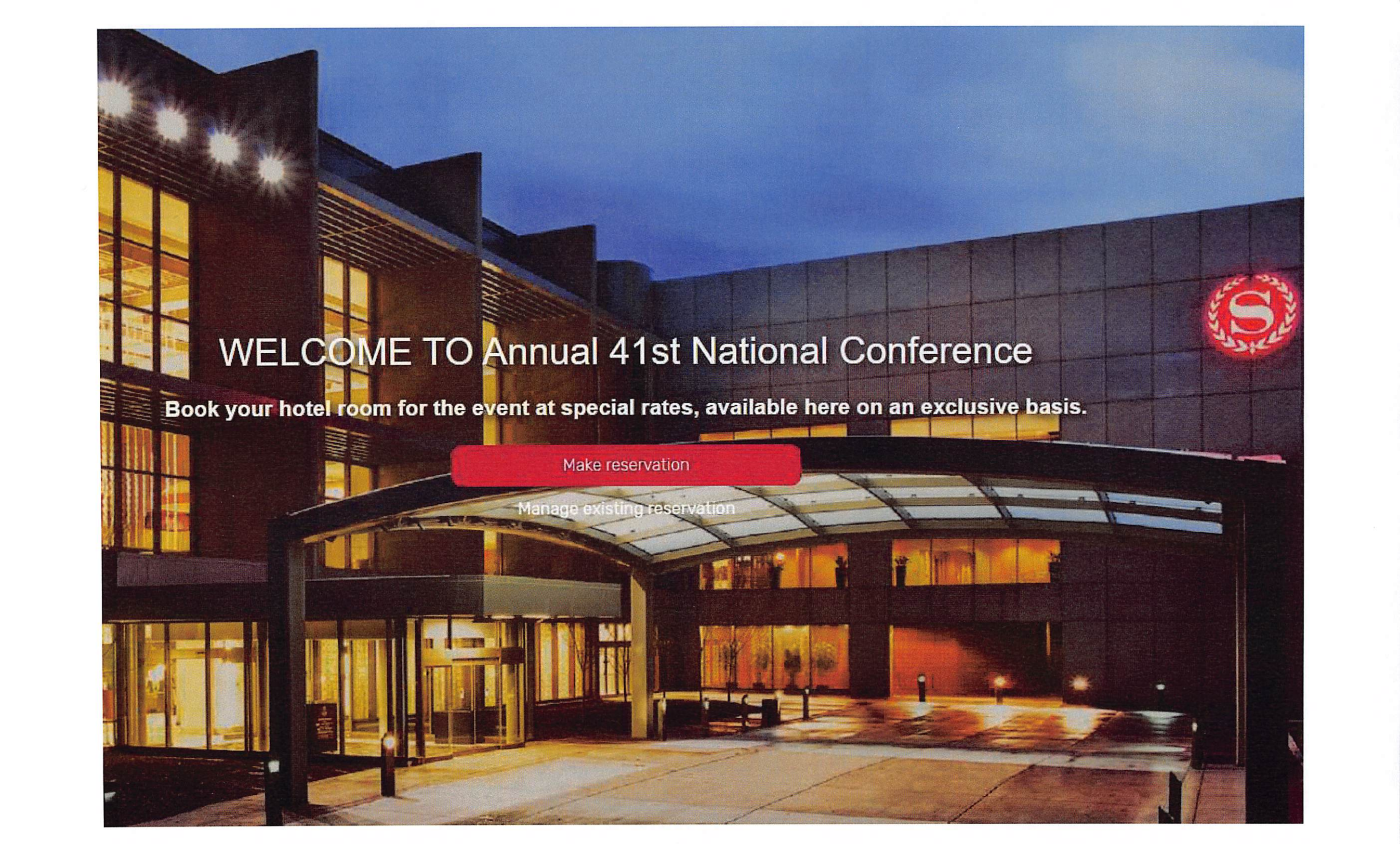




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41st Annual National Conference & CERA Registration (Courses 2, 10, 14, 42)



DRAFT AGENDA

Conference Dates: Wednesday, August 19 to Friday, August 21

CERA Course Dates: Saturday, August 22 to Sunday, August 23

A room block has been secured at the host hotel in Kansas City. Attendees are responsible for their own arrangements. The discounted room rate is \$135.00 per night excluding taxes. The discounted room rate will be available until Wednesday, July 29, 2026. The direct hotel link will be provided in the registration confirmation email.

Each conference registration comes with one ticket to the Thursday Evening Dinner and the Friday CERA Graduation Ceremony and Luncheon. Purchase of additional tickets for guests will be available soon. Each ticket will be \$75 and should only be purchased for a guest who is not registered for the conference.

CERA Course Policy

Cancellation Policy

To begin the registration process, you must SIGN IN and select either Register Myself or Register Someone Else below. Select the desired program items (conference, tour, course) then proceed to checkout. Your registration will be complete once the order is submitted. Payment can be presented at time of registration or at a later date. Unpaid invoices can be found in your profile.

Exhibitor Registration Coming Soon!

When 8/19/2026 9:00 AM -
8/23/2026 5:00 PM
Central Daylight Time

Where Kansas City, MO
UNITED STATES

Registration

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Last day to register is 8/19/2026

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8/19/2026

Conference Registration

Add this to the itinerary to register for the National Conference.

Category EVENT

When 8/19/2026 - 8/21/2026

8/19/2026 9:00 AM

Optional Tour - Details Pending

Time 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Spots available 54



ELECTION CENTER

Election Center National Conference August , 2026

Times, Speakers, Rooms subject to change

Wednesday, Tours, Committee & Working Groups, Reception

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|--------------------|---|
| 8am-5pm | Registration Open () |
| 11-1pm | Tour ()
(Open to attendees who signed up prior to event—badge required. Bus leaves at 11am) |
| 1-2pm | Legislative Committee Meeting ()
(Open to all attendees, closed to the press) |
| 1-2pm | Institute Ethics Committee Meeting ()
(CLOSED --committee members only) |
| 2-3pm | Postal Committee Meeting ()
(Open to all attendees, closed to the press) |
| 2-3pm | Institute CERA Advisory Committee Meeting ()
(CLOSED --committee members only) |
| 3-4pm | Security Committee Meeting ()
(Open to all attendees, closed to the press) |
| 3-4pm | Institute Research Advisory Committee Meeting ()
(Open to all attendees, closed to the press) |
| 4-5pm | #ElectionGeek Tech Working Group ()
(Open to all attendees—focus on IT managers & line staff, closed to the press) |
| 4-5pm | Communications Committee Meeting ()
(Open to all attendees—focus on PIOs & Outreach Coordinators/staff, closed to the press) |
| 5-6pm | Program Development & Awards Committee Meeting ()
(CLOSED --committee members only) |
| 6-6:30pm | Newbie Orientation & Reception ()
(Open to all attendees—focus on first-time members/attendees) |
| 6:30-7:30pm | Opening Night Reception ()
(Open to all attendees) |

ELECTION CENTER

Thursday, August Conference Plenary Sessions

8am-5pm	Registration Open ()
8-9am	Full Breakfast Buffet ()
8-5pm	Exhibit Hall ()
9am-5pm	"Election Administrators: Hidden Designers" Stanford d.School Exhibit ()
9am-5pm	Research & Academic Poster Exhibit ()
9am-5pm	Media Room: Available for interviews & Podcasts ()
9-9:30am	Welcome by Election Center Leadership & Organization Updates ()
9:30-10:15am	Keynote ()
10:15-10:45am	Plenary Session 1 ()
10:45-11:15am	Break ()
11:15-Noon	Plenary Sessions 2 ()
12-1:30pm	Hosted Lunch ()
1:00-1:30	Peg Perl Sticker Swap! ()
1:30-2:15pm	Breakout & Workshop Sessions 1 • Security & Technology () • Communications & Outreach () • Studies, Reports, & Policy: () • Management, Training, & Logistics () • Connections & Associations: () • Open Session ()
2:30-3:15pm	Breakout & Workshop Sessions 2 • Security & Technology () • Communications & Outreach () • Studies, Reports, & Policy: () • Management, Training, & Logistics () • Connections & Associations: () • Open Session ()
3:15-3:30pm	Break (Imperial Ballroom, 1 st FL)

3:30-4:50pm Plenary Session 3: PPP Awards Ceremony & Presentations ()
4:50-5pm Close ()
6-8pm Hosted Dinner ()

ELECTION CENTER

Friday, August Conference Breakout & Workshop Sessions, Graduation, & Awards

8am-5pm Registration Open ()

8-9am Full Breakfast Buffet ()

8-5pm Exhibit Hall ()

9am-5pm "Election Administrators: Hidden Designers" Stanford d.School Exhibit ()

9am-5pm Research & Academic Poster Exhibit ()

9am-5pm Media Room: Available for interviews & Podcasts ()

9-9:45am Breakouts & Workshop Sessions 3

- Security & Technology ()
- Communications & Outreach ()
- Studies, Reports, & Policy: ()
- Management, Training, & Logistics ()
- Connections & Associations: ()
- Open Session ()

10-10:45am Breakout & Workshop Sessions 4

- Security & Technology ()
- Communications & Outreach ()
- Studies, Reports, & Policy: ()
- Management, Training, & Logistics ()
- Connections & Associations: ()
- Open Session ()

11-11:45am Breakout & Workshop Sessions 5

- Security & Technology ()
- Communications & Outreach ()
- Studies, Reports, & Policy: ()
- Management, Training, & Logistics ()
- Connections & Associations: ()
- Open Session ()
- GRADUATE ASSEMBLY ()

12-2pm Hosted Graduation Luncheon ()

2-2:45pm	Breakout & Workshop Sessions 6 • Security & Technology () • Communications & Outreach () • Studies, Reports, & Policy: () • Management, Training, & Logistics () • Connections & Associations: () • Open Session ()
2:45-3:15pm	Break ()
2:45-3:15	Peg Perl Sticker Swap! ()
3:15-4pm	Plenary Session Hall of Fame, Lifetime Achievement Awards ()
4-4:45pm	Plenary Session ()
4:45-5pm	Closing
<u>Saturday, August</u>	
8am-5pm	Registration Open ()
9am-4:30pm	Courses
<u>Sunday, August</u>	
9-11am	Courses continued