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SLC 2026 AT A GLANCE

**March 5-7, 2026
Hyatt Regency Minneapolis**

Minnesota BPA Secondary Division



MINNESOTA BPA LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE STATE AT A GLANCE March 5-7, 2026

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION WILL OPEN ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 10, 2026

REGISTRATION FEE — TWO PARTICIPATION OPTIONS

OPTION A — \$80.00 (With Housing at the Hyatt Regency)

The registration fee for attendees housed at the Hyatt Regency is \$80.00.

This fee includes, but is not limited to:

- Conference and competitive event materials
- Conference t-shirt
- On-site computer lab access
- Entertainment
- Judges' meals
- Awards and awards sessions
- Printing and supplies
- State officer expenses
- Grading materials
- Miscellaneous items, taxes, and gratuities

OPTION B — \$125.00 (Commuter Rate)

For attendees not using housing and commuting to the conference, the fee is \$125.00 per attendee.

This fee is per individual, not per chapter.

The registration system will automatically determine the correct rate based on whether the attendee is assigned to a Hyatt Regency room.

Registration Deadline

To receive the \$80 conference rate, all registration materials—including online registration—must be submitted on or before February 5, 2026.

Registrations submitted after February 5 will be charged:

- \$85.00 per attendee (housing participants)
- \$125.00 per attendee (commuter rate)

If a chapter's fees remain unpaid on the first day of the conference, the higher rate of \$85 will be charged (verified by check date after March 5).

X CANCELLATIONS & LATE REGISTRATION

Registration Deadline Policy

1. All registration materials received on or before February 5, 2026 qualify for the early-bird rate.
2. Registration materials received after February 5, 2026 will be charged:
 - \$85.00 per attendee (housing participants)
 - \$130.00 commuter rate

Cancellation Policy

Cancellations must be submitted through the registration system.

- 75% refund for cancellations submitted on or before February 25, 2026. Substitutions are encouraged.
- After February 25, 2026:
 - No refunds, but substitutions are allowed.

Chapter Advisors are responsible for making all hotel cancellations and substitutions directly with the assigned property.



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HYATT REGENCY LODGING COSTS

Room fees are as follows:

# OF PEOPLE	ROOM TYPE	RATE	TAX 17.025%	DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT RECOVERY FEE	TAX 17.025%	TOTAL PER ROOM PER NIGHT	PER PERSON PER NIGHT	TWO NIGHT TOTAL/PER PERSON
1	Single	\$ 165.00	\$ 28.09	\$ 2.00	\$ 0.34	\$ 195.43	\$ 195.43	\$ 390.86
2	Double	\$ 165.00	\$ 28.09	\$ 2.00	\$ 0.34	\$ 195.43	\$ 97.72	\$ 195.43
3	Triple	\$ 175.00	\$ 29.79	\$ 2.00	\$ 0.34	\$ 207.13	\$ 69.04	\$ 138.09
4	Quad	\$ 175.00	\$ 29.79	\$ 2.00	\$ 0.34	\$ 207.13	\$ 51.78	\$ 103.57

Because of fire codes, the Hyatt is not permitted to put 5 to a room.

Room Selection must be submitted no later than February 5, 2026, as our room block will be released on that date and above room rates do not have to be honored after the cutoff date.

PRESUBMISSIONS

Minnesota BPA will use the online registration system for all required contest presubmissions. Please follow the directions included in the conference packet.

Deadline: February 5, 2026 at 11:59 PM

ALLOCATIONS ADVANCING FROM REGION

As per the Minnesota BPA Board of Directors, the following allocations have been established. (*August 2026*)

Region Allocations to:

- Regions with 200 or more participants get one (1) extra allocation for individual, non-judged events: 6 computer events, 3 judged events, 3 team events
- Regions with 250 participants or above get two (2) extra allocations for individual, non-judged events: 7 computer events, 3 judged events, 3 team events

MN BPA PROJECTION POLICY FOR JUDGED EVENTS – see additional documentation

- MN BPA will **NOT** provide any type of projection devices or equipment for presentations.
- Students may **NOT** use any type of projection device (table-top projection screens, TVs, projectors, or other types of electronic displays will **NOT** be allowed) for any presentation.
- Students may use **one laptop/notebook computer or iPad for any presentation**. Those who want to use a laptop/notebook computer or iPad for any presentation **must provide their own equipment**, and **carry-in and setup** must be **done solely by the student(s)** and take place within the time allotted.
- **No internet access for presentations will be provided** on-site at SLC; however, student(s) may provide their own access to be used for their presentation to the judges.

TORCH AWARDS PROCESS

Advisors must verify initial submissions for accuracy and completion. Resumes will be subject to a potential **spot-check** or **random audit** of submitted resumes by State Officers. Resumes flagged for issues will have one chance to correct & resubmit. This procedure will keep the process manageable while introducing accountability and aligning with Nationals.



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TENTATIVE AGENDA

MN SECONDARY BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS OF AMERICA
Registration materials available at 8:30 am on Thursday.

THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2026

8:30 - 11:00 AM	General Conference Registration
8:00 - 11:00 AM	Contest Proctor Review
11:00 – 11:45 AM	Advisor Meeting followed by APG Meeting
12:00 noon - 8:00 PM	Contests
12:00 - 9:00 PM	Grading Center
2:00 – 4:00 PM	Workshop Opportunity
8:00 – 8:30 PM	Voting Delegate Briefing
8:30 – 9:30 PM	General Session
	*Includes Torch Awards Recognition
10:00 – 11:00 PM	Candidate Rally
11:00 PM	Curfew

FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2026

7:30 AM - 8:30 AM	Judges Meeting & Orientation
7:00 AM - 9:00 PM	Grading Center
7:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Judged Contests
7:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Contests
10:00 AM	Workshop Opportunity
11:30 AM - 2:00 PM	Judges Luncheon
2:00 PM	Workshop Opportunity
5:00 – 6:00 PM	Advisor Contest Review
8:00 – 10:30 PM	Region Caucuses & Voting
9:30 - 11:15 PM	Entertainment
10:00 PM	Advisor's Meeting
11:30 PM	Curfew

SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2026

8:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Luggage Storage
9:00 AM – 12:00 NOON	Grand Awards Session
12:30 PM	Depart

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WHY PROJECTION SYSTEMS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED

Minnesota BPA has determined that projection systems will not be provided or permitted during judged events. This decision ensures fairness, consistency, and efficiency across all competitions.

RATIONALE FOR LIMITING TO ONE DEVICE

- **Efficiency in setup:** Eliminates delays and complications with connecting equipment.
- **Reduced burden on judges/proctors:** Staff are not required to assist with technical setup or monitor compliance.
- **No power dependency:** Presentations must run on battery power, removing the need for cords or outlets.
- **Consistency and fairness:** A single-device rule removes ambiguity and ensures all students compete under the same conditions.

COMMON QUESTIONS RAISED

- Can students bring a second device to view the presentation behind the table?
 - **No.** Per the policy, only **one device is allowed**.
- Can dual monitors be used?
 - **No.** Per the policy, only **one device is allowed**.
- If students are competing on a team, can each member bring a device?
 - **No.** Per the policy, only **one device per team/presentation** will be allowed.
- How do students present with only 1 laptop/device?
 - Students should plan to place their device on a table set up in front of judge(s) and stand to the side of the device while presenting (see examples below).
 - Students may use a clicker or step over to the device to advance through the presentation.
 - Students may give the judge(s) handouts of any slides or materials unless otherwise stated in the WSAP

- *Presentation Set-Up Examples*



- What about schools that primarily use iPads, which are smaller than laptops?
 - iPad screen sizes vary by model, ranging from 11 to 13 inches ([Apple](#), [Digital Trends](#))
 - Chromebook screen sizes vary by model, ranging from 10-16 inches. [Google's Chromebooks for Education Guide and historical device-roster data](#) show the most widely distributed school Chromebooks, regardless of model, feature an 11.6" display
 - Laptop screen sizes vary by model, ranging from 11-17 inches, with the most common display size in the 13-16 inch range ([WIRED](#), [HP](#), [Strait's Research](#))
 - Based on this data, Minnesota BPA concluded that while iPads tend to be smaller than laptops, their screen dimensions still fall within the range of devices already widely used in K-12 settings.
 - The variation between an 11-11.6" tablet and a 17" laptop does not present an operational challenge; judges are accustomed to reviewing materials across this spectrum of screen sizes.
 - To address any potential readability concerns, students may also provide printed handouts, ensuring judges have clear and accessible copies of all materials.
- At Nationals, additional projection equipment is allowed—why not at State?
 - A single-device rule removes ambiguity and ensures all students compete under the same conditions.

ENCOURAGEMENT FOR STUDENTS

This policy emphasizes the importance of students knowing their presentation thoroughly. Students are encouraged to:

- Use **one laptop** as their primary presentation tool.
- Prepare with **notecards** to stay organized and confident.
- Focus on **delivery, content mastery, and professionalism**, rather than reliance on technology.

By practicing strong presentation skills and minimizing technical dependencies, students will be better prepared to succeed both in competition and in real-world professional settings.

MINNESOTA BPA PRE-SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Submission Deadline: February 5, 2026 @ 11:59 pm

PAY CLOSE ATTENTION TO THE SAVED FILE NAMING CONVENTIONS

Event	What to Submit	Saved File Name
Finance (100's)		
(155) Economic Research Project - Individual	In 1 combined PDF: <input type="checkbox"/> Research Paper <input type="checkbox"/> Works Cited <input type="checkbox"/> Release Form(s)	ERPI-MemberID-School.pdf
(160) Economic Research Project - Team	In 1 combined PDF: <input type="checkbox"/> Research Paper <input type="checkbox"/> Works Cited <input type="checkbox"/> Release Form(s)	ERPT-MemberID-School.pdf
Business Administration (200's)		
(260) Administrative Support Research Project	In 1 combined PDF: <input type="checkbox"/> Research Paper <input type="checkbox"/> Works Cited <input type="checkbox"/> Release Form(s)	ARPI-MemberID-School.pdf
Management Information System (300's)		
(325) Network Design Team	In 1 combined PDF: <input type="checkbox"/> Written Proposal (Report Format) <input type="checkbox"/> Works Cited <input type="checkbox"/> Release Form(s)	NDT-MemberID-School.pdf
Digital Communication & Design (400's)		
(410) Graphic Design Promotion	In 1 combined PDF: <input type="checkbox"/> 60 th Anniversary Logo <input type="checkbox"/> Windbreaker Design <input type="checkbox"/> Stress Ball <input type="checkbox"/> Works Cited <input type="checkbox"/> Release Form(s)	GDP-MemberID-School.pdf
(420) Digital Media Production	In 1 combined PDF: <input type="checkbox"/> Project URL <input type="checkbox"/> Works Cited <input type="checkbox"/> Release Forms	DMP-MemberID-School.pdf
(425) Computer Modeling	In 1 combined PDF: <input type="checkbox"/> Project URL <input type="checkbox"/> Concept Art / Prototypes <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Page Profile <input type="checkbox"/> Works Cited <input type="checkbox"/> Release Forms	CM-MemberID-School.pdf
(430) Video Production Team	In 1 combined PDF: <input type="checkbox"/> Project URL <input type="checkbox"/> Storyboard <input type="checkbox"/> Script <input type="checkbox"/> Works Cited <input type="checkbox"/> Release Forms	VPT-MemberID-School.pdf
(435) Website Design Team	In 1 combined PDF: <input type="checkbox"/> Project URL <input type="checkbox"/> Works Cited <input type="checkbox"/> Release Forms	WDT-MemberID-School.pdf
(440) Computer Animation Team	In 1 combined PDF: <input type="checkbox"/> Project URL <input type="checkbox"/> Storyboard <input type="checkbox"/> Works Cited <input type="checkbox"/> Release Forms	CAT-MemberID-School.pdf

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Digital Communication & Design (400's)		
(445) Broadcast News Production Team	In 1 combined PDF: <input type="checkbox"/> Project URL <input type="checkbox"/> Promo URL <input type="checkbox"/> Script <input type="checkbox"/> Works Cited <input type="checkbox"/> Release Forms	BNPT-MemberID-School.pdf
(450) Podcast Production Team	In 1 combined PDF: <input type="checkbox"/> Project URL <input type="checkbox"/> Works Cited <input type="checkbox"/> Release Forms	PT-MemberID-School.pdf
(455) User Experience Design Team	In 1 combined PDF: <input type="checkbox"/> Project URLs <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Page Profile <input type="checkbox"/> Works Cited <input type="checkbox"/> Release Forms	UED-MemberID-School.pdf
(460) Visual Design Team	In 1 combined PDF: <input type="checkbox"/> Logo <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Promotional Items <input type="checkbox"/> Works Cited <input type="checkbox"/> Release Forms	VDT-MemberID-School.pdf
Management, Marketing & Communication (500's)		
(500) Global Marketing Team	In 1 combined PDF: <input type="checkbox"/> Marketing Plan (Includes Title Page + Table of Contents) <input type="checkbox"/> Works Cited	GMT-MemberID-School.pdf
(505) Entrepreneurship	In 1 combined PDF: <input type="checkbox"/> Business Plan (Includes Title Page + Table of Contents) <input type="checkbox"/> Works Cited	ENT-MemberID-School.pdf
(515) Interview Skills	In 1 combined PDF: <input type="checkbox"/> Cover Letter <input type="checkbox"/> Resume	IS-MemberID-School.pdf
(520) Advanced Interview Skills	In 1 combined PDF: <input type="checkbox"/> Cover Letter <input type="checkbox"/> Resume	AIS-MemberID-School.pdf

SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARDS

Event	Where to Submit	Any Saved File Name
Service Learning Awards		
Community Service Award	One combined PDF of activities	CSA-MemberID-School.pdf
Environmental Action/Awareness Award	One Combined PDF of activities	EAAW-MemberID-School.pdf
Safety Awareness Award	One combined PDF of activities	SAA-MemberID-School.pdf
Service Learning Individual Award	One combined PDF of activities	SLIA-MemberID-School.pdf
Special Olympics Award	One combined PDF of activities	SOA-MemberID-School.pdf
Special Recognition Award		
BPA Marketing and Public Relations	One combined PDF of activities	BMPR-MemberID-School.pdf
Chapter Activities Award of Excellence	One combined PDF of activities	CAAE-MemberID-School.pdf
Membership Explosion Award	One combined PDF of activities	MEA-MemberID-School.pdf
Social Media Award	One combined PDF of activities	SMA-MemberID-School.pdf
Scholarship	One combined PDF of activities	BPAS-MemberID-School.pdf



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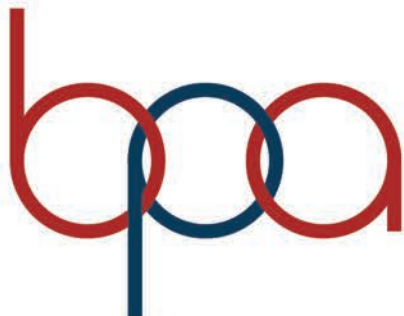
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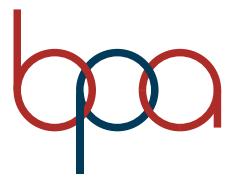
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