2021 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

WHAT TO EXPECT

EVENT OVERVIEW

After nearly two years of virtual-only events, NAGGL is thrilled to announce the 2021 Annual Conference will be held in-person on October 27-29 at the Manchester Grand Hyatt in San Diego, California!

While we are excited to reunite the 7(a) lending community for our largest event of the year, we understand that attending in-person may not be the right decision for every attendee. The wellbeing of our attendees continues to be at the forefront of our planning which is why this year’s Annual Conference will be our first hybrid conference - an in-person and virtual attendee experience running simultaneously.

In an effort to provide you with the most accurate information we have currently, please read through the details about what you can expect as an in-person attendee and as a virtual attendee so that you can make an informed decision about which type of attendance is right for you.

ALL ATTENDEES

Event Platform

NAGGL is excited to launch the Annual Conference Platform that will be accessible to both the in-person attendees and virtual attendees. All attendees will be required to log in using the mobile app or on your desktop prior to the event start date.

Within the Event Platform all attendees will be able to access the agenda and other event-related information and materials, communicate on the virtual wall, connect digitally with both in-person and virtual attendees, and more.

During the Event, all attendees, including in-person attendees, will have access to live broadcasting of the event using the Platform.
Check-in

All attendees will be required to log in to the Event Platform prior to the start of the event. For your convenience, we will host multiple virtual test sessions and Q&A for attendees in advance of the conference dates.

Sessions

General Session presenters will be both live in-person from the host hotel and virtual from other areas of the country.

IN-PERSON ATTENDEES

NAGGL is excited to welcome in-person attendees to the Manchester Grand Hyatt. We will officially kick off the Conference with our evening networking event on Wednesday, October 27. Attendees will enjoy nearly two full days of events and breakout sessions. The conference will conclude on the afternoon of Friday, October 29.

REQUIREMENTS TO ATTEND IN-PERSON

1) **Attendees must certify they have been fully vaccinated** - Individuals may only attend the in-person Event if you are able to certify that you have received two inoculations of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine, the second being no later than September 15, 2021; if you received the J&J vaccine, you must be able to certify that you received the vaccine on or before September 15, 2021. If you do not meet this requirement, please consider the virtual option for this year’s Summit.

2) **Attendees must complete the In-Person Liability Waiver** – Attendees must read and agree in writing to the terms outlined in the Attendee Liability Waiver. Any individuals who have not completed the form will not participate in the in-person event.

3) **Attendees must agree to follow COVID-19 Safety Protocols** as mandated or recommended by the CDC, local health authorities, Hyatt and/or NAGGL. These guidelines may include, but are not limited to, social distancing practices and mask mandates. Guidelines are subject to change up to the date of the event.

4) **Attendees must assume the risk of In-Person Attendance** - Due to the ever-changing and, at times, inconsistent guidance from local, state and federal authorities, at the time of the Event,
safety protocols may be increased, relaxed, or in certain cases, dispensed with entirely. This may result in an increased or decreased risk of infection from COVID-19. Each attendee agrees to assume such risk.

CURRENT GUIDELINES (updated 7/13/2021)

- Based on guidance at this time (7/13/2021), which may be subject to change, in-person attendees can expect that the general session room and luncheons may accommodate as many as 900 individuals, and breakout sessions may accommodate up to 450 individuals per room. Seating will not be spatially distanced.
- For the latest hotel guidelines, please review [Hyatt’s Safety Protocols >](#)
- Attendees must review and consent to the COVID-19 Safety Information, Assumption of Risk and Liability Waiver at the time of registration.
- Attendees are required to agree to self-monitor for potential symptoms during and for two-weeks following the event and report any symptoms to NAGGL by emailing Christine Cuin (ccuin@naggl.org).

WHAT TO EXPECT IN-PERSON

Onsite Check-in

Onsite check-in will be contactless. Instructions on how to obtain your attendee badges will be included in the in-person attendee email prior to event start.

Sessions

All General Sessions will be held in a ballroom with up to 900 other attendees. Breakout rooms will be held in smaller room with capacities varying from 100 – 450 individuals.

Meals

Breakfast buffets and snacks will be available in the exhibit hall.

Luncheon meals held in the General Session ballroom which will accommodate up to 900 attendees. Meals will be plated. [Learn more about Hyatt’s Safety Protocols >](#)

Attendees should note any dietary restrictions during the time of registration.

For off-site meals, please be aware that safety requirements may vary from restaurant-to-restaurant, so please be cognizant of the establishment’s requirements, the safety of fellow Event attendees and your own personal comfort.
Cleaning and Sanitizing

Attendees will be encouraged to utilize sanitizing stations provided throughout the meeting space, wash hands regularly and follow recommended CDC guidelines. Learn more about Hyatt’s Safety Protocols >

Hotel COVID-19 Policies

NAGGL is proud to partner with the Manchester Grand Hyatt in San Diego, California for this year’s Annual Conference. Learn more about Hyatt’s Safety Protocols >

VIRTUAL ATTENDEES

NAGGL is excited to welcome virtual attendees to this year’s Annual Conference! Virtual attendees will enjoy nearly two full days of events and breakout sessions beginning on Thursday, October 28 and concluding on the afternoon of Friday, October 29.

WHAT TO EXPECT VIRTUALLY

Sessions

All virtual sessions will be hosted through Cisco Webex. Each session will have its own individual link and attendees should follow the live session link located in the Agenda to access the session.

General Session presenters will be both live in-person at the Manchester Grand Hyatt and virtual from other areas across the country. Just like our in-person attendees, virtual attendees will have the ability to ask questions and interact as if they were in-person. Virtual attendees can also utilize the chat-feature to ask questions of the presenters.

Virtual attendees will able to participate in the General Session as well as the Breakout Sessions as indicated on the Event Platform Agenda.

Networking Opportunities

Networking opportunities will be available for virtual attendees. Please check the schedule of events for the latest offerings.