



## ICHRIE Board of Directors Elections

### 2026 Announcement of Candidates

As we move into another exciting year for our association, it's time once again to look ahead and shape the future of ICHRIE. As our community continues to grow, evolve, and innovate, elections play a vital role in guiding that momentum.

#### 👁 Introducing this year's ICHRIE Leadership Candidates 👁

**Eric Brown** – *Candidacy for Director of Membership*

**Marketa Kubickova** – *Candidacy for Director of Membership*

**Minwoo Lee** – *Candidate for Director of Research (Re-Election)*

**Cece Leung** – *Candidate for Director of Conference*

**Andrew Moreo, Ph.D.** – *Candidacy for Treasurer (Re-Election)*

**Donald G. Schoffstall (Don/Dr. Don)** – *Candidate for Vice President*

**Arjun Singh** – *Candidate for Vice President*

Information about each nominee—including bios, platform statements, and videos—is now live on the [ICHRIE website](#) for you to review. Please remember that individual candidates are not permitted to campaign and will be disqualified if they do so.

Leadership elections will open on **Sunday, 15 March 2026 at 12:01AM EST**. Eligible Individual and Full-Institutional Members with fully-paid dues will receive a ballot link via email. The election period will remain open until **Tuesday, 28 April 2026 at 11:59 PM CST**.

Newly elected board members will be sworn in during the Annual Business Meeting on Friday, 17 July 2026 at the ICHRIE Global Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada, USA. We encourage you to participate in this election - your vote helps guide the path ahead.

We invite you to participate in this election - your voice and your vote help strengthen the path ahead.



## Introducing a New Feel to the 2026 Global Conference

There is something powerful about gathering in a place that thrives on bold ideas and unforgettable experiences. The hospitality at Mandalay Bay and the innovation-driven environment at UNLV allow us to:

- Shake up traditional conference formats
- Create spaces where connections happen naturally
- Blend academic insight with real-world application
- Celebrate the hospitality industry in a city that lives it every day

This conference is designed to leave you inspired, energized, and connected, not just informed. [Explore what's new](#) and start planning your Vegas experience!

***Registration details coming soon!***

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Updates about the 2026 ICHRIE Call For Papers



We are excited to share that the 2026 ICHRIE Global Conference received **362 submissions** — an unprecedented, record-breaking number! In addition to existing reviewers, **105 ICHRIE members** newly volunteered to serve as [Conference Reviewers](#) for the 2026 ICHRIE Global Conference.

### Author notifications by **Saturday, April 18 2026**

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### 2026 Friendly Federation Signature Drink Challenge



Think your Federation can create the ultimate summer sip? Design a signature drink using five ingredients or fewer that reflects your Federation's personality, creativity, and the spirit of hospitality. Submissions are due by **Tuesday, 31 March 2026**—start refining your recipe and join the friendly competition by reviewing the [submission details](#).

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### Stay up to date on [Federation Conferences](#) too!

#### 2026 SECSACHRIE Conference

19-21 March 2026  
Tampa, Florida USA

[INFO](#)

#### 2026 NENACHRIE Conference

27-29 March 2026  
Pocono Mountains, PA

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#### 2026 APacCHRIE Conference

28-31 May 2026  
Osaka, Japan

[INFO](#)

#### 2026 WestCHRIE Conference

14-15 July 2026  
Mandalay Bay & UNLV

[INFO](#)

#### 2026 ICHRIE Global Conference

15-17 July 2026  
Las Vegas, Nevada USA

[INFO](#)

#### 2026 EMEACHRIE Conference

9–11 November 2026  
Dubai, UAE

[INFO](#)



A Special Message from the EMEA CHRIE Executive Committee



In light of recent events that may be affecting members of our community in personal and profound ways, we wish to acknowledge the human impact such times can have on colleagues, family, friends, students, and partners. At its heart, hospitality is about humanity—connection, resilience, responsibility, kindness, and care—especially when circumstances feel fragile. Please know that every member of our diverse, cross regional federation is seen, valued, and held in our collective thoughts.

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## 2026 NENA Board Elections

*Now open for voting.*



The 2026 NENA Election process is officially underway, featuring a strong and diverse slate of candidates approved in accordance with NENA bylaws. All candidates have been vetted by the Nominations Committee and endorsed by the current Board. [Review candidate's bios and VOTE](#) from **12 February through 13 March 2026**, with results shared with members on 27 March 2026.

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## 2026 APacCHRIE & APacCHRIE Youth Conference

*Call For Papers*



Don't miss the [APacCHRIE 2026 Conference](#), hosted by Ritsumeikan University Business School and The Hong Kong Polytechnic University's SHTM in Osaka, Japan, 28–31 May 2026. The [second call](#) for abstracts or full papers is open, with submissions due by **13 March 2026 (6 PM HKT)** and final versions by **5 April 2026 (6 PM HKT)**. Share your research and connect with colleagues globally via [the](#)

[conference website](#).

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## EMEACHRIE Dubai 2026

*Call For Papers*



Submissions are now open for EMEA CHRIE DUBAI 2026, hosted by Dubai College of Tourism from 9–12 November. Academics and practitioners are invited to contribute papers, posters, workshops, and presentations exploring the future of tourism, hospitality, and destination development under the theme Beyond the Map: Defining the Future of Tourism. The submission deadline is **Monday, 11 May 2026**. Find full details and submit your work via [the conference website](#).



## [Federations on Fire](#) 🤝🤝🤝

### *Spark Inspiration with the Power of Collaboration*



Step beyond the classroom and into the world! 🌐 Hospitality and tourism education comes alive when students experience the industry across cultures and borders.

Recently, five students from Strathmore University in Nairobi, Kenya completed a transformative six-month exchange program in the Netherlands, gaining hands-on industry exposure, new learning perspectives, and global connections. Their journey highlights the power of international collaboration in shaping future hospitality leaders.

Read more about their inspiring global experience here: [Strathmore](#).

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## ICHRIE Advance LMS



Have you completed the [Human Trafficking Prevention modules](#)?

*They are free!*

Looking for more tools for the classroom? Discover all of ICHRIE's courses on [ICHRIE Advance LMS](#) site!

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## 2026 ICHRIE Research Reports Competition & Publication

### *Call For Submissions*



Announcing the 2026 ICHRIE Research Reports Competition & Publication, sponsored by DePaul University, inviting hospitality and tourism scholars and industry professionals to submit research reports for consideration. Submissions are due by Submission Due Date **EXTENDED: Friday, 27 March 2026, 11:59 pm (EST)**, providing an opportunity to share impactful, industry-focused work within the ICHRIE community. Submit your report via [the Research Reports Competition page](#).

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## 4th Annual ICHRIE Dissertation Competition

### *Call For Submissions*



Doctoral candidates are invited to submit their dissertation proposals for the 2026 ICHRIE Dissertation Competition, sponsored by the ICHRIE FutureFund™.

 Submit by **Wednesday, April 8, 2026**.

 [Learn more and apply today](#).

Winners will present their research at the 2026 ICHRIE Global Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada USA and will receive \$1,000 to support conference participation.

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## 2026 ICHRIE Cases Competition

### *Call For Case Studies*



The 2026 ICHRIE Case Competition invites hospitality and tourism educators, students, and practitioners to submit case studies for peer review and consideration for publication in the Journal of Hospitality & Tourism Cases. [Submissions](#) are due by **Sunday, 12 April 2026 (11:59 PM PST)**, and winners will be recognized with prizes and promotion at the ICHRIE Global Conference.



## ICHRIE MEMBER & INDUSTRY NEWS



### Sustainability & Innovation Special Interest Group (SIG) Webinar



The Sustainability & Innovation SIG invites you to a [webinar](#) exploring how positive psychology can help educators and students cope with climate change while fostering resilience and hope. Guest speakers Nicole Geschwind and Marjolein Hanssen (Maastricht University) will share research-based tools and practical exercises from positive eco-psychology to support well-being and constructive engagement with sustainability challenges. [S&I SIG-March Meeting Registration](#); Register for this Thursday, 26 March 2026 session today!



## ICHRIE PREMIUM MEMBERS



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