

# SWACYPAA IX



## CONFERENCE PROGRAM

August 17th-20th 2023



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# **WELCOME**



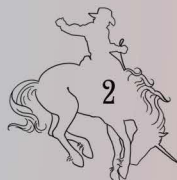
A la verga! We are so excited you made it out to New Mexico. Welcome to the 505! This is our first time hosting a regional young-people oriented conference in our state, and we could not be more thrilled and honored. The Southwest Area Conference of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous (SWACYPAA) provides a fantastic opportunity for young members of Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) from all over the Southwestern US to gather and share their experience, strength, and hope.

We are here in Albuquerque this year thanks to the support of the SWACYPAA Advisory Board and the encouragement of everyone who participated in bidding at SWACYPAA VIII. We are grateful for and amazed by all of the love our token bid received. For us, the opportunity to host SWACYPAA is proof that the age of miracles is still with us. Our fellowship of young people in AA has sprung up for the occasion. We have worked tirelessly to make SWACYPAA IX all sick!

Participation, unity, and enthusiasm about recovery has grown throughout our local young-people AA community all year and we are eager to extend that among young AAs in the region at this conference. What follows is an outline of the events at SWACYPAA IX. Enjoy them! YOU are what makes this conference special.

**IN LOVE AND SERVICE,  
THE SWACYPAA IX HOST COMMITTEE**

# FACTS, AIMS, AND PURPOSES



The Southwest Area Conference for Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous was originally conceived during a nearly five year stretch when there was only one regional Young People's Conference inside of a day's drive for residents of the Continental American Southwest. After the unanimous blessing of the WACYPAA Advisory Council, YPAAs from the southwest region planned an informal gathering at the 2012 WACYPAA in Tucson, AZ, where an Advisory Council was formed to lead the idea from concept to actualization.

The Southwest Area Conference for Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous has been established as an annual gathering to promote participation, unity, and enthusiasm about recovery among young AAs in the region. All across the Southwest there are young people achieving long-term, lasting recovery from alcoholism, but until now there has been no consistent vehicle for newcomers to be introduced to this reality throughout the area. To fill this void, SWACYPAA has been designed to enable smaller, sometimes less populated cities with growing YPAA communities to experience attending, bidding, and hosting a local area conference.

## AGE OF MIRACLES

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*It may seem incredible that these [people] are to become happy, respected, and useful once more. How can they rise out of such misery, bad repute and hopelessness? The practical answer is that since these things have happened among us, they can happen with you. Should you wish them above all else, and be willing to make use of our experience, we are sure they will come. The age of miracles is still with us. Our own recovery proves that!*

THE BIG BOOK OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, PAGE 153

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# FYI PAGE



## HOSPITALITY

### SWAC LOUNGE

The SWAC Lounge will be located in Crystal 2. Here you'll find:

- Badge Making
- Registration
- Merchandise
- Silent Auction

### SWAC-EASY

We will have a Speakeasy for complimentary food and drink. Bring food and drink donations here! How do you find the Speakeasy? Tell the password to a Host Committee member. The password is "ALL SOBER."

## LOST & FOUND

If you have found an item, please turn it in to registration. If you have lost an item please check with registration.

## ANONYMITY

Please respect anonymity. What you see here, what you hear here, when you leave here, let it stay here.

## HOST COMMITTEE

Need to find a Host Committee member? Look for us wearing yellow name badges and flashing chile pins.



## REGISTRATION

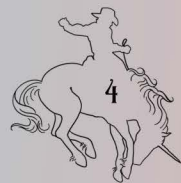
Registration will be located in the SWAC Lounge (Crystal 2), and will be available Thursday 12:00pm-7:00pm, Friday and Saturday 7:00am-7:00pm.

## MERCHANDISE

Limited shirts will be available for sale in the SWAC Lounge (Crystal 2) between 8:00am and 5:00pm, and outside of each main meeting.

## VENUE POLICIES

We have two venues--the DoubleTree Hotel where most events are held, and the Convention Center where Friday and Saturday main speakers and some entertainment are held. They are connected by a tunnel. There is no outside food or drink allowed in the Convention Center, so **DO NOT BRING ANY FOOD OR DRINK INTO THE CONVENTION CENTER.** Please respect the facilities and their staff. Take your smoking and vaping outside. Please **NO** confetti and **NO** glitter.



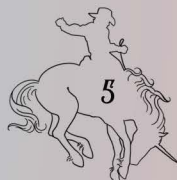
# SAFETY STATEMENT

Tradition Five states "Each group has but one primary purpose — to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers." Anyone with a desire to stop drinking is welcome at this conference. Any person endangering another individual or disrupting the efforts to carry A.A.'s message may be asked to leave the conference. Predatory behaviors, including unwanted sexual advances, are in conflict with the A.A. message of recovery and A.A. principles. Anonymity in A.A. is not a cloak for unsafe and illegal behavior. Addressing such behavior or contacting the proper authorities when appropriate, does not go against A.A. Traditions and ensures the safety of all attendees.

## FOOD NEAR ME

- Holy Burger (burger joint)
- Blake's Lottaburger  
(local fast food)
- Frontier/Golden Pride  
(homestyle southwestern)
- The Range Cafe  
(american southwestern)
- Garcia's Kitchen  
(new mexican)
- Monroe's (new mexican)
- Sadie's (new mexican)
- Vick's Vittles (country)
- Dion's (pizza, subs, salads)
- 505 Central (food hall)
- Vinaigrette (salad)
- Owl Cafe (diner)
- Route 66 Diner (diner)
- Flying Star (cafe)
- Slowburn (coffee spot)
- Zendo (coffee spot)
- Annapurna's  
(vegetarian/vegan)
- Thai Cuisine II (thai)
- Pho #1 (vietnamese)
- Oni (ramen)
- Taj Mahal (indian)

# MAIN SPEAKERS



**THURSDAY, AUGUST 17TH AT 7:00 PM**

**IN THE CORAL ROOMS AT THE DOUBLETREE HOTEL**

Main Speaker Laura S. from Albuquerque, NM

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 18TH AT 7:00 PM**

**IN THE CONVENTION CENTER'S SAN MIGUEL/MESILLA ROOM**

Roll Call

Main Speaker Robert K. from Los Angeles, CA

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 19TH AT 7:00 PM**

**IN THE CONVENTION CENTER'S SAN MIGUEL/MESILLA ROOM**

Sobriety Countdown

Stand-up Comedian Libby T. from Albuquerque, NM

Main Speaker Emmy O. from Los Angeles, CA

Advisory Announcements

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 20TH AT 10:00 AM**

**IN THE CORAL ROOMS AT THE DOUBLETREE HOTEL**

Main Speaker Seth C. from Des Moines, IA

# PANELS



## FRIDAY

**Steps 1-3 at 9:30am in Coral II**, Moderator: Donald A. (NM),  
Panelists: Austin W. (NV), Brie A. (NV), Malcolm A. (NM)

**Parenting in Sobriety at 10:00am in Coral I**, Moderator: China C. (NM),  
Panelists: Osha H. (NM), Dustin P. (CO), Phil M. (NM)

**Boundaries at 10:30am in Coral III**, Moderator: Ricky (NM)  
Panelists: Annelise G. (AZ), Corey C. (CA), Jake D. (CA)

**Steps 4-6 at 11:00am in Coral II**, Moderator: Dayna (NV),  
Panelists: Jordan C. (CA), Susanne M. (NV), Bianca

**YPAA Burnout at 12:00pm in Coral I**, Moderator: Jeff W. (NM),  
Panelists: Sean N. (NM), Lisa C. (UT), Jude B. (CA)

**General Service at 12:00pm in Coral III**, Moderator: Maria (NM),  
Panelists: Gary J. (NM), Michelle T. (NM), Adolf V. (NM)

**Steps 7-9 at 12:30pm in Coral II**, Moderator: Julius L. (NM),  
Panelists: Jimmy C. (CA), Maggie P. (CO), Anna S. (UT)

**Newcomer Panel at 1:30pm in Coral III**, Moderator: Adam L. (NM),  
Panelists: Trey G. (NM), Anthony M. (NM), Jill G. (NM)

**Steps 10-12 at 2:00pm in Coral II**, Moderator: Sean N. (NM), Panelists:  
Brian T. (AZ), Chris D. (AZ), Amanda J. (NM)

**Never Had A Legal Drink at 2:30pm in Coral II**, Mod: Max W. (AZ),  
Panelists: Zack M. (CA), Shawn T., Skyler D. (NM)

**Native American Panel at 3:30pm in Coral II**, Moderator: Dez (NM),  
Panel: Clara H. (UT), Lyle S. (NM), Raechelle M. (NM), Loya H. (NM)



# PANELS



## SATURDAY

**Relationships Panel at 9:30am in Coral II**, Moderator: Skyler D. (NM),  
Panelists: Zak H. (AZ), Athena H. (NM), Phillip F. (NM), Amy K. (NM)

**AA Members in Their First Year 11:00am Coral I**, Mod: Jimmy C. (CA),  
Panelists: JJ J. (CA), Jordan C. (CA), M (NM)

**Queer Panel: Not an Outside Issue 11:00am Coral II**, Joey L. (NM),  
Panelists: Olly M. (NM), Charlie V. (NM), Io E. (NM)

**Dual Diagnosis: The Missing Chapter at 12:30pm Coral I**, Mod: Pete R. (NM),  
Panelists: Will B. (NM), Galen H. (IL), Maddy P. (CA)

**God of My Understanding at 1:00pm in Coral II**, Mod: Emily O. (NM),  
Panelists: Jeremiah L. (SD), Lizzi J. (NM), Pamela (NM)

**Atheism at 2:00pm in Coral I**, Moderator: Olly M. (NM),  
Panelists: Barb C. (NM), Sarah H. (NM), Fern (NM)

**Queer Panel: Claim Your Seat 3:30pm Coral I**, Mod: Baileigh M. (NM),  
Panelists: Bear (NM), Derek T. (NM), Jasmine (NM), Sam G. (NY)

**Returning Members at 3:30pm in Coral II**, Moderator: Elijah S. (NM),  
Panelists: Bianca L. (NM), David K. (NM), Jessica N. (NM)

**Alcoholism in the Family at 3:30pm in Coral III**, Mod: Osha H (NM),  
Panelists: Emily O. (NM), Summer B. (NM)

**Sex: Male/Masc Perspective at 5:00pm in Coral I**, Mod: Zack M. (CA),  
Panelists: Max W. (AZ), Michael P. (NM), Wellie M. (AZ)

**Sex: Female/Femme Perspective at 5:00pm Coral II**, Nichole M. (NV),  
Panelists: Claudia C. (CA), Sierra M. (AZ)

**Attraction Not Promotion at 5:00pm in Coral III**, Mod: Brenna B. (NM),  
Panelists: Colin S. (NM), Morgan D. (NM), Pete R. (NM)



## WORKSHOPS

### **Service Workshop: Shenanigans and Solutions**

Friday, August 18th at 3:00pm in Coral III

Organizer: Ally T. (Albuquerque, NM), Area 46 Chair

### **Traditions Workshop: Top 5 Reasons Why The Traditions Matter**

Friday, August 18th at 4:30pm in Coral III

Organizer: Kerri K. (Los Lunas, NM), Area 46 Alternate Delegate

### **Corrections Workshop**

Saturday, August 19th at 10:00am in Coral III

Organizer: Renee L. (Albuquerque, NM), Area 46 Corrections Chair

### **Bridge The Gap Workshop**

Saturday, August 19th at 2:00pm in Coral III

Organizer: Jon N. (Rio Rancho, NM), Area 46 Bridge The Gap Chair

## MARATHON MEETINGS

Need to catch a regular ol' AA meeting? They will be held every hour on the hour in Crystal 1 except during main speakers, starting Thursday night at 9:00pm with the last meeting Sunday morning at 9:00am.

## ADVISORY/BID CITIES

### **Advisory Q&A**

Friday, August 18th at 4:00pm in Coral I

### **Bid City Round Tables**

Friday, August 18th in Crystal 2

10:00pm or 15 minutes after the main speaker ends

### **Bid Skits**

Saturday, August 19th at 9:00am in the Convention Center

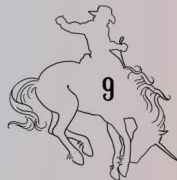
### **Advisory Forum**

Saturday, August 19th at 12:00pm in Coral III

### **Advisory Announcements**

Saturday, August 19th after main speaker in the Convention Center

# ENTERTAINMENT



## THURSDAY, AUGUST 17TH

9:00pm Guided Meditation with Emily S. in the Coral Rooms

11:00pm Speed Fellowship in the Coral Rooms

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 18TH

8:00am Yoga: Vinyasa Flow Class with Emma A. in Coral I, BYO Mat

8:00am Morning Hike, meet in DoubleTree Hotel lobby, bring water

10:00am A Vision for You Board in the Convention Center

1:00pm Cornhole Tournament in the Convention Center

10:00pm Welcome to the 4th Dimension Alien Dance in Coral Rooms

11:00pm Drag Show in the Convention Center

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 19TH

8:00am Yoga: Vinyasa Flow Class with Emma A. in Coral I, BYO mat

8:00am Bosque Walk, meet in DoubleTree Hotel lobby, bring water

1:30pm Pajama Movie Party in the Convention Center

10:00pm Decades Dance (dress ur fav era) in the Coral Rooms

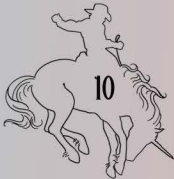
10:00pm Open Mic Talent Show with Alli M. in the Convention Center

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 20TH

8:00am Guided Meditation with Emily S. in Crystal 2

# SCAVENGER HUNT

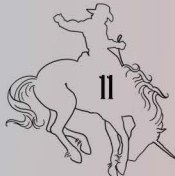
Get out and see some local treasurers around the city by participating in our scavenger hunt from Thursday until Saturday! Winners will be announced at Saturday's Main Speaker event. Check in the SWAC Lounge to sign up your team, read the rules, and get the clues.



# FULL SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17TH

TIME	CRYSTAL I	CRYSTAL 2	CORAL I	CORAL II	CORAL III	CONVENTION CENTER	OTHER
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7:00 PM			MAIN SPEAKER: LAURA S.				
7:30 PM							
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9:00 PM	MARATHON MEETINGS	SWAC LOUNGE OPEN	GUIDED MEDITATION				SPEAKEASY OPEN
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10:00 PM							
10:30 PM							
11:00 PM			SPEED FELLOWSHIPPING				
11:30 PM							



# FULL SCHEDULE

## FRIDAY AM, AUGUST 18TH

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12:00 AM	MARATHON MEETINGS	SWAC LOUNGE OPEN					SPEAKEASY OPEN
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8:00 AM			YOGA				MORNING HIKE
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9:00 AM							
9:30 AM				STEPS			
10:00 AM			PARENTING IN SOBRIETY	PANEL: 1-3		VISION BOARDS	SPEAKEASY OPEN
10:30 AM					BOUNDARIES PANEL		
11:00 AM				STEPS			
11:30 AM				PANEL: 4-6			





# FULL SCHEDULE

FRIDAY PM, AUGUST 18TH

TIME	CRYSTAL 2	CRYSTAL 1	CORAL I	CORAL II	CORAL III	CONVENTION CENTER	OTHER
12:00 PM	MARATHON MEETINGS	SWAC LOUNGE OPEN	YPAA		GENERAL		SPEAKEASY OPEN
12:30 PM			BURNOUT	STEPS	SERVICE		
1:00 PM				PANEL: 7-9		CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT	
1:30 PM					NEWCOMER PANEL		
2:00 PM				STEPS			
2:30 PM			NEVER HAD A LEGAL DRINK	PANEL: 10-12			
3:00 PM					SERVICE: SHENANIGANS & SOLUTIONS		
3:30 PM				ADVISORY Q & A	NATIVE AMERICAN PANEL		
4:00 PM							
4:30 PM					TRADITIONS WORKSHOP		
5:00 PM							
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7:00 PM					MAIN SPEAKER: ROBERT K.		
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10:00 PM	MARATHON MEETINGS	BID CITY ROUND TABLES	DANCE			DRAG SHOW	SPEAKEASY OPEN
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# FULL SCHEDULE

## SATURDAY AM, AUGUST 19TH

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12:00 AM	MARATHON MEETINGS	SWAC LOUNGE OPEN	DANCE			DRAG SHOW	SPEAKEASY OPEN	
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8:00 AM			YOGA					BOSQUE WALK
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9:00 AM							BID SKITS	SPEAKEASY OPEN
9:30 AM				RELATIONSHIPS PANEL				
10:00 AM							CORRECTIONS WORKSHOP	
10:30 AM								
11:00 AM			AA MEMBERS IN THEIR FIRST YEAR	QUEER PANEL: NOT AN OUTSIDE ISSUE				
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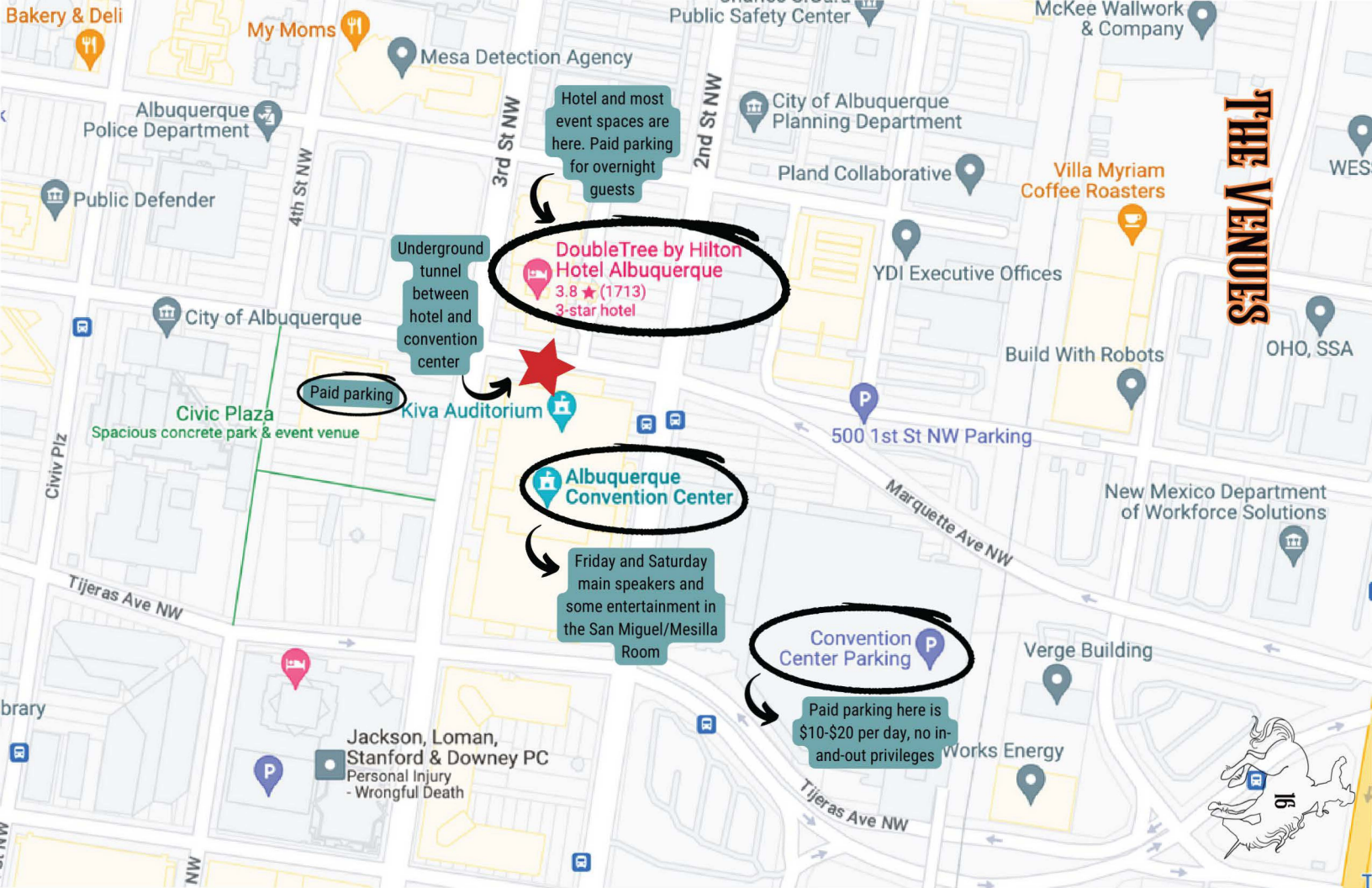
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12:00 PM	MARATHON MEETINGS	SWAC LOUNGE OPEN			ADVISORY FORUM		SPEAKEASY OPEN
12:30 PM			DUAL DIAGNOSIS: MISSING CHAPTER				
1:00 PM				GOD OF MY UNDER- STANDING			
1:30 PM						PAJAMA MOVIE PARTY	
2:00 PM			ATHEISM PANEL		BRIDGE THE GAP WORKSHOP		
2:30 PM							
3:00 PM							
3:30 PM			QUEER PANEL: CLAIM YOUR SEAT	RETURNING MEMBERS	ALCOHOLISM IN THE FAMILY		
4:00 PM							
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7:00 PM						MAIN SPEAKER EMMY Q.	
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# FULL SCHEDULE

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 20TH

TIME	CRYSTAL 1	CRYSTAL 2	CORAL I	CORAL II	CORAL III	CONVENTION CENTER	OTHER
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10:00 AM			MAIN SPEAKER: SETH C.				
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THE VENUES

Hotel and most event spaces are here. Paid parking for overnight guests

**DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Albuquerque**  
3.8 ★ (1713)  
3-star hotel

Underground tunnel between hotel and convention center

Paid parking

**Kiva Auditorium**

**Civic Plaza**  
Spacious concrete park & event venue

**Albuquerque Convention Center**

Friday and Saturday main speakers and some entertainment in the San Miguel/Mesilla Room

**Convention Center Parking**

Paid parking here is \$10-\$20 per day, no in-and-out privileges

Jackson, Loman, Stanford & Downey PC  
Personal Injury - Wrongful Death





# SWACYPAA IX

## HOST COMMITTEE



**“WE LOVE YOU, LOTS AND LOTS AND LOTS, AND WHOLE BUNCHES!”**

Chair: Ken V.

Co-Chair/Hospitality/LGBTQ: Skyler D.

Treasurer: Josh J.

Co-Treasurer/Facilities: Jessica N.

Secretary: Emily S.

Co-Secretary/Co-Events/Archivist/Entertainment: Osha H.

Bylaws/Merch/Co-Outreach: Sean N.

Programs/General Service: Lindsay M.

Co-Programs: Jimmy R.

Outreach: Max W.

Español: Oscar

Co-Facilities: Johnny R.

Co-Hospitality: Chris P.

Graphics: Chaney H. & Oceana V.

Security: Pete R.

Co-Security: Jared B.

Literature/Prayer Chair: Lizzi J.

Events: Phil M.

Accessibilities: Emily O.

H&I: Adam L.

Native American Liaison: Dez B.

Registration/IT: Alli M.

Bid Cities: Adolf V.

A/V: Jill G.



THANKS TO THOSE WHO CAME BEFORE US, AND FOR LETTING  
US PUT NEW MEXICO ON THE SWACYPAA MAP!

SWACYPAA VIII St. George, UT  
SWACYPAA VII Santa Barbara, CA  
SWACYPAA VI Las Vegas, NV  
SWACYPAA V Tucson, AZ  
SWACYPAA IV Orange County, CA  
SWACYPAA III Reno, NV  
SWACYPAA II Phoenix, AZ  
SWACYPAA I Salt Lake City, UT