



WHAT ARE THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH BEING A DSCC DELEGATE?

Before becoming a delegate, you should be aware of the potential expenses associated with attending a convention. The fees below are “ball-parked”. But, if you are on a limited budget, there are many ways to lessen the expenses: e.g., group car-pooling, room sharing, off-site hotels, taking some of your own food/snacks, etc. Also keep in mind that delegates can host fundraisers to raise money to offset the expenses above. There are also a few central committees that assist with these expenses.

Each year, delegates are required to pay DSCC delegate dues. These dues are currently \$85.85 per year. The annual dues must be paid to be considered a valid voting member of the State Party. Should a delegate not attend the convention, they must still pay their annual dues to be a member in good standing and to vote for any CDP endorsements of Party Leader elections. If dues are not paid, the delegate cannot vote!

DSCC dues, convention registration, etc. are subject to change. Therefore, **please consider the costs reflected below as being approximations**. The rates for the 2017/2018 conventions were used for reference, and included, but will change slightly from year to year.

- **Convention Registration:** \$85.85 (annual DSCC membership dues) \$90.00 (the early-bird discount for online pre-registration); \$45.00 for seniors (age 60 or over) and students. **After the online convention pre-registration closes**, the fees increases by \$55 to \$60 respectively, and can only be paid on-site. Onsite registration tends to be hectic and you may have to stand in a long line.
- **Hotel:** Can be up to \$250.00 - 300.00 per night, depending upon where the convention is held; usually two nights stay is required. Although the CDP will reserve a discounted blocks of rooms, you are not required to stay at those hotels – and can sometimes find less expensive accommodations. The CDP will always contract with Union Hotels.
- **Travel:** Normally, there is one convention in Northern California and the second one in Southern California per each DSCC Delegate term (2-years). The 2019- 21 DSCC Delegation will have two 2019 Conventions (the first in San Francisco - May 31-June 2, 2019) and another Endorsing Convention in Southern CA (location/date TBD). The travel costs vary substantially, depending upon the mode and the distance. While you will probably not need a vehicle at the convention, some of the hotel parking fees can be fairly costly. Shuttle services from airports are usually available. Roughly, estimate \$400-600 per convention.
- **Meals:** You are responsible for your own meals. There are usually restaurants close by the hotel or convention center. A rough estimate would be \$50-\$75.00 per day for meals. Additionally, the CDP hosts a lunch and a dinner, each with a high-profile speaker. The costs of these special events are roughly \$65.00 and \$125.00, respectively.



- **Delegate Observer Credential:** Pre-registration: \$60.00 for delegate's spouse/significant other to get an Observer Credential; post-registration Observer: \$115.00; Other Observers: Pre-registration: \$145.00; post-registration: \$175.00. As with the convention registration fees above, after the online registration period closes, the fees can only be paid on-site.

Total estimated annual convention cost: \$1,600.00-\$2,000.00 a year