

April ATD Updates

New in 2026: Updated CARE & CARE Plus Elements

We're introducing an update to CARE to strengthen connection, shared learning, and awareness of essential updates across chapters. Beginning in Q2, **chapters will be asked to have at least one board member participate in a NAC call each quarter.** See below for additional details, including an updated CARE Plus option tied to consistent engagement.

Join Your Fellow Chapter Leaders at ALC 2026

The 2026 ATD Chapter Leaders Conference (ALC) is taking place in conjunction with ATD26, **May 15–16, 2026, in Los Angeles, CA.** Registration is \$119 per person. We encourage chapter leaders who are planning to attend ALC to book travel and lodging early to take advantage of discounted rates. **Don't wait! Registration closes May 8, 2026.**

Mandatory IRS Filing Deadline

Chapters must submit their 990 (or 990-N/990-EZ) forms every year by the 15th day of the fifth month after the close of the chapter's tax year. **For most chapters, this will be May 15, 2026.** Chapters are asked to submit a copy of their tax filings as well as confirmation that their return has been accepted by the IRS (usually a screenshot from the online portal). Submit your documents today.

Join the National Advisors for Chapters (NAC)

The application to join the NAC is live! The NAC serve as advisors, advocates, and mentors in partnership with ATD staff on matters of chapter management and operations. The role offers opportunities to coach volunteer chapter leaders while being exposed to cutting-edge information about the talent development industry. See more below! **Applications are due May 31.**

CARE Update: NAC Call Participation

To better support chapter leaders and strengthen connection across the network, we're introducing an update to the CARE requirements related to participation in National Advisors for Chapters (NAC) calls.

Beginning in **Q2 (April 2026)**, chapters will be asked to have **chapter representation (excluding paid administrators) at a minimum of one call hosted by the chapter's NAC each quarter.** These calls—including **Chapter Leader Learning Labs** and **Chapter Leader Connects**—provide timely updates from Chapter Services, highlight practical resources and best practices, and create space for chapter leaders to connect and learn from one another.

Why this change: With expanded call formats and increased opportunities to engage, this update helps ensure chapter leaders have consistent access to important information, resources, and peer connection.

The **CARE Plus** option within the Board of Directors category has also been updated:

- Chapters may choose to have board representation (excluding paid administrators) at each monthly call hosted by their NAC throughout the year as a CARE Plus element.
- This replaces the previous CARE Plus element related to NAC area call attendance.
- This is one of seven options, and chapters must complete four to achieve CARE Plus in this category.

View the full list of updated requirements.

If you have questions, please reach out to your Chapter Relations Specialist.

Apply to Join the National Advisors for Chapters (NAC)

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Commitment of NAC Members:

- Engage with chapter leaders from 5-6 chapters on a regular basis
- Host monthly virtual calls with another NAC member
- Attend monthly virtual NAC meetings
- Serve on one or more NAC committees and attend virtual committee calls
- Attend a fall planning meeting in Alexandria, VA

Selected NAC members serve a three-year term. Please note that **you must have served as a Chapter President to be eligible** to apply for the NAC. Read more about the role of the NAC and eligibility criteria.

Register to attend the sNACk and Chat on **April 20 at 3 p.m. ET** to learn about the application process and commitment required to be a NAC member.

ALC 2026 Updates: Schedule, Registration, and The BOX Experience

ALC 2026 is just around the corner—and we can't wait to see you in LA!

The full session schedule is now live on the ALC website, featuring programming designed to support chapter leaders across key areas like growth, partnerships, leadership, and more. Join us May 15–16 at the Los Angeles Convention Center for two days of connection, best practices, and practical strategies you can bring back to your chapter.

Be sure to bookmark the website and check back for updates as the event approaches.

Registration Reminder:

Online **registration closes Friday, May 8.** For last-minute registration or assistance, please contact Customer Care at customercare@td.org or call 800.628.2783.

Don't Miss: The BOX Experience

Planning to attend The BOX Experience: Building Better Boxes for Chapters and Leaders? Be sure to **register by May 1** to have your individual materials ready for the session. Registrations after May 1—and on-site—are still welcome; however, materials may be distributed after the event depending on availability.

If you did not select The BOX Experience (\$25) during registration and would like to attend, please email Natasha Porter to request a separate invoice.

Interested in learning more? Learn more.

Meet Chapter Services and Fellow Chapter Leaders at ATD26

Join us at ATD26! The **Chapter Leader Lounge** is a place for chapter leaders to relax, recharge, and connect during ATD's International Conference & Expo. It's open Sunday afternoon through Wednesday with **refreshments available on Monday and Tuesday morning between 9:30 and 11 a.m.**

We will also be hosting two **Power Hours** during the conference where you can join us to network with other chapter leaders, enjoy snacks and refreshments, and have a chance to win some ATD giveaways! These events will take place on **Monday and Tuesday from 2 to 3 p.m.**

The complete Chapter Leader Lounge hours are included below:

- **Sunday, May 17:** 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- **Monday, May 18:** 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Tuesday, May 19:** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Wednesday, May 20:** 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

The Chapter Leader Lounge is a great space to meet fellow chapter leaders as well as meeting your chapter's CRS in person! Chapter Services staff will be available throughout the conference to answer any questions you might have and to meet one-on-one to discuss how we can help you work toward your chapter's goals.

We also encourage you to look for the reserved **VIP seating for chapter leaders at each of our keynote sessions.** Head to the front of the room and keep an eye out for the Chapter Services team to guide you to our section! Still need to register? **Register today!**

Access Discounted Rates for ATD26 with a Chapter Team

Whether attending in person or virtually, form a team of at least five chapter members to access **discounted registration rates for ATD26.** Once your chapter has identified five attendees, submit this form to set up the team, and the chapter's **CRS** will provide the chapter with a unique discount code to use during registration.

Events

Chapter Leader Webinars

Be sure to register for our upcoming chapter leader webinars. Select the links below for more details and to sign up.

sNACk and Chat - April 20, 2026 at 3 p.m. ET

Are you looking for the next step in your ATD Leadership journey? Join the National Advisors for Chapters (NAC) Nominating Committee for a virtual snack break. This is your opportunity to learn more about the committee, the application process, network with other chapter leaders, and ask questions. Register today!

ATD Chapter Leaders Conference (ALC) First-Time Attendee Office Hours & Orientation Video

New to the ATD Chapter Leaders Conference (ALC)?

Watch the ALC 2026 Orientation Video—in under nine minutes, it covers what to expect, how to prepare, and how to get the most out of your time at ALC.

Join one of our optional live Q&A office hour sessions to ask questions, connect with fellow attendees, and get tips for making the most of your ALC experience. While especially helpful for first-time attendees, these sessions are open to anyone who has questions or wants to connect before the conference. Drop in anytime during the session. No formal presentation, just conversation. Please find the schedule and registration links below:

- Thursday, April 16: 1 to 2 p.m. ET – Register
- Thursday, April 16: 9 to 10 p.m. ET – Register
- Thursday, April 30: 2 to 3 p.m. ET – Register

If you cannot attend office hours and have questions regarding ALC, please contact Jocelyn Lombardi, Project Manager, Chapter Services.

Innovation & Recognition



Chapter of the Month: Nebraska Chapter

The Nebraska Chapter launched an Employee Learning Week (ELW) Challenge to empower members to design and lead ELW programs within their own organizations, expanding ATD's reach while developing member leadership. Rather than adding additional chapter-led programming, the initiative encouraged members to plan, coordinate, and implement internal ELW activities and submit their results for recognition through the "Ultimate Learning Champion" award. The chapter supported participants with resources, coaching, and promotion through a dedicated webpage and social media campaign, ensuring members felt confident bringing ELW to life in their workplaces. By shifting ELW ownership to members, the chapter successfully amplified awareness of ATD and ELW, motivated members to act as learning champions, and created a scalable, repeatable model for extending chapter impact far beyond a single week of programming. Read more.

Sharing Our Success (SOS)

The SOS program helps chapters improve by sharing and finding easy-to-use ideas, resources, and practices. Submit your chapter's best practice to gain recognition, share your knowledge, measure your accomplishments against established criteria, and be considered for a Chapter of the Month award.

Chapter Essentials

Looking for Assistance?

Chapter Leader Community Chapter Services National Advisors for Chapters