

Rhode Island would like to know the following:

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- Do other states provide vendors with meals during the conference/convention?

RI charges \$125 for a table and pays \$60 per person for food coffee, tea, pastries, soft drinks, snacks, & buffet lunch.

Ellen Connery
Rhode Island

Responses:

Alaska has a 2.5 day conference in which vendors have 2 days with attendees. They get 30-45 minutes in am as we serve breakfast; morning and afternoon breaks (15 mins) and 30 mins lunch on saturday prior to the business meeting. On Fridays, they are open for the 1.5 hr lunch break but attendees are on their own. We include a silent auction in the vendor room, which brings in attendees as well. We charge 100/table. We have been offering food but will have to limit it to vendors only (a few brought family last year- :O) Food is in the vendor room to draw more people.

Molly Thompson
AKSHA convention chair

Missouri Speech-Language-Hearing Association has vendors for 1 ½ days during convention with 4 options of exhibiting (For Profit (\$450; Non-Profit \$250; Home based \$250; unattended \$175). We do offer an early vendor registration discount and first time vendor's discount. Display space includes: one 8' x 8' booth space, one 6' skirted table, two chairs, pipe and drape, wastebasket and signage.

Unopposed time for vendors include: (sometimes there are track breaks)

First day: morning after 10:00 (as there are limited sessions offered first thing first day), lunch, afternoon session breaks, social event the first evening from 5:30-7:00. (First day Exhibit Hall is open from 10:30 am to 7:00 pm)

Second day: breakfast, poster sessions, 1 break in the morning. (Second day Exhibit Hall is open from 7:00 am-12:30pm)

MSHA provides first day box lunch and second day full breakfast to vendors.

Jane Webb, President
Missouri Speech-Language-Hearing Association

Pennsylvania

PSHA's Convention runs Thursday - Saturday. Exhibits are available on Thursday 7 am - 7 pm (which includes an exhibitor/president's reception from 5:15-7) and Friday 7 am - noon. Unopposed time is usually the first hour of the day and on Thursday, the reception is unopposed. Other than that, we try to incorporate a 1/2 hour break into our short courses to give attendees time to visit the exhibit hall during sessions.

PSHA offers continental breakfast and breaks in the exhibit hall so exhibitors partake in that if they choose. Exhibitors are on their own for lunch.

Booth prices vary based on the type of business.

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Illinois

This is the information I obtained from our Exec regarding the ISHA Convention:

Unopposed times in the exhibit hall are 7:00 am – 8:00 am on Friday and Saturday.

Vendors can participate in the Friday/Saturday continental breakfasts, Friday afternoon coffee break and the Friday night cocktail party (same as the convention attendees).

Hope this is helpful.

Will you be in Milwaukee this weekend?

Danila McAsey

Illinois

Hello All! This is what SC does!

South Carolina

SCSHA offers 2 hours unopposed time – breaks – for the exhibitors. However, the exhibit hall is open during sessions for those that are not in session to visit w/ the exhibitors. SCSHA does not include meals for vendors in the exhibitor registration fee – all meals are an additional fee for attendees.

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SHAV provides 30 minutes of unopposed time first thing in the morning (two mornings) for the attendees to visit the exhibitors. A continental breakfast is in the exhibit hall. SHAV's sessions are staggered, so there is no other unopposed time. All refreshments breaks are also in the exhibit hall. The breaks do have a dedicated time, however the attendees come and go as their schedule permits. SHAV does not provide vendors with specific meals during the conference, however they are free to partake of the breakfast and breaks in the exhibit hall. SHAV's booths are on a sliding scale, depending on the type of business, profit or non-profit. A booth is \$450 for profit, \$250 for non-profit. There are other amounts available with different levels of sponsorship.

I hope you find this helpful.

Joan Blumer
SHAV Account Manager

Michigan

Here in Michigan we try to stagger times of classes during our annual conference to allow people to view the exhibitors. We have just one time where we are all in the exhibit hall, and that's during our cocktail party on Friday from 5-7 on Friday. We continue to try and schedule special things in our exhibits hall to get people in there. The problem is is that everybody wants the most CEUs possible, which makes for a tough scheduling order. We usually schedule 1 hour for registration time and our lunch period is 2 hours, 1 1/2 of which is for lunches with programs. We do not provide meals for vendors, but we do offer them our planned lunches, which we charge our members for too.

Good luck to you!

Dawn Kutney

Dawn R. Taylor Kutney
Administrative Consultant

Florida

How much vendor time (unopposed time) do other associations allow for at their 1 day conferences and/or annual state conventions?

Day one of a three day conference – 1.5 hours

Day two of a three day conference – 3 hours

Day three of a three day conference – 2 hours

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Yes – Florida – one day lunch inside the vendor hall with exhibitors; the second lunch is a business lunch outside of the hall but vendors may purchase a \$55.00 ticket to attend.

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Florida has much higher rates and covers continental breakfasts, coffee, drinks, snacks and a one-day lunch, plus an opening day reception in the hall (Cocktail food). Attached is the exhibitor prospectus which outlines times and booth costs. We are able to charge these rates due to the number of attendees and quality of the program.

Ellen,

New Jersey

In New Jersey we don't really have any unopposed time. Even during lunch and when sessions end on Thursdays, there are still poster presentations going on. There is a little bit of unopposed time Thursday mornings between when the exhibit hall opens and before the first session begins (during registration).

Linda Tucker-Simpson
President, NJSHA

Mississippi

1. Our unopposed vendor time is similar to yours.
2. We do not cover any food cost for vendors.

Rachel, president
Mississippi