



ASSOCIATION OF LEADERS IN VOLUNTEER ENGAGEMENT



LOCAL HOST PARTNERSHIP

Proposal

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◆ Strategic Plan ◆

In the Spring of 2023, the ALIVE Board met to think of the strategic direction for the next five years. Part of the thinking revolved around the question, “Should we have an in-person conference?” After polling the ALIVE membership in late 2023, the Board discovered that YES, the membership wants an in-person conference!



ALIVE Strategic Planning Committee

✦ About ✦

Founded in 2009, AL!VE is a national membership organization of leaders and professionals in volunteer engagement. AL!VE serves to enhance and sustain the spirit of volunteering in America by fostering collaboration and networking, promoting professional development, and providing advocacy for leaders in community engagement. While AL!VE welcomes international members, program and advocacy focus will be US & Territories based.

AL!VE is the essential professional resource and advocate for those who engage, motivate, and celebrate volunteers and their vital contributions to our society.



- ✓ Professionals in volunteer management & engagement
- ✓ Diverse, inclusive & member driven
- ✓ Advocates for the recognition & appreciation of volunteer management
- ✓ Educators of decision makers in all volunteer management arenas
- ✓ The resource for & the link to tools, research, and best practices
- ✓ Influencers for redefining job descriptions, compensation, & the position of volunteer manager in our organizations



Conference Partnership Request

We are eager to collaborate with local associations to co-host the 2026 ALIVE National Conference. Partnering with organizations like yours is vital for the seamless planning and execution of this important event.

If your area is home to several associations committed to volunteer engagement, we welcome joint applications. Together, we can ensure this conference is a resounding success!

◆ Conference Overview ◆

We anticipate that the ALIVE National Conference will host 300-400 volunteer leaders from across the country.

Our goal is to provide a venue that accommodates large presentations, offers breakout rooms, and features spaces for recreation.



The mission of the Conference is to unite volunteer professionals at all stages of their careers—from newcomers to seasoned experts—along with thought leaders who will inspire and guide our pursuit of excellence in the field.

We expect that the Volunteer Engagement Professionals will leave the Conference energized and well-equipped with tools for efficiency, alongside new connections from across the country.

✦ Hosting Benefits ✦

- Exposure for your local association(s) on a national level.
- Opportunity for your local association(s) to enjoy free or discounted event registration.
- Working with a national planning team.
- Knowledge sharing & training.
- Opportunity to raise your local recognition.
- Possible funding opportunities for your local association(s).
- Economic, cultural, and educational benefits to your local area.

✦ Hosting Responsibilities ✦

- **Local Venue Coordination:**
In collaboration with the Conference Committee, the host site will visit potential venues, ensuring our needs are communicated locally.
- **Provide On-Site Volunteers:**
In conjunction with the Conference Committee, the host site will help to provide local volunteers for the execution of the conference.
- **Local Attractions & Activities:**
The host site will facilitate access to local attractions and activities for conference attendees.
- **Liaise for Local Sponsorship:**
The host will relay necessary information to the Conference Committee to help secure local financial sponsors for the conference.
- **Representation on the Conference Committee:**
It is expected that at least one local representative will serve on the Conference Committee. Additionally, a Local Conference Committee will be formed to assist with the execution of the conference.

Committee Responsibilities

Overall Planning and Execution of Conference:

The ALIVE Conference Committee, consisting of staff and member volunteers, is tasked with planning the overall structure of the conference, including the timeline, content, presenters, sponsors, and activities.

Financial Responsibility:

ALIVE will handle all financial aspects of the conference, including payment for all services, collection of fees, and securing sponsorships.

Liability:

ALIVE maintains liability insurance covering all aspects of the conference.



✦ How to Apply ✦

All associations and organizations that are committed to enhancing the profession of Volunteer Engagement are eligible to apply to be a host partner for the ALIVE National Conference. Please submit your application at the link provided.



Applications accepted

- May 15, 2024-July 15, 2024

Applications reviewed

- July 15- August 1, 2024

Notification of site announcement made to ALIVE membership

- August 15, 2024

Proposals not selected for the 2026 ALIVE National Conference will be considered for future events if submitted.





Application Information



Complete application at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ALIVEConferenceHost>

Only full and complete application, submitted by the deadline will be taken under consideration.

- **Suggest Conference Dates:** Propose three potential three-day periods for the conference in the first quarter of 2026, avoiding local holidays and days of national observance.
- **Interest in Hosting:** Describe why your association(s) or organization(s) are eager to host the 2026 ALIVE National Conference. What drives your interest and what unique contributions can you make?
- **Venue Options:** List the types of venues available in your area that can accommodate 300-400 attendees, focusing on cost efficiency, accessibility, and suitable facilities.
- **Potential Sponsors:** Identify possible local sponsors who might be interested in supporting the conference, and discuss your connections to these entities.
- **Local Attractions:** Detail attractions and group outing opportunities in your area that could enhance the experience for conference attendees.
- **Transportation and Lodging:** Provide information about airports, lodging, and local transportation options to ensure accessibility and convenience for attendees.
- **Volunteer Commitment:** Confirm whether your local association(s) can commit to providing at least five volunteers for the planning stages of the conference.
- **Volunteer Availability:** Assess the feasibility of having 15 or more volunteers available on-site throughout the duration of the conference.



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Questions:

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