



## Fall 2018 ADA National Conference

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### **2018 FALL ADA CONFERENCE**

Celebrating the Association's 26<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Co-Host – City of San Diego, California

**“STAY THE COURSE”**

**October 22-25, 2018**

**San Diego, California**

We are living through a time of uncertainty, an era of intense polarization with demands and opinions heightened by an over-reliance on social media. At the same time, the Federal government has stepped back from its traditional role as an information provider – pulling guidance documents from their websites and putting off any new regulation development indefinitely. Yet the ADA, the Fair Housing Act, and other disability rights laws remain in full force and effect. And the “ADA generation,” persons with disabilities and their families who have been raised on the promise of the ADA, expect that governments and businesses will provide them with ready access and effective accommodations.

So what's an ADA Coordinator to do? The National Association of ADA Coordinators is here to help you “Stay the Course” and build a solid ADA foundation for your programs, services, and activities. In San Diego, California, our group of nationally recognized experts will provide reliable, understandable, practical information on what the Federal disability rights laws require and how to comply. We'll cover the ADA basics, answer your questions, and provide a track for more detailed information on service animals, web access, emergency preparedness, and the provision of health care. So come to San Diego, California for four information-filled days and you will find that NAADAC's Fall Conference will enable you to “Stay the Course” in these uncertain times.

*John Wodatch, Association President*

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### ***We Now Offer a New Format with Added Expanded Sessions Including Interactive Case Studies and In-depth Exploration of More Diverse Topics***

This fall you can learn even more! We introduce an expanded conference format with more than 60 break-out sessions. We have added an additional track which runs concurrent with the traditional tracks – Employment; Access, Services and Design and Higher Education. This track will address principles common to all: ADA basics; effective communication, accessible facilities, program access, and reasonable accommodations/modifications.

We've added sessions to the Employment; Higher Education; and Access, Services and Design traditional tracks, some offering an in-depth exploration of how the principles apply to contexts like health care, the courts, housing, services for veterans, recreation facilities, fieldwork in higher education, meetings, animals, ticketing, and law enforcement. More are based on interactive case studies in areas like self-evaluations and transition plans, communication, and reasonable accommodations/modifications. You can also learn the basics of reading architectural plans.

But wait - there's more! You can choose a pre-conference, network within your selected track on Tuesday at breakfast, and take in tips from a panel of ADA coordinators.

***And throughout, we help you stay the course at a time of change and uncertainty.***

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The Spring 2018 conference was rated **OUTSTANDING** - again -  
by the participants' on their evaluations for the 16<sup>th</sup> straight conference.

**"I've been to many conferences on these topics over the past 16 years in my position and this is one of the best!"** *B.L.K., Major University, Delaware*

**"This conference has the BEST presenters of all the conferences I attend regularly, really a dream team."**  
*Marji M.; Major Airline - Houston, Texas*

**"By far, the most comprehensive ADA conference I have attended."** *Josh R., University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT*

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The Fall 2018 National Conference Scheduled Faculty includes:

*12 ADA attorneys, 3 ADA architects, ADA Coordinators and  
Section 504 Compliance Officers, and Medical Professionals*

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**CONFIRMED CONFERENCE FACULTY FOR THE TRACKS CURRENTLY INCLUDE:**

**Access, Services, and Design Track**

Rebecca Bond, J.D. Chief, DSR, CRD; DOJ; John Wodatch, J.D.; Irene Bowen, J.D.;  
Dean Perkins, R.A.; Jim Terry, AIA; Jim Bostrom, DOJ Architect (ret.);  
Rachel M. Weisberg, J.D.; Michael Smith, Fire Chief; Carol Bradley; Kaylan Dunlap

**Employment Track**

Carol Miaskoff, J.D., Associate Legal Counsel, EEOC; Mary Jo O'Neill, J.D. Regional Attorney, EEOC;  
Brian Nelson, J.D., State of Utah, Director, Risk Management; Nicole St. Germain (EEOC)

**Higher Education Track**

Paul Grossman, J.D.; Melissa Frost, J.D.; Jim Long, J.D.

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**Sessions on: Service Animals, Emergency Preparedness, and Effective Communications**

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**SOMETHING NEW – "TRACK NETWORKING BREAKFASTS"**

While our Continental Breakfast will begin each day at 8:00 AM, **on Tuesday, 10/23** you may take your selections items with you to your choice of conference Track (Employment, Higher Education or Access) meeting rooms. There you will have an opportunity to greet the Track faculty and enjoy a casual networking atmosphere with other conference participants. This breakfast/networking opportunity ends at 9:00 AM when the regular track workshop schedule begins.

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**CONFERENCE EVENING EVENTS FOR YOUR FUN AND PLEASURE**

There is an **Association President's Reception** on **Tuesday evening** with snacks and refreshments. This is an opportunity to meet the speakers and our Board of Directors, and to network further with new ADA friends in a relaxed atmosphere.

On **Wednesday evening** is the **"Association's Got Talent"** event. The **Karaoke Challenge** is back by popular demand from the past nine conferences. Come join the fun after an informative and busy day at the conference. Be entertained by our great singers. Donated cash prizes will be awarded to individuals, duos, and/or groups. Free refreshments available - soft drinks, beer, and wine.

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## **CONFERENCE LOCATION AND HOTEL**

The conference is being held at the **Sheraton Mission Valley San Diego, 1433 Camino Del Rio South, San Diego, CA 92108**. A complimentary shuttle will be provided from/to San Diego International Airport. Hotel day-time conference self-parking and guestroom Internet are complimentary. **Participant is responsible for making their own lodging reservation. Credit card guarantee is required.** The Association has negotiated a special conference rate from three days before/after the conference at a per room rate of \$164.00 per night, plus taxes (single/double) if reserved by **9/28/17**, provided room block has not been sold out. To make lodging reservations call the hotel 619-260-0111 and mention you are attending the National Association of ADA Coordinators conference.

The hotel is also within walking distance of two shopping malls and a station for the San Diego Trolley System.

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## **INFORMATION FOR NON-ASSOCIATES**

If you are not an Associate, now is the time to become an Individual, Professional (P.A.), or Organizational Associate. More detailed information is available on our web site at [www.adacoordinators.org](http://www.adacoordinators.org).

If you join when registering for this conference you can register at the Associate registration rate on the conference registration form.

Associates received an additional email discount offer, worth \$250 off the 2018 Fall Conference Associate registration rate.

The Associates' Version of this Newsletter contains an additional 14 emailed pages on ADA case law and other information.

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## **UPDATE OF OUR PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATES (P.A.) PROGRAM**

We recognized 5 new P.A.s' at the Spring 2018 conference and another 9 completed their P.A. requirements at the Spring conference. There are over 205 Associates in various phases of completing the PA program.

See our website at: [www.adacoordinators.org](http://www.adacoordinators.org) for more information on the Association's Professional Associate program.

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## **SAVE MONEY - REGISTER FOR CONFERENCE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**

**(Registration Form later in this e-magazine)**

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