

## **MWAA Policies and Rules**

### **Registration**

Those who wish to participate in a MWAA Conference will register in one of four categories:

1. Attendee
2. Exhibitor/Sponsor
3. Roaming Exhibitor
4. Speaker/Staff

The MWAA does not allow admittance of any persons under the age of 18, including children of attendees, exhibitors, sponsors, speakers, and staff at a conference.

### **Attendee Registration**

Attendees are individuals who register to attend a MWAA conference to learn more about the industry, discuss industry developments with colleagues and make contacts with other members of the industry. Attendees may not solicit business sell products or services or recruit agents or resellers.

**If an individual has been a vendor/exhibitor at a previous MWAA conference, they will not qualify to register as an Attendee and will be contacted by a Board Member to re-register as a vendor/exhibitor.**

ISO owners or employees may be either attendees or vendors/exhibitors, based on:

1. Whether the ISO has previously been a vendor/exhibitor at a MWAA conference: If an ISO has ever been a vendor/exhibitor at a MWAA conference, the ISO is always a vendor/exhibitor.
2. The ISOs at a MWAA conference: If the ISO solicits business, sells products or services or recruits agents or resellers at a MWAA conference, the ISO is a vendor/exhibitor.

Attendees are required to provide certain registration information. By registering for a MWAA conference and paying the registration fee, the attendee agrees to the policies and rules of the MWAA. The MWAA provides select registration information to all sponsors before and after a MWAA conference.

## **Vendor/Exhibitor Registration**

It is MWAA policy that every person or company who solicits business, sells products or services or who recruits agents or resellers is considered an exhibitor and must pay a vendor/exhibitor fee. Once a company has exhibited at a MWAA conference, that company is considered a vendor/exhibitor and must pay a vendor/exhibitor fee at all MWAA events.

**Soliciting** is defined as conducting any of the following activities anywhere on the conference hotel property or anywhere in the conference hotel lobby, hallways, meeting rooms or exhibit hall:

1. Distributing literature, brochures, corporate name/logo items, merchandise or electronic media that promote a company, an association, a group, or its products or services.
2. Wearing or carrying a button, badge or sign that promotes a company, an association or group or its products or services (logo apparel is normally permitted, but the MWAA reserves the right to determine acceptability).
3. Verbally prospecting for buyers of a company's products or services; making a sales pitch, presentation or proposal that promotes a company, its products, or services, whether verbally or through images.

**Recruiting** is defined as conducting any of the following activities anywhere on the conference hotel property or anywhere in the conference hotel lobby, hallways, meeting rooms or exhibit hall:

1. Distributing literature, brochures, corporate name/logo items, merchandise or electronic media that promote becoming an agent of or seeking employment with a company or membership in any group.
2. Wearing or carrying any button, badge or sign that promotes a company, an association or group or its products or services (logo apparel is normally permitted but the MWAA reserves the right to determine acceptability).
3. Verbally prospecting for agents, sales persons, sales managers, or any employees: making a sales pitch, presentation or proposal that promotes seeking an agent or reseller relationship or employment relationship with a company, an association, or a group.

The act of exchanging business cards with another individual at a MWAA conference is not, by itself, considered soliciting or recruiting.

## **Exhibit Hall**

Exhibitors select their exhibit space or table online. Exhibitor registration is first come, first served. Exhibitors must pay the MWAA fees via credit or debit card online during the registration process. The MWAA will not invoice exhibitors for payment by check.

Through its online registration process, the MWAA allows vendors to see where other companies have registered their exhibits in the Exhibit Hall. The MWAA does not prohibit exhibitors from locating their exhibit next to a competitor nor does the MWAA prevent competitors from locating their exhibit next to an exhibitor.

For the MWAA rules for displays for table top exhibits please go to [SPONSORS > EXHIBITOR RULES > Specific Rules for 8 Foot Exhibitor Table Top Displays > General Rules for Exhibitors Their Displays](#) available on this web site.

## **General Sponsors in Exhibit Hall**

The MWAA encourages vendors to consider becoming a General Sponsor. General Sponsors receive their choice of 8-foot table exhibit space in choice exhibit hall locations. For a complete list of benefits offered to General Sponsors, please go to [SPONSORS > BECOME A SPONSOR > 2022 Sponsorship Levels and opportunities](#). Click to down printable PDF.

General Sponsor registration is first come, first served. General Sponsors must pay the MWAA fees via credit or debit card online during the registration process. The MWAA will not invoice General Sponsors for payment by check.

For the MWAA rules for exhibit hall displays for General Sponsor exhibits, please go to [SPONSORS > EXHIBITOR RULES > Specific Rules for 8 Foot Exhibitor Table Top Displays > General Rules for Exhibitors Their Displays](#) available on this website.

## **Premium Sponsors in Exhibit Hall (Harvest Moon, Golden Wheat and Platinum Sponsors)**

The MWAA encourages exhibitors to consider becoming a Premium Sponsor. Premium Sponsors receive their choice of 12'x12' exhibit space or 8' table exhibit space: Platinum Wheat Sponsors may have free-standing booth which may not exceed 12 feet tall; a Golden Wheat Sponsor 12'x12' exhibit space; a Harvest Moon Sponsor 8'Lx30"H table; in choice exhibit hall locations. For a complete list of benefits offered to Premium Sponsors, please go to [SPONSORS > BECOME A SPONSOR > 2022 Sponsorship Levels and opportunities](#). Click to down printable PDF.



Premium Sponsor registration is first come, first served. The MWAA encourages Premium Sponsors to pay the MWAA fees via credit or debit card online during the registration processes. Registration is not complete until payment has been received. First preference is given to Premium Sponsors who pay online. However, the MWAA will invoice Premium Sponsors for payment by check by special request to the MWAA. Please send invoice requests to the MWAA Treasurer Mark Hayward at [mark.hayward@midwestacquirers.org](mailto:mark.hayward@midwestacquirers.org). All payments by check must be received within ten days after the invoice is sent.

For the MWAA rules for exhibit hall displays for Premium Sponsor exhibits, please go to [\*\*\*SPONSORS > EXHIBITOR RULES > Premium Sponsor Display Rules and Requirements\*\*\*](#) available on this website.

Please note: Because the MWAA has only a few Premium Sponsor spaces available and the Premium Sponsorships require a long time to secure, the MWAA does not refund any sponsorship payments to Premium Sponsors.

### **Roaming Exhibitors**

Some vendors prefer not to have a display in the exhibit hall. Other vendors want to attend the show but there may be no more exhibit spaces or tables available. These vendors may attend the conference by registering as Roaming Exhibitors.

Roaming Exhibitors may solicit business, sell products or services or recruit agents or resellers in the conference hotel during the hours of the conference. Roaming Exhibitors may hand out sales literature, company brochures or presentations in the conference hotel during the hours of the conference. Roaming Exhibitors may hand out sales literature, company brochures or presentations in the aisles of the exhibit hall when the exhibit hall is open, provided they are not interfering with the activities of any exhibitors in front of their exhibit tables or in front of a Premium Sponsor's booth space.

### **Speaker/Staff**

Only pre-approved speakers or MWAA staff may register in this category.

### **Refunds**

The MWAA Board will provide refunds to any individual or company (not Premium Sponsors) that has registered for a MWAA conference, paid, and submitted a request for refund, provided the payment and the request for refund were both received prior to close of business at 5pm Central, Tuesday, May 31, 2022. The MWAA does not refund sponsorship payments to Premium Sponsors, that is, Platinum Wheat, Golden Wheat and Harvest Moon Sponsors. Requests for refunds must be sent via email to Mark Hayward, MWAA Treasurer at [mark.hayward@midwestacquirers.org](mailto:mark.hayward@midwestacquirers.org).

## **MWAA Review of Registration**

MWAA staff reviews all registrations. The MWAA Board and Officers reserve the right to change or cancel the registration of any individual or company at its sole discretion to enforce the rules and policies of the MWAA.

## **Registration Information Policy**

All data collected in the registration process becomes the property of the MWAA. The MWAA shares select advance registration information with Premium Sponsors two (2) weeks prior to the MWAA conference. The MWAA shares select registration information with all sponsors and exhibitors two (2) weeks after a MWAA Conference.

By completing the MWAA registration, the exhibitor, sponsor, attendee, speaker or staff agrees

1. to allow MWAA to use the registration data to promote the MWAA and its services, and,
2. to allow MWAA to provide the registration data to paid sponsors of MWAA, and,
3. to allow paid sponsors to use the registration data to contact any individual or company that is registered.

## **Minors and Children**

The MWAA does not allow admittance at a MWAA conference of any persons under the age of 18, including children of attendees, exhibitors, sponsors, speakers, and staff.

## **Acceptance of the MWAA policies and rules**

By completing the registration and making payment of the registration fee, the individual or company shows its acceptance of these MWAA policies and rules for the current year.

## **Violations of MWAA policies and rules**

The MWAA Board and Officers do not wish to impose penalties on any individual or company. However, anyone violating, circumventing, or attempting to violate or circumvent the policies and rules of the MWAA may be banned by the MWAA Board and Officers, at their sole discretion, from the conference.

**Banned companies or persons will not receive refunds for fees paid.**