



Chapter Events at EC09 - Reno

According to the recent Chapter Leaders survey, the opportunities provided at Environmental Connection to showcase your Chapter were rated as one of the top 3 services that IECA provides – so don't miss out on this great opportunity!

NEW!!! EC09 Leadership Training (Saturday and Sunday - February 7 and 8)

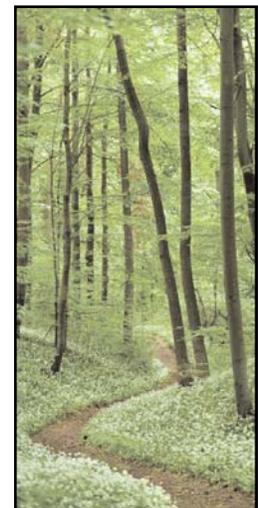
We listened to you. For the first time ever, IECA will provide an entire block of leadership training for Board members, Chapter leaders and IECA committee chairs. Come to Reno early and get to know other IECA leaders, learn from each other and help shape the future of the association.

This training will be offered *free of charge and includes breakfast and lunch. Training will take place in the Atlantis Hotel.

*A nominal fee of \$100 US may be charged to Chapters who send more than 2 representatives.

Topics featured will include:

- Organizational Basics: Running Meetings, Role of Officers, Keeping the Books, Maintaining Registration, Succession Planning, Strategic Planning, to include how to succeed in Partners for Excellence (Saturday)
- How to Develop Partnerships (Saturday)
- Membership Development, Motivating Volunteers & Committees (Sunday)
- Event Promotion (Sunday)
- Risk Management (Sunday)



SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 7

7:45am - Continental Breakfast

8:00am – 12:00pm - Leadership Training (Organizational Basics; How to Develop Partnerships)

12:00pm - 1:00pm - Lunch

1:00pm to 5:00pm - Board of Director's Meeting (Chapter leaders welcome)

Sunday, February 8

7:45am - Continental Breakfast

8:00am – 10:00am - Chapter – Specific Leadership Training (Event Promotion; Membership Development; Risk Management)

10:00am – 12:00pm - Chapter President's Meeting

12:00pm – 1:00pm - Lunch

Committee Meetings in the afternoon (Chapter Advisory, FAST, Professional Development, Awards)

Begin at 5:30pm - Dinner Groups (Sign up on-site to meet and eat with your colleagues.)

Additional Chapter Opportunities at EC09

Exhibit Booths: New this year we will have a Chapter Isle in the Expo Hall. Supported by the Membership Team and the Chapter Advisory Committee, this “isle” will be an area in the Expo Hall where all Chapters will be located together. This will provide a unified and very visible presence for Chapters, which we hope will draw attendees to the Chapters' area and will facilitate interaction among Chapter leaders. We will provide more details about this program once they are finalized.

Survivor Challenge: We're taking the Chapter Challenge to a new level at EC09. In honor of the endurance mentality of today's marketplace, EC09 will feature a survivor competition. Chapter teams will compete in a series of activities throughout the week that will test mental and physical strength. Join us throughout the week to cheer on your Chapter as we hold: a Geo-Caching Challenge, Sudoku Survivor, Arm Wrestling Tournament and an Expo Hall Scavenger Hunt. Additional details will be available soon about how to register your Chapter and get members involved in the fun.

International Attendees' Reception (Sunday, February 8 at 4:00pm – 5:00pm): Chapter leaders are welcome to attend this event and greet our attendees from abroad.

Chapter Business Meetings/Socials (Monday, February 9 at 5:00pm – 6:30 pm): We have designated Monday evening for your Chapter meetings and/or socials. Rooms automatically will be reserved for all Chapters unless you inform IECA that you do not need a room. We will post the Chapter meeting room locations in the EC09 Conference program.

This is an excellent time to connect with new and existing Chapter members. Some Chapters assume that there won't be many people from their Chapter attending the conference and then are pleasantly surprised at how many people actually do attend. We encourage you to get together if only for 30 to 45 minutes. Many Chapters provide their members and guests with food and beverages during the meeting.

Awards Luncheon (Tuesday, February 10 at 12:00pm – 1:00pm) Partners for Excellence Chapter award presentations will be made in front of one of the largest groups at the conference. Tickets for the luncheon are included with full-conference or Tuesday registrations. Otherwise we ask that you purchase a lunch ticket for \$75.

Visit the web site at <http://www.ieca.org/conference/annual/schedule.asp> for a more detailed conference schedule that includes **committee meetings days/times, General Membership Meeting, Soil Fund Denim & Diamonds Dinner, Expo Grand Opening** and more. If you have any agenda items for the General Membership Meeting, please submit them 30 days before EC09 to Russ Adsit at email: russ@ieca.org.

Note: More details will be added to this document as they become available.

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