the conference block will be reviewed regularly and compared to registration lists. Room reservations that do not have an accompanying conference registration or do not comply with the above guidelines are subject to cancellation.

Attendees are solely responsible for hotel reservations and are subject to the hotel cancellation policy. Contact information for hotels that are part of the conference block can be found <u>here</u>.

No Suitcasing & Outboarding Policy

The FBINAA does not permit "suitcasing" or "outboarding" during the National Annual Training Conference (NATC). These unauthorized practices are considered unethical in the conference industry and undermine the efforts of exhibitors and sponsors.

What is Suitcasing and Outboarding?

"*Suitcasing*" refers to the practice where an individual or company attends an event but does not purchase a booth or exhibition space. Instead, they attempt to conduct business in unauthorized areas, typically by engaging with attendees in hotel lobbies, hallways, or other public spaces.

"*Outboarding*" refers to the act of conducting business outside the official NATC event. This typically happens when a company or individual cannot or chooses not to secure exhibition space and instead attempts to lure attendees to offsite or private locations for informal meetings, presentations, or sales pitches.

What are the Consequences of Suitcasing or Outboarding?

FBINAA Show Management will investigate all complaints regarding suitcasing or outboarding. If Show Management determines that a person or company is engaging in either practice, they will be asked to leave the premises immediately (with no refund). Additional penalties may include being barred from future FBINAA NATCs or other FBINAA events.

Valuing Networking Opportunities

The FBINAA NATC offers a valuable platform for networking among members, sponsors, and exhibitors. We ask all participants to respect the event's official spaces and channels for networking and business discussions, ensuring a fair experience for everyone involved.

If you suspect suitcasing or outboarding, please contact us at <u>conference@fbinaa.org</u> or visit the attendee services desk in the registration area.