



2026 PLW Schedule of Events
August 2-4, 2026
Scottsdale, AZ

Saturday, August 1		
2:00 – 6:00 p.m.	Board of Direction Meeting	<i>Invitation Only</i>
Sunday, August 2		
8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Board of Direction Meeting cont.	<i>Invitation Only</i>
12:00 – 6:00 p.m.	Registration Open	Pick up your badge & tote
12:30 – 4:00 p.m.	Lunch & SAME101 for New Post Leaders	<i>RSVP Required</i>
4:30 – 5:30 p.m.	Opening General Session	
	• President's Year Ahead	Ben Matthews
	• New XD Intro	Dave Hill
	• Supporting Govt Participation	Scott Linsky / Kathy Off
	• SAME Nat'l Staff and Post Roles	Ann McLeod / Jill Murphy
	• What you need to know for PLW	
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.	Icebreaker Reception & SAME Bingo	<i>Wear your "hometown" pride!</i>
7:30 p.m. onward	Dinner / Evening on own	
Monday, August 3		
7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Registration Open	Pick up your badge & tote
8:00 – 8:45 a.m.	Breakfast	
9:00 – 9:30 a.m.	What is IGE & IGE Best Practices	Ben Matthews / Rich Stump Scott Linsky
9:30 – 10:45 a.m.	IGE Tabletop Exercise	Nandin T / Scott / Rich
10:45 – 11:15 a.m.	Group Photo & Break	
11:15 - Noon	Resources for Posts	Jill / Ann / Dean VanderLey
Noon – 1:15 p.m.	Lunch	<i>Seating by Region</i>
1:30 – 2:15 p.m.	Recruiting & Retaining Members	Jill & Ann
2:15 – 3:00	re:Members Overview & Post Experiences	Jill, Amy Motta from re:Members, Huntsville – Brent Kent Sacramento – Jordan Ollanik Ft Bragg – Scott Hartung / Jacob Hilton
3:00 – 3:30	Break	
3:30 – 5:00 p.m.	Post Best Practices	
	• Recruiting Volunteers & Succession Planning	Northern VA - Ed Chamberlayne Seattle – Joseph Chung
	• Member Engagement	Houston – Buddy Barnes Huntsville – Brent Kent Scott Field - Amy Touchette Brown Omaha – Bobbi Jo Lang
	• Member Outreach	Las Vegas – Dan Bailey Jacksonville – Miguel Dieguez
	• Documenting Post Operations	Baltimore – Mindy Hinsley
5:30 – 6:30 p.m.	Networking Reception	
6:30 p.m. onward	Dinner / Evening on own	

Tuesday, August 4		
8:00 – 8:30 a.m.	Breakfast	
8:30 – 9:30 a.m.	Concurrent Breakout Sessions By Post Size	- Admin, Finance, Operations – James Black, Jill Murphy, Sal Nodjomian - Social Media & Communication Best Practices – Kayla Jonas, Ilene Carreon-Allen, Ann McLeod
9:45 – 10:45 a.m.	Concurrent Breakout Sessions By Post Size	
10:45 – 11:30 a.m.	Break / Hotel Check out	
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Closing Session: Open Forum & Wrap-up Discussion	- SAME National Staff - Executive Committee
12:30 – 2:00 p.m.	Lunch	RSVP Required

Attendees are expected to fully participate and not depart until the closing session ends at 12:30p.m.

