



Consider Joining Us...

Serve on the IAFE Young Professionals Initiative (YPI) Steering Committee

Purpose of YPI and its Steering Committee

The IAFE's Young Professional's Initiative (YPI) is comprised of dozens of under-40 fair industry leaders who are passionate about the progression and growth of fairs for the future. In addition to providing professional development, networking and educational opportunities for members, YPI serves as a channel for idea sharing and furthering relationships among fair leaders across the U.S. and Canada. Since its beginnings in 2008, YPI has grown to more than 350 people representing all eight IAFE zones and the associate membership.

The YPI Steering Committee exists to provide overall direction, dialogue with IAFE board and staff, and professional development and networking opportunities for the under-40 fair professionals group at large.

Responsibilities & Commitments of Steering Committee Members

YPI Steering Committee members serve two-year terms and are responsible for:

- Participating in bi-monthly conference calls
- Assisting with planning YPI events at conventions and conferences
- Recruiting and encouraging new under-40 professionals to join YPI
- Attending YPI events at conventions and conferences

Application & Process to Become a Steering Committee Member

As of April 2019, the YPI Steering Committee is looking to fill all **odd**-numbered Zone Chair representative positions, as well as one Associate Member representative.

If you are interested in serving on the YPI Steering Committee and are an under-40 professional (staff, volunteer or board member) at a member fair in IAFE Zones 1, 3, 5, or 7, or from an IAFE Associate Member organization, complete the following steps:

- 1.) Locate the link to the YPI Steering Committee application on fairsandexpos.com. Under the *Get Involved* tab, select *Young Professionals*. The link will be in the YPI Steering Committee section.
- 2.) Fill out and submit the online Google application form **no later than May 31, 2019**.
- 3.) **NOTE: To be considered for this position, the applicant must not turn 40 years of age before end of term** (*Convention in November 2021*).
- 4.) **No late applications will be accepted – application must be submitted online (ONLY) by the deadline date.**

Applications will be reviewed by current Steering Committee members. New Steering Committee representatives will be selected based on qualifications and notified on or before July 16, 2019. New representatives will begin their two-year terms at the 2019 IAFE Convention in San Antonio.



YPI Mission: "To provide a venue for young professionals to guide the future of the fair industry through leadership development, mentoring, incentives, education and idea sharing with the IAFE"