



Thank you to our table sponsors:



Tacos and Topics on October 20th

TACOS & TOPICS - Tuesday, October 20th at Wyndham Grand Executive Center

The event is designed to give members a chance to network and share their experiences and ideas on four hot topics.

11:00 - 12:30: Topics! A mixture of executives/planners and associate members will rotate between tables spending 20 minutes at each table discussing four topics:

1) What are you actually using AI for? 2) Email, Text,

Teams or Phone! 3) What makes an Event Worth Attending Now? and 4) What Planners and Partners Wish Each Other Knew!

12:30: Tacos and Networking

[Executive Members/Associations Register Here](#)

[Associate Members/Partners Register Here](#)



Opportunities for Hotels, Venues and CVBs in 2027

[2027 RFP for Luncheon Hosts](#) in Little Rock. Due October 9th.

2027 ASAE Partnerships - Being an ASAE Partner has its perks!

ASAE's Partnership Program combines membership with year-round marketing, sponsorship and engagement opportunities - all in one package.

2027 Partnership opportunities are coming soon!

Interested? [Current partners](#) will receive renewal information directly. If your organization isn't currently an ASAE Partner but would like to learn more about opportunities for 2027, [let us know and we'll make sure you're among the first to receive details.](#)

Job Opportunity: EMS Connect Program Management Consultant with Arkansas Ambulance Association

Do you have an open position or info to share? Send it to ASAE to post online!



Nominations open for 2027 Emerging Leaders Council

Are you looking to advance your career in the association industry? Do you have a staffer who is new to the association world or would benefit from leadership development and networking?

Nominations are now open to join the 2027 ASAE Emerging Leaders Council.

ASAE ELC is open to association professionals looking to advance their careers within the state association market. [Click here for more info and the nomination form.](#)



Save these Dates

Please save the date for these 2026 events:

[Tuesday, October 20th - Tacos and Topics at Wyndham Grand Executive Center](#)

Tuesday, November 17th - Luncheon at Wyndham Riverfront Hotel

Tuesday, December 15th - Holiday Party - Location will be revealed soon!

Want to host an ASAE event in 2027? [Click here for the RFP!](#)

ASAE Guides will be delivered this month!



ASAE Members Shine Among Stars of the Industry Finalists

We love seeing ASAE members recognized for the great work they're doing across Arkansas! The **Arkansas Hospitality Association**, a fellow ASAE member, will celebrate the best of Arkansas hospitality at its upcoming **Stars of the Industry Gala**, and we're excited to see so many ASAE members among this year's finalists.

Click [here](#) for Gala details, tickets and the complete list finalists.

Lodging Employee of the Year

Anna Oberste, Oaklawn

Bethany Stewart, The Compton

Rachel Dennick, Hampton Fort Smith

Tourism Manager of the Year

Jennifer Scritchfield, Topgolf

Lodging Manager of the Year

Jeananne Hawking, Pinnacle Hotel Group
Courtney Probst, Makan Hospitality

The Rising Star

Shelbey Morris, NLR Tourism

Pinnacle of Promotion

Experience Fayetteville
LRCVB

Congratulations to all of our ASAE members! We're proud to see so many familiar names recognized for their contributions to Arkansas hospitality and tourism.



What Makes an Event Worth Attending Now?

A packed room has traditionally been a sign of a successful event. But a recent article from Meeting Professionals International suggests **attendee interaction and connection may be just as important as the number of people in the room.**

What makes an event worth leaving your desk for today - great content, the right people in the room, or conversations you can't get on Zoom?

[Read the MPI article](#), then bring your thoughts to **Tacos & Topics on October 20**, where we'll be talking about exactly that.

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