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2026 INA MEMBERSHIP ASSEMBLY FAQ

What is the INA Membership Assembly?

The INA Membership Assembly is an annual event where members gather to discuss pressing issues for the union, healthcare, and advancing professions. The Assembly is where members democratically decide the future of the union, both for the upcoming year and the long-term future. Attendees can also earn continuing education credits and attend fun social events!

KEY DETAILS:

- **Where:** President Abraham Lincoln Hotel in Springfield, IL.
- **When:** Oct. 24-25
 - o Annual Business Meeting – Oct. 25 afternoon (no cost to attend just this portion of the event)
- **Early Bird Cost:** \$135 until ~~Aug. 8~~ Aug. 21
- **Regular Cost:** \$155 from Aug. 9 to Oct. 11
 - o On-site registration will be available for a slightly higher fee
- **Saturday Social Event Cost:** \$50 (includes 2 hours of complimentary beer, wine, soda, and light food, and a cash bar after); \$70 to register on site
- **Registration Link:** <https://illinoisnurses.com/2026-general-assembly-registration>
- **Hotel Reservation Link:** <https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/ilnursesassnmembershipmeeting2026/>

How do I register for the event?

Visit the [registration website](#) and complete the form at the bottom of the page.

What can I expect at the event?

The assembly features a mix of union business, social events, fun activities, and educational opportunities—including new continuing education credits offered every year.

Here is the schedule of events:

- Saturday
 - o 5:30-7:30 INA Craft Night! Evening social event with 2 hours of complimentary beer, wine, soda, and appetizers (cash bar after)—and crafting supplies!
 - o 7:30 – 10 Dance & Karaoke!

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- Sunday
 - o 9:00 – 11:00 Continuing Education courses (two tracks offered)
 - o 11:00 – 1:00 Awards ceremony and lunch
 - o 1:00 – 5:00 Annual Business Meeting – vote on decisions affecting the whole union and hear auction winners
- Both Days
 - o Silent Auction
 - o Door Prizes
 - o Giveaways

How do I apply for a scholarship?

Scholarships are available on a first-come, first serve basis to reimburse the early bird registration fee and hotel costs for the 2026 Membership Assembly. To apply, select “Yes” for the scholarship question on the registration page. A committee member will be in touch to notify you if you are accepted for award. Those who are selected will receive a reimbursement check at the event, after they have attended the full Sunday session.

Hardship assistance is also available to help cover costs for the event. If you are interested in learning more, please reach out to Tori Dameron at tdameron@illinoisnurses.com.

How do I register for just the Annual Business Meeting?

All members can attend the Annual Business Meeting, taking place Sunday, Oct. 25, at no cost. This meeting is where members vote on issues affecting the entire union.

Registration is still required for attendees only attending the Annual Business Meeting, although you will not have to pay. The [registration link](#) is the same as for the entire assembly.

Who can attend the INA Membership Assembly?

All dues-paying INA members can attend the assembly and vote on decisions at the annual business meeting.

How can I get to the venue?

The Abraham Lincoln Hotel is easily accessible to the Springfield train station and airport (Abraham Lincoln Capitol Airport). Attendees can call the hotel to arrange for shuttle transportation from the station or airport at no cost. Shuttle reservations must be made at least 48 hours in advance.

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Is the cost of my hotel included in the registration fee?

No, you must pay for hotel accommodations separately. INA has secured a discounted rate and hotel block at the Abraham Lincoln Hotel. You will be asked to make your reservation during the online registration process.

What is the discounted room rate for the hotel?

Hotel rooms at the discounted rate of \$160 (plus taxes and fees) are available first-come, first-serve. You can [reserve your room here](#) or call the hotel and ask for the INA room block.

Is there parking available at the venue?

Yes, parking is available at the hotel at the rate of \$1/hour or \$7/day. There is a parking ramp next to the hotel. No in/out privileges.

Are meals provided at the event?

Breakfast and lunch are provided on Sunday for those who pay the full registration fee. The free business meeting only does not include any food or continuing education classes.

What continuing education courses will be offered?

The following courses will be available to earn continuing education credit:

- **Lateral Violence and Bullying.** The purpose of this class is to make professional nurses aware of what lateral violence and bullying is, what they can do to protect themselves, and how to advocate and educate against these behaviors in the workplace.
- **Effective Communication on the Hospital Floor.** This course is intended for nurses interested in broadening their knowledge and experience in stronger communication practices hospital-wide in order to increase effectiveness, broaden professional scope, and promote solidarity among colleagues. By the end of this training, you will be able to identify how to educate and empower other nurses, protect yourself, your patients, and uphold the dignity of your profession.

How do I get credit for continuing education classes?

Attendees must register for the class, attend the whole class, and complete an evaluation on site to get credit sent to them.

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What is on the agenda at the Membership Assembly?

While the full agenda has not been set, we will spend a significant amount of time debating our priorities for amendments to the Nurse Practice Act, the law governing nursing that is up for renewal in 2027. Beyond that, you can expect to hear debate and vote on any resolutions, policies, and/or position statements that are proposed by members.