

# AIHA CONNECT 2026 NEW ORLEANS, LA

## Student Presentation Details for AIHA Connect 2026

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# AIHA Connect 2026 Format

- AIHA Connect 2026 is an in-person event
- Select sessions will be broadcast virtually, to a virtual audience
- All student presenters are expected to attend and deliver their sessions in person at the conference
  - Thursday & Friday, May 28-29 – virtual only PDCs
  - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, June 1-3 – Education Sessions
- Saturday & Sunday, May 30-31, Thursday, June 4 in-person only PDCs

# Register for the Conference

- All student speakers must register for the conference
  - <https://aihaconnect.org/register>

The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the AIHA Connect 2026 website. The navigation menu includes: About Us, Agenda, Attend, Get Involved, Exhibit/Sponsor, Speak, Register, and Virtual Connect. On the right side of the navigation bar, there are links for FAQs, KEEP ME UPDATED, FEEDBACK, FUTURE/PAST DATES, and a search icon. Below the navigation bar, the main heading reads "AIHA CONNECT" in large, light blue letters. Below the heading, the text says "JOIN US AT THE PREMIER CONFERENCE FOR OCCUPATIONAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND SAFETY SCIENTISTS". Further down, the location and dates are listed: "ERNEST N. MORIAL CONVENTION CENTER, NEW ORLEANS, LA, JUNE 1-3, 2026". In the top right corner, there is an orange button that says "REGISTER NOW" with a right-pointing arrow. A large orange arrow points from the bottom right towards this button. The date "June 1-3 | New Orleans, LA" is also visible in the top right area of the page.

# Access your online speaker account

❖ Use the link sent in your notification email:

<https://ww6.aievolution.com/aih2601/>

❖ Use your AIHA account username and password

❖ This is where you can sign your speaker forms, update your bio, add your headshot, see your session page

## Submission

Share your experience and knowledge at AIHA Connect 2026. PDCs, education sessions (including case studies and scientific research), education pop-ups, and posters are where you can introduce participants to the latest OEHS information, trends, technology, and best practices. Contribute to the conference and the profession by submitting a presentation in your area of expertise. Inspire and energize your colleagues with the information, solutions, and best practices they need to meet the challenges they face in their work.

To learn more about submission types, [click here](#).

### Important AIHA Connect 2026 Deadline Dates:

- June 9, 2025 – Submission portal opens
- September 10, 2025 at 11:59 p.m. Eastern – PDC, Education Session, Case Study, Scientific Research, and Professional Poster submission deadline
- October 23-29, 2025 – Notifications sent via email
- January 14, 2026 at 11:59 p.m. Eastern – Education Pop-Up Session submission deadline
- March 11, 2026 at 11:59 p.m. Eastern – Student Poster and Student Presentation submission deadline

If you have questions regarding PDCs or AIHA Main Stage presentations, contact Erin Breece at [ebreece@aiha.org](mailto:ebreece@aiha.org) or 703-846-0749.

For questions regarding Education Sessions, Case Study or Scientific Research presentations, Education Pop-Up Sessions, Professional Posters, Student Presentations, or Student Posters, contact Diana Kane at [dkane@aiha.org](mailto:dkane@aiha.org) or 703-846-0753.

## Speakers

It's time to start preparing for AIHA Connect 2026 (<https://www.aihaconnect.org>)! This year's conference will be in New Orleans, LA. Professional Development Courses (PDCs) will be offered virtually on Thursday May 28 and Friday, May 29; and in-person Saturday, May 30; Sunday, May 31; and Thursday, June 4. The main education program will occur Monday through Wednesday, June 1-3.

Here, at the online Speaker Ready Room, is where you will view your speaking schedule, update your profile and bio, upload your photo, and, if applicable, submit your audio-visual needs (PDCs only). Also, you must complete and sign [two](#) online forms: the [Speaker Agreement](#) and the [Session Delivery Form](#) by the indicated deadline.

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Ready to get started?

 [Click here to begin](#)

- Use this site to:
- Submit a proposal
  - Review a proposal
  - Access speaker resources (once accepted)
  - Submit a function request

Please use your AIHA website login to sign-in.

# SIGN YOUR SPEAKER AGREEMENT

- **Step 1 - sign the Speaker Agreement**
- ALL speakers and ALL moderators need to complete the Speaker Agreement
- Review AIHA guidelines and convention center rules, and consent to adhere by signing the agreement.
- Review the content, and digitally sign and date
- **DEADLINE: Friday, March 27, 2026**

# Edit your profile

## Step 2 of 3: Edit Profile

The data was saved successfully.

\* - indicates a required item.

### Contact Information

Prefix:

\* First Name:

Middle Name:

\* Last Name:

Suffix:

Credential(s):

\* Company:

# REVIEW YOUR BIO & ADD A PHOTO

Dashboard - Erin Breece Sign Off

## Step 3 of 3: Bio for Erin Breece

The data was saved successfully.

\* - indicates a required item.

\* Bio:  
Erin is AIHA's Program Director of Education]

Insert: Symbol Special Char Remaining: 9955

Remove Photo:  Yes  No



- The biography entered for you at the time of submission will auto-generate
- Make changes, if needed, at any time
- Upload a headshot style photo of yourself (optional)
  - For best results, use the noted sizing of 185 X 185 pixels

# ATTENDEE/PUBLIC-FACING VIEW

[Print](#) [Close](#)

## K8: Impactful Speaking: Mastering Storytelling and Silence for OEHS Success

Wed, 5/21: 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM CDT  
**CM Credit Hours: 1**  
Education Session  
Kansas City Convention Center

### Content Level

Introductory

### Topics

Communication and Training  
Enhancing OEHS Communication Skills  
Management/Leadership

### Description

This session will empower OEHS professionals with advanced communication skills tailored to today's dynamic and diverse work environments. Participants will learn techniques such as the art of storytelling, purposeful pauses, avoiding filler words, and using the "why" to make their communication impactful and memorable. We will explore the art of storytelling, drawing on scientific research that shows how human brains naturally connect data points into narratives. By leveraging stories, we can capture attention, evoke emotions,



**Jason Kunz, CIH, CSP**  
Moderator  
The Kunz Company  
Apple Valley, MN  
United States of America



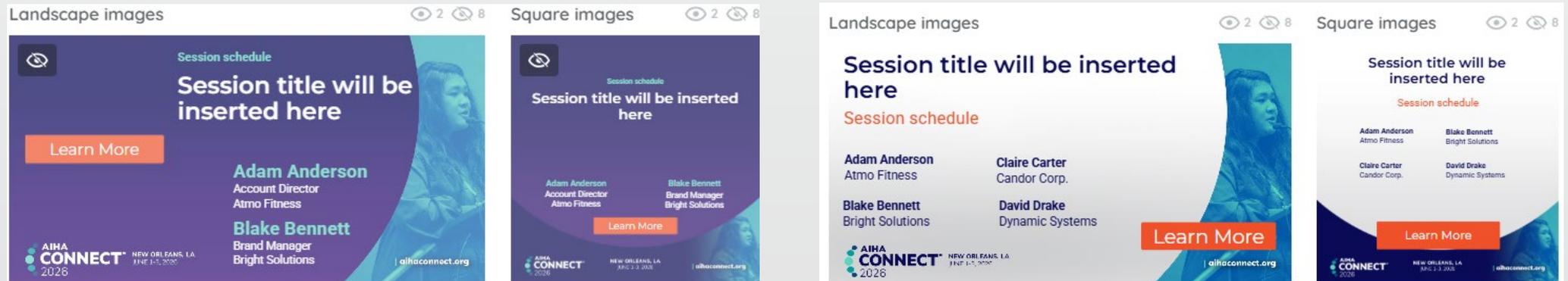
**Miriam Koesterich, CIH, CSP**  
Presenter  
BSI America Professional Services  
New York, NY  
United States of America

**Rustin Reed, PhD, CIH, CSP**  
Co-Presenter

- Each session has a dedicated webpage
- Information including name, credentials, company/org., city, state and country are displayed
- Headshot is shown
- Biography is visible, after clicking speaker name

# Double Check Details of Your Profile

- To help promote your session we will be making a personalized **digital graphic** just for you. You will be able to share it on your social media platforms to let your network know you will be speaking at this premier event.



Make sure your name, credentials, contact information, school name, and headshot are correct

## Speaker Center

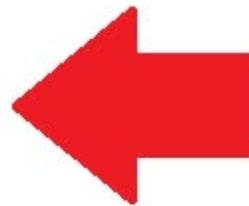
*To access speaker resources (once accepted), use the links below.*

 [Schedule](#)

*Review the date and time of your session*

Clicking on **Schedule** under **Speaker Center** will take you to **My Ready Room** where you will see details on Action Items and Deadlines.

Scrolling down, you will see your session details.



# Session delivery, broadcasting & materials form

We need ALL speakers and ALL moderators to complete this form

You will need to complete one for EACH session in which you are speaking

Asks:

- If we have to go completely virtual, what would be your preferred presentation option
- For permission to record your session (audio & slides) to be used for AIHA Connect OnDemand
- You to agree to [AIHA's Copyright Guidance Document](#) and to the [Artificial Intelligence \(AI\) Responsible Usage Policy](#)

Wed, 5/21

**Event Title:** L5: Managing Heat Stress Risks: Bridging Compliance and Practical Application

**Type:** Education Session

**Time:** 9:15 AM CDT - 10:15 AM CDT

**Location:** Kansas City Convention Center

**Role:** Presenter (EvPresenter)

[Session Delivery, Broadcasting, & Materials Form](#) 

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# Speaker Toolkit

About Us

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Virtual Connect



HELPFUL HINTS FOR A SUCCESSFUL PRESENTATION



PROMOTE YOUR SESSION



SPEAKER READY ROOM



SPEAKER REGISTRATION AND RESERVATIONS



EDUCATION SESSION PRESENTER RESOURCES



PDC PRESENTER RESOURCES



POSTER PRESENTER GUIDELINES

# Speaker Toolkit has Suggestions to Assist You

<https://aihaconnect.org/speak>

- **Helpful Hints for a Successful Presentation**
  - Speaker Webinar links, recordings, slides
  - Videos of suggestions to make your presentation successful
- **Promote Your Session**
  - How to promote your session on and off social media
- **Speaker Ready Room**
  - Lists days and hours
  - Plan to stop by this room at least 1-hour prior to your session

# Conference PowerPoint Template

Registration is now open! [Learn More](#)

AIHA CONNECT 2026

About Us Agenda Attend Get Involved Exhibit/Sponsor Speak Register Virtual Connect

FAQS KEEP ME UPDATED FEEDBACK FUTURE/PAST DATES SEARCH

June 1-3 | New Orleans, LA REGISTER NOW →

## Speak

GUIDELINES AND SUGGESTIONS TO HELP YOU PREPARE AND DELIVER A SOLID, VISUALLY STIMULATING, AND INFORMATIVE PRESENTATION

DOWNLOAD AIHA CONNECT 2026 PPT

# The 2025 PowerPoint Template

- Be sure your opening slide lists
  - the name of the session as it is on the conference agenda
  - speakers' names, headshots are optional
  - School name
- Closing slide should list how attendees can contact you
- Suggested slide for your Q&A time:



**Questions? Let's Discuss**

Andrew Maier      Frank J. Hearl      Glenn Barbi

*Please*

- Come to a microphone.
- Your name.
- Your affiliation.
- Your question/comment.

# Presentation Moderators

- Moderator role
  - ❖ welcomes attendees
  - ❖ introduces you and the session
  - ❖ keeps track of time
  - ❖ assists with Q&A

Training is offered for moderators at webinar on April 28, 2026

# Standard Room Set Includes:

- Attendee seating (set theater style)
- Laptop (set in Presenter Mode for viewing/reading notes)
- LCD projector
- Screen (sized appropriately for the room)
- 2 wireless mics
- 1 podium mic
- 1 wireless slide advancer (for the computer provided by AV)

# AIHA Connect 2026

June 1-3, 2026

Ernest N. Morial Convention Center Halls i-J

New Orleans, LA



# What makes a successful presentation?



# Successful & Well-Received Presentations Are:

- Targeted, with a focused message
- Relevant, with IH/ OH-themed examples and application
- Have at least one practical take-away
- Provide new tools and skills
- Listed with the title and description exactly as peer reviewed

# Successful & Well-Received Presentations Are:

- Current, accurate, and objective
- Creative in offering solutions, processes, and new ideas
- Understandable, presenting clear and concise data
- Well-illustrated with commentary and visuals
- Commercial-free
- Practiced, Practiced, Practiced!

# AS YOU WORK ON YOUR SLIDES...

Keep in mind the following points for text:

- Use a common font such as Arial or Times New Roman
- Fonts should be at least 24 points
- Headings should be no less than 36 points
- Avoid writing in all capitals
- Underlining, **bold**, and *italics* should be used sparingly
- Keep style and spacing consistent
- Avoiding too much text, complicated tables, hard-to-read figures, etc.
- Proof-read, spell-checked, and corrected for errors

# Consider Your Color schemes

- Use **color** for emphasis, but use it sparingly
- Keep colors simple and remember some participants may be color-blind
- Light colors (white and **yellow**) should be used for text on dark backgrounds
- Dark color texts (black or blue) should be used on light backgrounds

# When Inserting images

- Avoid dated pictures or images and background graphics
- Use digital images and graphics that project well on a monitor
- Images should be sized to 800 × 600 pixels and saved as JPEG or TIF files
- Label charts and graphs clearly

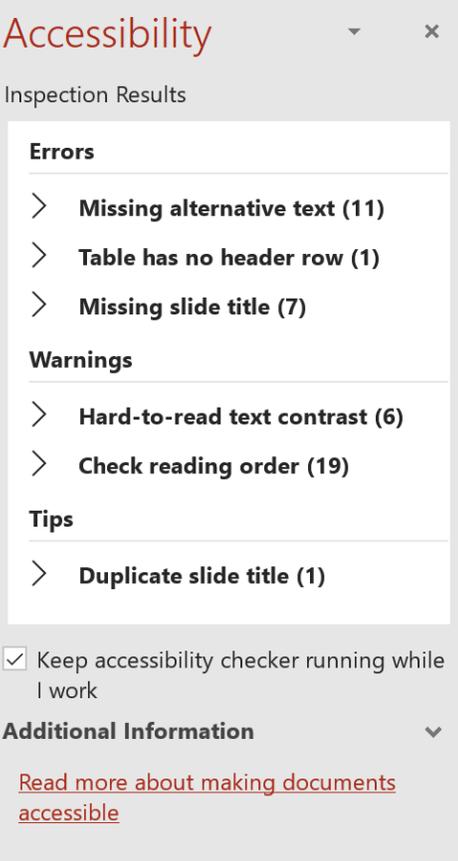
# ACCESSIBILITY

- Design your presentation so that it can be usable by everyone.
- Work to increase accessibility because it helps people with:
  - Disabilities
  - Hearing Loss
  - Vision Loss
  - Attendees who's first language may not be English
- Use captions in videos
- Use multiple communication methods:  
(e.g., have a slide show but also say what is on your slides)
- Make text big enough to read from across the room
- Run an accessibility check



# Running an Accessibility Check in PowerPoint

- Review
- Check Accessibility
- Check Accessibility



The screenshot shows the 'Accessibility' window in Microsoft PowerPoint. The window title is 'Accessibility' with a close button (X) in the top right corner. Below the title bar, it says 'Inspection Results'. The results are categorized into three sections: 'Errors', 'Warnings', and 'Tips'. Each section has a list of items with expandable arrows (chevrons) to the left. Below the 'Tips' section, there is a checkbox labeled 'Keep accessibility checker running while I work' which is checked. At the bottom, there is a section titled 'Additional Information' with a dropdown arrow, containing a link: 'Read more about making documents accessible'.

**Accessibility** [X]

Inspection Results

**Errors**

- > Missing alternative text (11)
- > Table has no header row (1)
- > Missing slide title (7)

**Warnings**

- > Hard-to-read text contrast (6)
- > Check reading order (19)

**Tips**

- > Duplicate slide title (1)

Keep accessibility checker running while I work

**Additional Information** [v]

[Read more about making documents accessible](#)

# Remember to:



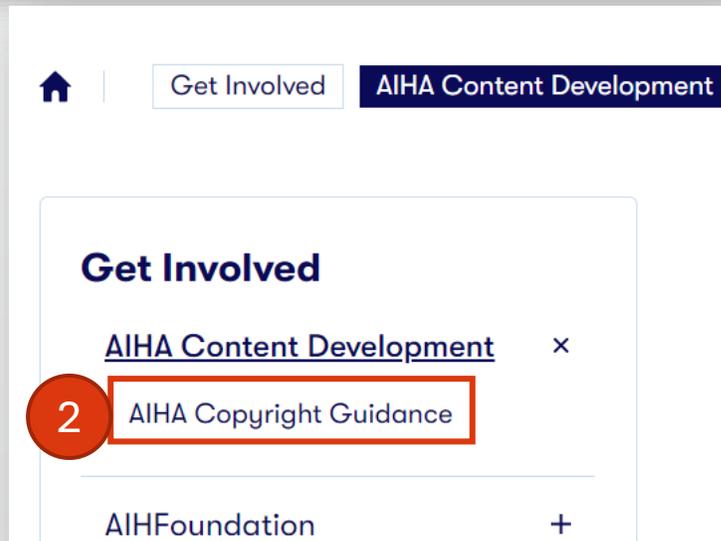
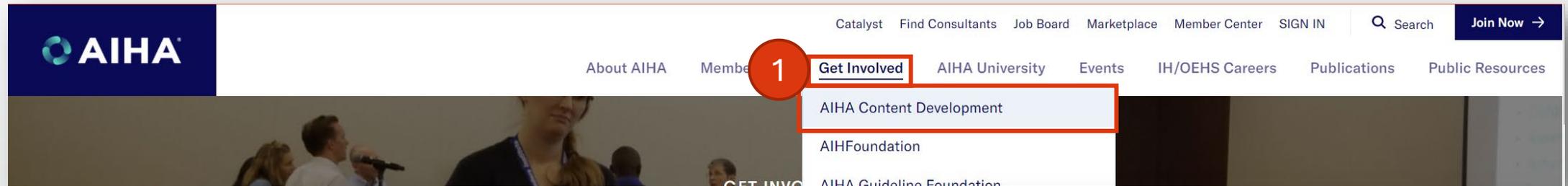
- Speak clearly and slowly
- Give people time to process
- Be visible; face the audience
- Use the microphone
- Describe all parts of slide

# AIHA's Copyright Guidance

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# Copyright Guidance and Agreement

<https://www.aiha.org/get-involved/aiha-content-channels/aiha-copyright-guidance>



# Copyright best practices

1. Assume anything you find on the internet is copyrighted unless otherwise stated.
2. Use public domain content whenever possible.
3. Gain permission to “use and distribute” copyrighted works “in perpetuity” from the original creator. You may need to pay for this permission.
4. Cite sources clearly and carefully in addition to obtaining permission or using public domain content.
5. You are not required to obtain permission to link to copyrighted material if:
  - the link is direct to the original creator and copyright holder and not framed in your website or linked through a third party.
  - the work is not displayed in any way without obtaining permission.
  - citation guidelines are followed.

# Citation guidelines

AIHA requires that you cite all content, including copyrighted works, works in the public domain, and any works in which you are the legal copyright holder.

- Always cite the source of your content in addition to obtaining permission.
- The citation must be clear and legible the entire time, every time the creative work is shown.
- If you are the copyright holder, cite the content as if it were from a third-party source.
  - Include the publication where it was published, if relevant.
- Cite public domain materials the same way you would cite copyrighted materials.
- Provide a resources page at the end of your presentation with links to all your sources

Review all the Copyright Guidance at

[www.aiha.org/get-involved/aiha-content-channels/aiha-copyright-guidance](http://www.aiha.org/get-involved/aiha-content-channels/aiha-copyright-guidance)

# AIHA Members & Volunteers Artificial Intelligence (AI) Responsible Usage Policy

Ethical use of AI is paramount. AIHA members are expected to:

- Be transparent and specific about AI authorship and disclose and cite any AI generated content.
- Avoid plagiarizing or passing off AI content as solely human-generated.
- Follow the appropriate guidelines regarding the use of AI-assisted content for teaching and learning resources
- More details can be found at in the Speaker Agreement

# AIHA CONNECT PRESENTATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

You are **required** to upload electronic copies of your presentation  
and any related handout materials to  
**AIHA's Presentation Management System**

# PowerPoint & Handout File Upload



Presentation Uploads

Please enter your Last Name:

Go

- Visit the online Presentation Management System:  
<http://www.aihce.savpresentations.com/>
- Login, search your last name, enter password (emailed to you on this morning.)

# Types of File Uploads

- Files uploaded to the “**Presentation**” area will be beamed to the course room/online platform for use on the day of your presentation
  - These files are only visible to you and the session moderator
  - You must upload anything here that you want to have access to during your presentation
- Files uploaded to the “**Handouts**” area will be shared to the mobile app and are visible to all attendees
  - Optional
  - PDFs recommended

# UPLOADING HANDOUT MATERIALS for STUDENT PRESENTATIONS

- Your PowerPoint Presentation must be upload to the **Presentation** area **at least one hour** before your scheduled session time.
- You may upload PDF copies of your presentation and any related materials to the Presentation Management System in a **Handouts** folder.
  - These handouts can be the same as the presentation file, or they can be altered to include any other supplemental materials you may wish to give to attendees.
  - AIHA does not print materials for attendees

**Handout Materials must be uploaded by: May 1, 2026**

## PRESENTATION FILES SHOULD:

- Include any PowerPoint slides you wish to include from your presentation, arranged in the order in which they will be presented
- Adhere to the commercialism guidelines
- Contain the presenters' names, contact information, and biographies
- Reference documents can also be included
- Presenters must obtain permission for any copyrighted materials
- If two speakers presenting different material, each person will upload their own presentation

# USING AUDIO & VIDEO

- If the presentation contains video or audio, embed it within the presentation, as a backup, upload the files with your PPT to the Presentation Management System.
- Confirm that all needed files are in the **SAME FOLDER** as the presentation slides

# Click to Upload

## Presentations

**Testlast, Test**

mharry@speakervision.com

	Presentation Uploaded	Handout Uploaded	Type	Session	Date	Room	Time	Speaker Role
	02/07/2025 Click to Download	02/07/2025 Click to View	Education Session	Test session	05/22/2025	TestRoom	0800	Presenter

Navigation:   **1**   Page size:  1 items in 1 pages

# Note where to upload presentation & HANDOUTS

Upload **Presentation** here.

Last Upload:

File Name:

[Click here to upload a Presentation file \(see below for large files\).](#)

Large file sizes (especially over 500Mb) may take a long time to upload.

We recommend that you place your file on **your cloud drive** and provide its link in the space below.

Save

Upload **Handout** file here.

Last handout Upload:

Handout File Name:

[Click here to select/upload a new Handout file](#)

# Once logged in you can...

- Upload your handout (*recommended but not required*)
  - **If uploading multiple files, you must upload as a zip file**
  - Only most recent upload is saved
  - You can view/download any uploaded files to be sure correct files are there.
  - Files uploaded to the **Handouts** area will be shared to the mobile app and are visible to all attendees
  - PDFs recommended

**\*\***After deadline of May 1, do not make changes to your **handout files** after you have uploaded without notifying AIHA.

# Speaker Ready Room *(room #287)*

Speakers and Moderators for all education sessions (Monday through Wednesday) are highly encouraged to visit the Speaker Ready Room **at least one hour prior** to the start time of their session.

The room is equipped with computers and AV technicians who can assist with editing and uploading presentations.

You can tweak presentations, practice speaking, review speaker biographies, and ensure the latest version of your Presentation is loaded to the Presentation Management System (available in March/April).

## **Hours** *(Central Time)*

Friday, May 29: 5:15 p.m.–7:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 30: 7:00 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 31: 7:00 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

Monday, June 1: 8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, June 2: 7:00 a.m.–5:15 p.m.

Wednesday, June 3: 7:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 4: 7:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

# Evaluation of Sessions

All sessions and speakers are evaluated



## Rating Scale

- 5- Extremely Satisfied
- 4- Satisfied
- 3- Neutral
- 2- Dissatisfied
- 1- Extremely Dissatisfied

# Student Presentations are Evaluated for

**Presentation Content:** interactive, informative, and relevant

**Organization:** well-planned session, speakers followed advertised schedule

**Description:** session presented matched advertised description and/or learning objectives

**Content Level:** session presented matched advertised content level (Introductory, Intermediate, Advanced)

**Commercialism:** session was not a sales pitch and did not promote a specific vendor, product, or service

# New in Ed Session Evaluations

- Was the **Targeted Audience** (IH/OH Practice Level) designated appropriately?
- How accurate was the **core competency classification** for this session?
- How satisfied were you with the **design and organization of the session** in supporting your ability to participate fully?
- How well did the session's **interactive elements support your learning** as an adult learner?  
*(e.g., opportunities to apply concepts, participate actively, and learn from discussion)*
- How satisfied are you with **visual design and readability** of the presentation slides and any handouts?
- The examples, language, and course materials were respectful?
- What **factors** contributed to choosing to attend this session?  
*(speaker, core competency, title, description, day/time)*
- Open-ended comments

# **SPEAKER EVALUATIONS CONSIDER:** *(all sessions)*

## **Technical Knowledge**

*Demonstrated understanding and accurate presentation of the topic*

## **Speaking ability**

*Spoke clearly, engaged the audience, and used visuals effectively*

## **Willingness & ability to answer questions**

*Allowed time for questions and responded clearly and completely*

Open-ended comments

### **Rating Scale**

5 – Excellent

4 – Very Good

3 – Average

2 – Less than Average

1 – Poor

# HOW ARE EVALUATIONS USED:

- Feedback will be compiled and assessed by:
  - Conference Program Committee
- By late June/mid-July you will receive an email with the evaluation of your session and your speaker evaluation
  - If your email changes, let me know so I can be sure to get your evaluation details to you

# QUICK REVIEW:

## 1. Sign Speaker Forms

- Speaker Agreement
- Session Delivery Form

## 2. Register for AIHA Connect 2026

- <https://aihaconnect.org/register>

## 3. Prepare Your Session

- use AIHA Connect Power Point
- refer to the Speaker Toolkit for assistance - <https://aihaconnect.org/speak>
- let me know who your moderator is

## 4. Upload Your Session to Presentation Management System

- refer to email sent to you this morning

# QUESTIONS?

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**See you in New Orleans!**