



Review Committee Meetings and Events



Event Guide

July 15-17, 2026

Omni Austin Hotel Downtown
Austin, Texas

NAACLS welcomes you to its 2026 Review Committee Meetings and Events! Please read through this information and keep it as a reference before and during your stay in Austin. If any changes are made to the schedule, you will be notified. We look forward to productive meetings and events! Please contact me if you need anything.

Warm regards,

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EVENT

Dates: Wednesday, July 15 to Friday, July 17, 2026

Location: Austin, Texas

Venue: Omni Austin Hotel Downtown
700 San Jacinto at 8th Street
Austin, Texas 78701

Telephone: 512-476-3700

Website: [Omni Austin Hotel Downtown | Austin, Texas Hotels](#)

Venue Info: Located within blocks of the State Capitol, Sixth Street, Rainey Street and the Red River Cultural District, there is so much to see and do! Enjoy Lady Bird Lake hiking trails, parks, museums, restaurants and fun spots!

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INFORMATION

Attire:

The preferred attire is business casual. Please keep in mind that event spaces are often over air-conditioned, so be sure to have a jacket or sweater with you.

Climate:

July Averages: High/Low: 96°F/75°; Rainfall: 2"

Guest Rooms/Check-In and Check Out:

Your guest room has been reserved for you via the form you submitted. The NAACLS guest room block is Wednesday, July 15, Thursday, July 16, and Friday July 17, single/double occupancy. These nights will be master billed to NAACLS. If you requested an extended stay, you were sent confirmation and will be asked to pay for extended night(s) at the group rate of \$209 + \$20 resort fee + tax. Check-in is 3:00 pm CDT; Check-out is 12:00 pm CDT.

Transportation and Parking:

Submit transportation costs to/from airports to NAACLS for reimbursement. The hotel is 11 miles from Austin-Bergstrom International Airport and travel time is approximately 25 minutes one-way. The hotel has valet parking at a cost of \$59. Those who indicated they need parking will have July 15, July 16 and July 17 master billed to NAACLS. Parking for extended stays is the responsibility of the guest.

Transportation Between Austin-Bergstrom Airport and Hotel:

Please take a taxi, Uber or Lyft to/from the hotel. Designated pick-up areas are outside baggage claim areas. Submit this expense to NAACLS for reimbursement.

Transportation Between Hotel and III Forks (Wednesday, July 15 Welcome Dinner):

III Forks, 111 Lavaca Street, Austin, is one mile away from the hotel. Feel free to walk (15 minutes) or take a taxi, Uber or Lyft (5 minutes). Submit expense to NAACLS for reimbursement.

Meals:

Your meals have been reserved for you via the form you submitted. Dietary restrictions were relayed to the banquets department. NAACLS is unable to cancel meal reservations.

Guest Room Internet:

Guests receive complimentary basic guest room Wi-Fi over group dates.

ADA Accessibility:

The hotel is ADA accessible. Please ask a hotel employee should you need assistance.

Website to Visit/Area Attractions and Information:

[Austin, TX | Hotels, Music, Restaurants & Things to Do](#)

Hotel Website:

[Omni Austin Hotel Downtown | Austin, Texas Hotels](#)

Website for Wednesday, July 15th Welcome Dinner:

[Austin, TX | III Forks Restaurant](#)

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Wednesday, July 15, 2026

Time (CDT)	Event	Location/Notes
6:00 - 8:30 pm	Welcome Dinner	III Forks, 111 Lavaca Street, Austin

Thursday, July 16, 2026

Time (CDT)	Event	Location/Notes
7:00 - 8:00 am	Breakfast Buffet	Mansfield (Level 2)
8:00 am - Noon	Joint RCs Meeting (RCAP, PARC and DRC)	Pennybacker (Level 2)
Noon - 1:00 pm	Lunch	Mansfield (Level 2)
1:00 - 3:00 pm	Joint RCs Meeting (RCAP, PARC and DRC)	Pennybacker (Level 2)
3:00 - 6:00 pm	Open Time	
6:00 - 8:30 pm	Awards Dinner	Trademark (Level 3) <i>Trademark is only accessible from the bank of elevators located across the lobby.</i>

Friday, July 17, 2026

Time (CDT)	Event	Location/Notes
7:00 - 8:00 am	Breakfast Buffet	Mansfield (Level 2)
8:00 am - Noon	RCAP Meeting	Pennybacker (Level 2)
8:00 am - Noon	PARC Meeting	Trademark (Level 3)
8:00 am - Noon	DRC Meeting	Governor's Boardroom (Level 2)
Noon - 1:00 pm	Lunch	Mansfield (Level 2)
1:00 - 4:00 pm	Task Force Meetings	Pennybacker (Level 2)
1:00 - 4:00 pm	Task Force Meetings	Trademark (Level 3)
1:00 - 4:00 pm	DRC Meeting	Governor's Boardroom (Level 2)

ADDITIONAL NOTES

Guests are given \$60 per diem for dinner Friday evening. Please submit your receipt with your NAACLS Expense Report for this dinner.

TIMELINE OF EVENTS: Thursday Reception and Awards Dinner

6:00 - 7:00 pm - Reception

6:30 - 7:00 pm - Group Photographs

- DRC and BOD Liaison
- PARC and BOD Liaison
- RCAP and BOD Liaison
- Chairs (3) – all together
- Chairs and Vice Chair/Chairs Elect (6) – by each committee pair and one all together
- Departing Members (2) with President and CEO
- New Members (2) with President and CEO
- Staff
- Staff and President Karen Brown

7:00 pm - Guests are seated for dinner

7:00 - 7:30 pm - Awards Presentation

7:00 - 8:30 pm - Dinner Service

ROOM SETUPS/STAFFING

Joint RCs Head table and classroom style

RCAP U-Shape for Committee Members, Liaison; tables at closed end of U-Shape for President, CEO, and Staff (Michele and Jessy)

PARC U-Shape for Committee Members, Liaison and New Members; tables at closed end of U-Shape for President, CEO, and Staff (Russ and Stefanie)

DRC Conference for Committee Members, Liaison, President, CEO, and Staff (Mark)

FORMS INCLUDED WITHIN EVENT GUIDE/INVITATION

- [Property Map](#)
- Meals Attendance Form
- Meeting Diagrams (Joint RCs, RCAP, and PARC). DRC does not have a diagram.
- Photo Release Form: If you are bringing a guest to the meetings/events, please complete the form for that individual as well. To complete this form before 7/15/26, click [here](#).
- [Emergency Contact Form](#): Please complete it by 7/15/26.
- [Travel Insurance Information](#)
- [FAQs and Expense Report Form](#)

Submit your expense report to the Accounting Manager at accounting@naacsls.org for reimbursement after meeting within 30 days after the meetings. Incidental charges, e.g., mini bar, movies, are to be paid by individuals.

Do not submit expenses to Megan Eggert.

MEALS ATTENDANCE LIST

NAACLS Review Committee Meetings – Omni Austin Hotel Downtown
July 15-17, 2026

Name	<u>Welcome Dinner</u> Wed, 7/15 Ill Forks 111 Lavaca St, Austin	<u>Breakfast</u> Thu, 7/16 Mansfield, Level 2, 7-8am	<u>Lunch</u> Thu, 7/16 Mansfield, Level 2, 12-1pm	<u>Awards Dinner</u> Thu, 7/16 Trademark*, Level 3, 6-9pm	<u>Breakfast</u> Fri, 7/17 Mansfield, Level 2, 7-8am	<u>Lunch</u> Fri, 7/17 Mansfield, Level 2, 7-8am
Bill Ahlfeld	X	X	X	X – B	X	X
Hassan Aziz	X	X	X	X – C	X	X
Leigh Belair	X	X	X	X – C	X	X
Patty Boyer	X	X	X	X – B	X	X
Julie Braglia	X	X	X	X – C	X	X
Keri Brophy-Martinez	X	X	X	X – B	X	X
Karen Brown	X	X	X	X – V	X	X
Tara Cepull	X	X	X	X – B	X	X
Janelle Chiasera	X	X	X	X – B	X	X
Janice Conway-Klaassen	X	X	X	X – B	X	X
Michelle Costas	X	X	X	X – B	X	X
Russell DeCaluwe	X	X	X	X – B	X	X
<i>Nyssa DeCaluwe, Guest</i>	X		X	X – B		X
Christen Diel	X	X	X	X – B	X	X
Megan Eggert	X	X	X	X – C	X	X
Ramona Fox	X	X	X	X – B	X	X
Michele Giannosa	X	X	X	X – B	X	X
<i>Dom Giannosa, Guest</i>		X			X	
<i>Vinny Giannosa, Guest</i>		X			X	
<i>Gio Giannosa, Guest</i>		X			X	
Beth Gockel-Blessing	X	X	X	X – C	X	X

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Candi Grayson	X	X	X	X – V	X	X
Brandy Greenhill	X	X	X	X - B	X	X
Frankie Harris-Lyne	X	X	X	X – B	X	X
Rochelle Helminski	X	X	X	X – V	X	X
Michelle Hill	X	X	X	X – B	X	X
Phyllis Ingham	X	X	X	X – C	X	X
Marisa James	X	X	X	X – B	X	X
<i>Geneva McNamara, Guest</i>				X – B		
Jessy Jasso	X	X	X	X – B	X	X
Nathan Johnson	X	X	X	X – B	X	X
<i>Kellie Johnson, Guest</i>	X			X – B		
Floyd Josephat	X	X	X	X – C	X	X
Ethan Kentzel	X	X	X	X – C	X	X
Jennifer Knight	X	X	X	X – B	X	X
Nadine Lerret	X	X	X	X – C	X	X
Jennifer Loyo	X	X	X	X – B	X	X
<i>Nicole Belmonte, Guest</i>	X		X	X – B		X
Cristian Lozano	X	X	X	X – B	X	X
Jimi March	X	X	X	X – B	X	X
Mary Mattes	X	X	X	X – C	X	X
Brian Monson	X	X	X	X – B	X	X
April Orange	X	X	X	X – B	X	X
Maya Orange, <i>Guest</i>	X	X	X	X – C	X	X
Mel Ordinario	X	X	X	X - B	X	X
Erin Peper	X	X	X	X - B	X	X

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Maria Torres Pillot	X	X	X	X – C	X	X
<i>Reyes Vigo, Guest</i>	X			X – B		
Becky Radabaugh	X	X	X	X – B	X	X
Carol Rentas	X	X	X	X – C	X	X
Amee Rosales	X	X	X	X – B	X	X
Kim Sanford		X	X	X – B	X	X
<i>Joey Sanford, Guest</i>				X – B		
Jerry Santiago	X	X	X	X – B	X	X
Becky Smith	X	X	X	X – B	X	X
Mark Spence	X	X	X	X – C	X	X
Dani Stroughton-Duncan	X	X	X	X – B	X	X
Elizabeth Swartz	X	X	X	X – B	X	X
Stefanie Troxell	X	X	X	X – B	X	X
Renee Wilkins	X	X	X	X – B	X	X
Taiquanda Winbush	X	X	X	X – C	X	X
Jason Yuhas	X	X	X	X – B	X	X
<i>Amy Yuhas, Guest</i>	X			X – B		X
TOTAL	57	56	55	60	56	56

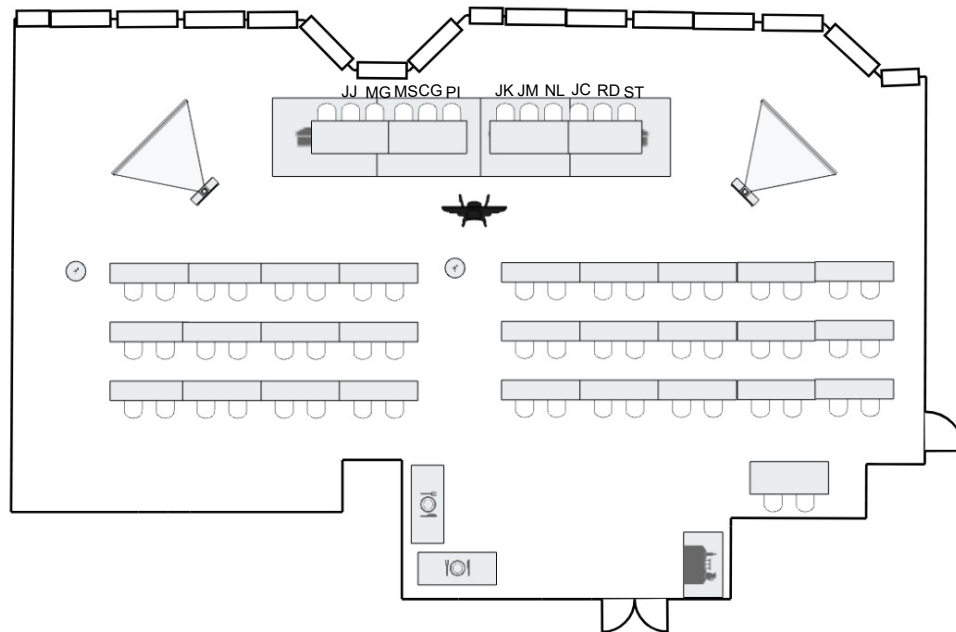
*Trademark is on Level 3 and only accessible from the bank of elevators located across the lobby (away from the elevators that access guest rooms).

B=Beef = 42

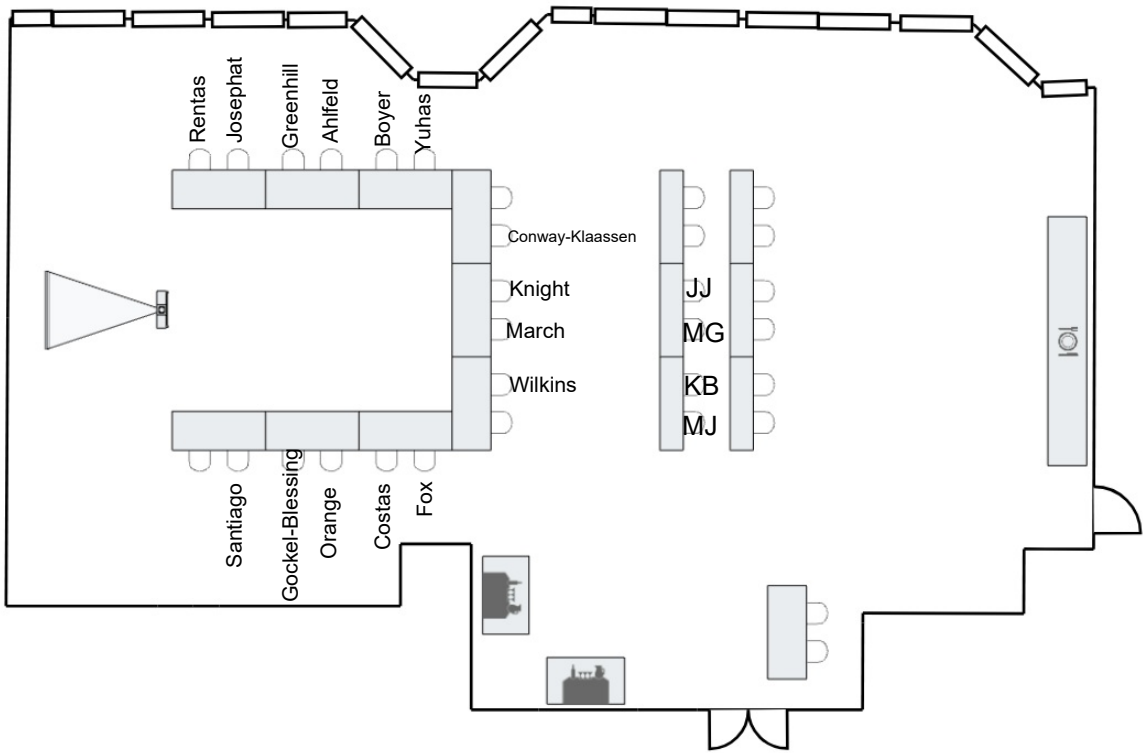
C=Chicken = 15

V=Vegetarian = 3

Joint RCs Meeting on Thu, 7/16, 8:00am-3:00pm CT in Pennybacker, Level 2

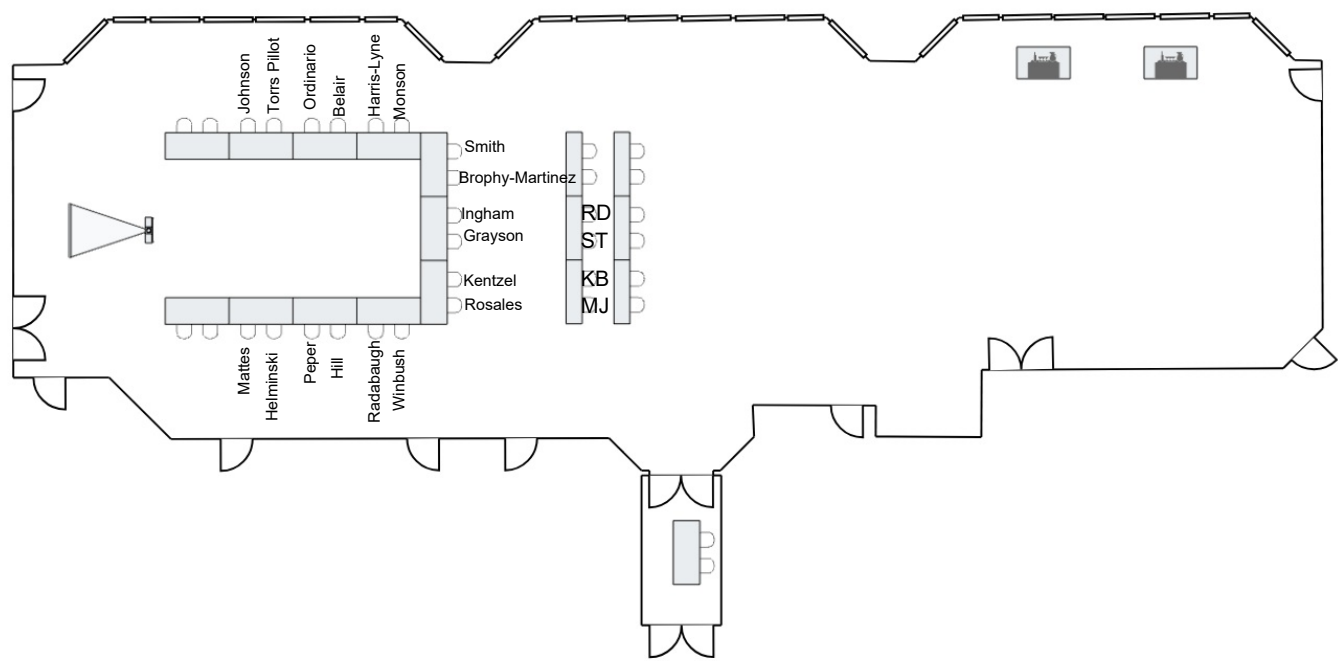


RCAP Meeting - Fri, 7/17, 8:00am-4:00pm CT in Pennybacker, Level 2
6'X30" tables throughout room



5 Feet

PARC Meeting - Fri, 7/17, 8:00am-4:00pm CT in Trademark, Level 3
6'x30" tables throughout room



10 Feet