**MA​ ​Convention​ ​2018 FAQs**

**Q​ ​​***How​ ​much​ ​does​ ​the​ ​convention​ ​cost?​ ​What’s​ ​covered?​ ​Are​ ​​registration​ ​scholarships​ ​available?*

**A​ ​​**The ​Convention​ ​registration​ ​fee​ ​is​ ​$155​ ​until​ ​October​ ​31st,​ ​$165​ ​November​ ​1st​ ​-​ ​January​ ​24th,​ ​and​ ​$175​ ​January 25th ​ ​-​ ​February​ ​17th.​ ​The​ ​registration​ ​fee​ ​covers​ ​all​ ​Convention​ ​recovery-related​ ​meetings,​ ​topic​ ​workshops, speaker ​ ​meetings,​ ​entertainment,​ ​hospitality​ ​suite​ ​beverages​ ​&​ ​snacks,​ ​Friday​ ​evening​ ​snacks,​ ​Saturday​ ​&​ ​Sunday lunches, and fellowship on a scale from casual to grand. ​​The​ ​Saturday​ ​night​ ​banquet,​ ​if​ ​attended,​ ​costs​ ​$35.​ ​Partial​ ​scholarships​ ​are​ ​available​ ​for​ ​those​ ​stating​ ​a need​ ​to​ ​the​ ​Convention​ ​Host​ ​Committee​ ​by​ ​email​ ​to​ ​​[convention@madistrict4.org](mailto:convention@madistrict4.org)​,​ ​by​ ​February​ ​1,​ ​2018.

**Q​ ​​***I’m​ ​a​ ​vegetarian​ ​-​ ​will​ ​there​ ​be​ ​a​ ​vegetarian​ ​option​ ​at​ ​the​ ​banquet?*

**A​ ​​**Yes, ​of​ ​course​ ​-​ ​this​ ​is​ ​Seattle!​ ​You’ll​ ​be​ ​able​ ​to​ ​choose​ ​either​ ​vegetarian,​ ​fish​ ​or​ ​chicken.​​You’ll​ ​also​ ​be​ ​able​ ​to indicate​ ​other​ ​dietary​ ​needs​ ​or​ ​restrictions.

**Q​ ​​***Does​ ​a​ ​hotel​ ​room​ ​reservation​ ​need​ ​to​ ​be​ ​made​ ​separately​ ​from​ ​a​ ​convention​ ​registration?​ ​How​ ​much​ ​will​ ​the hotel​ ​cost?*

**A​ ​​**Yes, if you plan to stay overnight at the Convention venue. ​ ​The​ ​Convention​ ​“special”​ ​at​ ​Crowne​ ​Plaza​ ​-​ ​Seattle​ ​Airport​ ​is​ ​$89​ ​per​ ​night​ ​for​ ​1​ ​or​ ​2​ ​room​ ​occupants,​ ​$99 per ​ ​night​ ​for​ ​3​ ​room​ ​occupants,​ ​and​ ​$109​ ​per​ ​night​ ​for​ ​4​ ​room​ ​occupants,​ ​plus​ ​tax.​ ​The​ ​reservation​ ​includes reduced-rate​ ​daily​ ​breakfast​ ​($10)​ ​and​ ​overnight​ ​parking​ ​($12).​ ​These​ ​rates​ ​also​ ​cover​ ​reservations​ ​up​ ​to​ ​3​ ​days before ​or​ ​after​ ​the​ ​Convention​ ​event​ ​dates,​ ​so​ ​you​ ​can​ ​take​ ​in​ ​a​ ​little​ ​more​ ​of​ ​Seattle,​ ​if​ ​you​ ​like..​ ​Room reservations​ ​for​ ​1​ ​or​ ​2​ ​occupants,​ ​Friday​ ​and​ ​Saturday​ ​nights​ ​only​ ​(check-out​ ​Sunday),​ ​can​ ​be​ ​made​ ​online​ ​at [mawsconvention.org](http://mawsconvention.org);​ ​all​ ​others​ ​should​ ​reserve​ ​directly​ ​with​ ​the​ ​hotel​ ​(Crowne​ ​Plaza​ ​-​ ​​Seattle​ ​Airport​)​ ​at​ ​(​844) 733-1389.​ ​Use​ ​booking​ ​code​ ​MJ1.

**Q​ ​​***What​ ​is​ ​the​ ​cost​ ​of​ ​daily event parking​ ​at​ ​the​ ​hotel if I don’t stay there overnight?*

**A​ ​​**Daily​ ​event​ ​parking​ ​is​ ​$5.

**Q​ ​​***Will​ ​there​ ​be​ ​rides​ ​available​ ​to and from​ ​Sea-Tac ​airport?*

**A​ ​​**Yes,​ ​the​ ​hotel,​ ​Crowne​ ​Plaza​ ​-​ ​Seattle​ ​Airport,​ ​provides​ ​a​ ​complimentary​ ​24-hour​ ​airport​ ​shuttle.

**Q​ ​​***What​ ​will​ ​the​ ​weather​ ​be​ ​like?*

**A​ ​​**Mid-February ​​Seattle​ ​weather​ ​varies, but is​ ​typically​ ​in​ ​the​ ​40s​ ​to​ ​50s,​ ​and​ ​often​ ​with a chance of rain.​ ​The​ ​hotel​ ​assures​ ​us,​ ​however,​ ​that the​ ​weather​ ​inside​ ​will​ ​be​ ​warm​ ​and​ ​dry.

**Q​ ​​***I’m ​ ​really​ ​new​ ​to​ ​Marijuana​ ​Anonymous​ ​-​ ​I​ ​actually​ ​haven’t​ ​been​ ​able​ ​to​ ​stop​ ​smoking​ ​(but​ ​I’m​ ​trying.)​ ​Can​ ​I​ ​still go​ ​to​ ​the​ ​Convention?​ ​Can​ ​I​ ​go​ ​to​ ​the​ ​Convention​ ​if​ ​I’m​ ​not​ ​even​ ​sure​ ​I’m​ ​a​ ​marijuana​ ​addict?*

**A​ ​​**Yes, by all means! ​ ​The​ ​Convention​ ​is​ ​open​ ​to​ ​all​ ​MA​ ​members.​ ​Our​ ​Third​ ​Tradition​ ​states:​ ​“The​ ​only​ ​requirement​ ​for​ ​membership is​ ​a​ ​desire​ ​to​ ​stop​ ​using​ ​marijuana.”

**Q​ ​​***I ​ ​would​ ​love​ ​to​ ​share​ ​some​ ​music,​ ​or​ ​poetry,​ ​or​ ​other​ ​talent,​ ​with​ ​the​ ​MA​ ​community​ ​at​ ​the​ ​Convention.​ ​Will​ ​there be​ ​a​ ​talent​ ​show​ ​or​ ​open​ ​mike?*

**A​ ​​**Yes, ​ ​we​ ​plan​ ​to​ ​have​ ​a​ ​Friday​ ​night​ ​open​ ​mike​ ​for​ ​sharing​ ​songs,​ ​poems,​ ​and​ ​other​ ​expressions​ ​of​ ​the heart,​ ​mind and​ ​spirit.

**Q​ ​​**What​ ​will​ ​there​ ​be​ ​to​ ​do,​ ​aside​ ​from​ ​going​ ​to​ ​meetings?

**A​ ​​**There ​​will​ ​be​ ​meetings​ ​day​ ​and​ ​night,​ ​featured​ ​speakers​ ​Friday​ ​and​ ​Saturday​ ​nights,​ ​and​ ​early​ ​Sunday,​ ​and​ ​many opportunities ​ ​for​ ​casual​ ​fellowship​ ​and​ ​sharing.​ ​There​ ​will​ ​also​ ​be​ ​workshops​ ​on​ ​many​ ​topics,​ ​including​ ​early​ ​morning yoga ​ ​and​ ​meditation​ ​gatherings.​ ​We’ll​ ​have​ ​a​ ​celebratory​ ​Saturday​ ​night​ ​banquet​ ​and​ ​dance,​ ​and​ ​on​ ​Sunday​ ​we’ll have ​the​ ​traditional​ ​“birthday​ ​countdown,”​ ​in​ ​which​ ​everyone​ ​is​ ​celebrated​ ​for​ ​the​ ​time​ ​they​ ​have​ ​in​ ​MA​ ​recovery.

**Q​ ​​***Does​ ​the​ ​hotel​ ​have​ ​an​ ​indoor​ ​smoking​ ​area?*

**A​ ​​**No,​ ​the​ ​hotel​ ​is​ ​non-smoking/vaping,​ ​including​ ​within​ ​25​ ​feet​ ​of​ ​entrances.

**Q​ ​​***Will an itinerary of the Convention events be published before the Convention weekend?*

**A​ ​​**Yes,​ ​we hope to have a full schedule of Convention events available online by December 15th.

**Q​ ​​***Can I get a free or discounted registration if I volunteer at the Convention?*

**A​ ​​**No. Volunteering and being of service come with their own rewards. Our Fifth Tradition reminds us that “we cannot keep our own recovery unless we give it away”.