

Networking:

EDPA National Events: EDPA ENGAGE, our mid-year event designed for insightful discussions and meaningful connections. EDPA ACCESS, the premier 3-day educational and networking experience, bringing together top professionals to share strategies and innovations. As a member, you'll enjoy exclusive savings—approximately 25% off on both events!

Chapter Events: Chapter events are open to all EDPA members. Stay up to date on industry hot topics, network locally, and enjoy ongoing learning opportunities. Events are in person and online.

International Chapter: Connecting international professionals with US partners, fostering collaboration, knowledge exchange, networking, and market expansion to elevate the global exhibition industry.

Future Leaders – Identifying the industry's brightest young professionals and empowering them for future career growth by providing education, networking, and exclusive opportunities to meet and learn from today's top leaders.

Advocacy:

Future Workforce: Connecting with students at local trade schools and academic institutions to grow awareness of the industry and inspire the next generation of talent to pursue the Trade Show and Event industry.

Legislative Action Day: Working with [Exhibitions & Conferences Alliance](#) to meet with policymakers and ensure EDPA members and our industry actively engaged in the legislative dialogue and policy discussions.

Exhibitions Industry Collective: Six leading industry organizations have united to cultivate the next generation of professionals in exhibitions and events. Through education, inspiration, and meaningful connections, they are opening doors to rewarding careers while fostering innovation, inclusivity, and long-term growth—ensuring a lasting impact on the industry's future.

Sustainability: Ensuring that we are setting the standards for our industry and that we have a voice in any sustainability mandates. Check out our [Sustainability Guidance for Exhibition Stand Construction Guide](#).

Education:

EMS: Access to a whole new world of business generation opportunities and education benefits, thanks to our collaboration with Event Marketer and the Experiential Marketing Summit. [Click here for the full benefits.](#)

Trade Show Foundations: Mastering the Basics class is designed to equip your team with the foundational knowledge needed to excel. Discounted registration of \$400 off for EDPA members.

CEIR Data: EDPA members have free access to the world's largest collection of primary, exhibition-related research as well as hundreds of CEIR industry reports. A value of up to \$1,254, annually.

EDPA Annual Research: EDPA invites member companies to participate in an annual Economic Survey and bi-annual Compensation Survey. Both provide valuable insight to better manage your business.

Good Works:

Scholarship Program: Available to all employees of EDPA member companies, the EDPA Foundation Scholarship Fund helps industry members, and their families pursue university-level study. The scholarship program has grown to help more than 155 students for a total of more than \$500,000.

University Affiliations: EDPA works with Bemidji State University and FIT/NY to provide scholarship and feeder programs. For nearly two decades, Exhibitor Group and the EDPA have provided an exhibit space for students to introduce themselves and to share their portfolios with prospective employers at ExhibitorLive.

Randy Smith Foundation: The Randy Smith Memorial Golf Classic is the oldest continuous charitable benefit in our industry. Since its inception in 1995, the Randy Smith Memorial Golf Classics and its officially sanctioned ancillary events have assisted over 170 industry members and their families suffering emotional and financial hardships.

