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## 2022 National Convention registration and key information

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Fellow SOBANS,

The Press Office of SOBA America, together with the 2022 National Convention Chair, are happy to announce that registration is now open for the 2022 SOBA America National Convention scheduled for May 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022 in Dallas, TX. Here is some important information.

(1) **Payment of Convention Levy:** All SOBANS who intend to attend our 2022 National Convention must pay the convention levy online by May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022. You can pay your convention levy by going to our website <u>www.sobamerica.org</u> and clicking on the <u>Convention Levy</u> tab in the middle of the homepage.

Only duly registered delegates will have access to key convention features/platforms, including the ability to vote on motions as is customary during our SOBA America conventions.

- (2) VIP tickets, hotel reservation, Boat ride and other convention weekend activities: We have created a one-stop shop for all your convention needs. Go to our website <u>www.sobamerica.org</u> and click on <u>2022 National Convention</u> tab on the top right corner of the home page. This will take you to the page where you can:
  - Pay your convention levy: This will grant you access to all convention related activities.
  - Purchase VIP Tables: If you'd like to enjoy a VIP experience during the convention, you can purchase a VIP table by May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Limited VIP tables available.
  - Book your hotel room: Get the \$99/night special rate if you book via this link by May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022.
  - Purchase tickets for the Friday Boat ride. Only 100 tickets available.
  - Sign-up for child care. Up to 4 children per SOBAN

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- Review convention weekend agenda/list of activities
- (3) 2022 National Convention Theme: The theme for the 2022 National Convention is SOBA America: Reaching Higher Heights Together in the Post Pandemic Era. We are currently working on finalizing our speaker lineup. We are working to get some great speakers on several topics consistent with the theme during the Personal Enrichment Session of the convention. More details to follow.
- (4) Bringing Motions for discussion during the Annual General Assembly: Consistent with our policies and procrdures, SOBANS will have until March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022 to submit motions for consideration during the general assembly. This should be submitted via your chapter president, in an email to the Secretary of SOBA America, Divine Tange. His e-mail address is <u>divanto1@yahoo.com</u>. As per our policies, no motion that has been addressed and voted upon by the general assembly within the past three (3) years shall be considered. Debates on motion shall occur on our Signal forums between March 20<sup>th</sup> and May 20<sup>th</sup> and will be moderated by the Secretary General.
- (5) **COVID-19 considerations:** Given the current pandemic, SOBA America will take steps to reduce likelihood of the spread of COVID-19 during the convention. We ask that all SOBANS planning to attend the convention be vaccinated and be prepared to show proof of vaccination status. We will announce more details of our COVID-19 safety plan in due course.
- (6) **Cashless convention:** As part of our COVID-19 safety plan and our commitment to improving transparency, efficiency and accountability, we will have a cashless convention. We will not accept cash from any SOBAN or patron. Several electronic payment methods including secure credit/debit card payment stations, PayPal, Zelle, and CashApp options shall be available

We look forward to a very successful 2022 National Convention. We count on you, fellow SOBANS, to make this possible by registering early and showing up on time for convention activities. Together, let's build a better and more efficient SOBA America.

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