

Need to Know: Guide to the 2025 Convention - Fall

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Best place to find convention information on registration, hotel, FAQs, elections, Phlea-Phlam: <https://www.sai-national.org/resources/con2025.html>

Have questions? Email National Headquarters at nh@sai-national.org

Convention hashtag: #SAICon25

Convention volunteers: A "call for volunteers" to join the SAI Singers (previously Strolling SAs) and Wind Ensemble will go out soon, as well as for other volunteer opportunities for non-delegates. For example, we will need help setting up and taking down the rooms, to be pages during the general sessions, decorations, helping out at the National Headquarters office, etc.

Convention Details:

Date: July 17 through July 21, 2025

Location: Minneapolis, Minnesota

Hotel: [Hyatt Regency Minneapolis](#)

1300 Nicollet Mall

Minneapolis, MN 55403

612-370-1234

Theme: United in Music

Convention Honoree: Ruth Sieber Johnson, Executive Director ♥ 

Convention Seating: The NEB, and any speakers, will be on the front stage. Fraternity directors, Philanthropies Board and directors, and former NEB members sit in the front rows. The seating for each Region starts with the Regional Officer followed by each Province Officer and chapter delegates in Greek alphabet order. Each Officer or chapter name is clearly marked (please leave office/chapter name tags so they can be used again). Convention attendees who are not delegates will also have designated seating.

Things to see and do: Throughout the event, visit the SAI Philanthropies Inc. kiosk to make a donation or check on your convention grant. The SAI mall includes Herff Jones,

our official jeweler, and Coastal Greek, which you know as The Whistle Shop. There are also displays on a variety of topics from various fraternity directors.

Peek at the week:

Thursday: Registration opens for all attendees. In the evening, we'll open the convention with a collegiate initiation ceremony performed by the NEB and other national officers. This will be followed by our opening reception.

Friday: The general business session of the Convention opens. Also happening is the Welcome Luncheon, performances by the SAI Singers, a group of non delegates who sing SAI songs from the songbook throughout the Convention, and the convention Wind Ensemble. That evening will be the IAMA Premiere Concert featuring the winning composition.

Saturday: Phlea Phlam will start the day Saturday and typically runs between 8 and 10 a.m. Many chapters will be selling SAI-related items, and LOTS of crafts, from shirts to tote bags to badge buddies, so bring your money. We recommend smaller bills, like ones and fives, if paying cash. Some chapters will accept credit cards. Following Phlea Phlam will be a general session, educational workshops, and later that evening the Philanthropies Benefit concert featuring violinist Rachel Barton Pine.

Sunday: NOC members and chapter delegates will be voting on new national officers. Following the general session there will be afternoon free time for you to explore Minneapolis. We'll wrap up the evening with our Dinner of Honors, which is like our "SAI gala" where you'll want to wear your nicest outfits. This will be followed by our Fraternity sing.

Monday: There will be additional workshops and the installation of newly elected officers, followed by closing ritual and adjournment of the convention.

The Basics: Plan to arrive at the hotel Thursday prior to 1 PM Central. On Monday, you should not plan to depart from the convention hotel prior to 3 PM Central. Those elected to Regional or Province office positions will attend a Monday morning meeting. Those elected to the NEB will need to work with the NVP Finance to change your travel plans and be expected to stay through noon on Tuesday, July 22.

Registration:

- Register online from the SAI Website.
- Early-bird registration is \$395. After May 31, this goes up to \$445.

- Registration package includes the welcome luncheon ticket, dinner of honors, workshops, Phlea-Phlam, concerts, and all convention activities.
- Support SAI Philanthropies, Inc. by upgrading your benefit concert ticket to a Patron Ticket for an additional \$150. This includes reserved seating at the concert and a private reception afterward with the performers.


Travel:

- Central Time is one hour behind Eastern Time and two hours ahead of Pacific Time.
- Arrival on July 17: Delegates should plan to arrive prior to 1 p.m. Central.
- Airport: Minneapolis-Saint Paul International Airport (MSP)
- Train: Amtrak
- Airport transportation: Shuttles, taxis or rideshare (fares average \$39-\$49), and light rail (Blue Line goes from Terminal 1 and 2 to the hotel - fares range from \$2 to \$5). There is free bus service (look for the label on the bus) that travels along the Nicollet Mall area to Washington Avenue. [More info](#)
- Hotel parking: Valet and on-site parking for a fee per day.
- Departure on July 21: Plan to depart from the hotel after 3 p.m. Central.
- If traveling by airplane and plan to use your driver's license for identification, please note that a federal mandate goes into effect May 7, 2025 that you need to have a Real ID (a gold star on your license). You can use a passport.

How the collegiate chapter convention fund works:

- If collegiate chapters made all convention fund payments in full over the past three years, they would have paid a total of \$750.
- Funds go into effect when: the delegate registers online for the National Convention and marks that they are the chapter delegate, they sign the delegate agreement form, and it is received at National Headquarters. At that time the remaining funds will be returned to the chapter.
- If registering before May 31, that amount will be \$355 (\$750 - \$395). If registering after May 31, it will be \$305 (\$750 - \$445). Don't lose that \$50! It can be used for other convention-related expenses.
- Collegiate chapters reactivated or installed in the past three years will have varying funds depending on the amount paid into the convention fund and should discuss their status with the NVP Finance.

Convention budget planning:

-  2025 Convention Budget Planning (users will need to save a copy to the computer in order to fill in the fields)

Hotel and food information:

- Convention rate: \$189 + tax per night. Room reservations will be available via the SAI website and will remain open until July 1 or until sold out. You can also contact the hotel directly. If you have any problems obtaining the SAI rate, please contact National Headquarters.
 - Four nights for one in a room is \$756 + tax.
 - Four nights for two in a room will cost each person \$378 + tax (\$94.50 per person, per night).
 - Four nights for three in a room will cost each person \$285.33 + tax (\$71.33 per person, per night).
 - Four nights for four in a room will cost each person \$239 + tax (\$59.75 per person, per night).
- Amenities include digital check-in, internet, mini fridge, coffee maker, safe, sleeper sofa available in certain rooms, bathtub available in certain rooms, StayFit gym.
- Food: Meals included in the registration are Welcome Lunch and Dinner of Honors, but the rest are on your own. Plan for one dinner with your province at the hotel or one of the restaurants nearby. Many have curbside pickup and delivery, but check with the restaurant before ordering.
- We recommend bringing your own breakfast items like Pop Tarts, granola bars, protein bars, etc. In addition to the hotel restaurants, there are a number of restaurants within a 15-minute walking distance, including a Target.
- Fitness Center: the hotel has a StayFit gym with cardio and strength-training equipment from Life Fitness, flat-screen TVs with a variety of aerobic and strength training exercises that you can play on-demand, a basketball court, weight room, and boxing equipment.

Other webinars: These webinars will all be recorded and posted on the SAI convention page.

- How to Run for a Position on the NOC (December)
- Selling at Phlea-Phlam (March)
- Convention Delegates (April)
- A Guide to Convention - Spring (April)
- Election Process (Early July)