







**IRMA CON 2026**

# **ATTENDEE ROADMAP**

**EARLY REGISTRATION VERSION**

# ● Getting There

<p>CALGARY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT</p> 	<p>2000 Airport Rd NE, Calgary, AB T2E 6W5</p>
<p>DISTANCE TO HOTEL</p>	<p>17 miles / 27 km</p>
<p>TRANSPORTATION</p> 	<p>Airport taxis and limousines available curb side on the Arrivals/Baggage Claim level.</p> <p>Ride Share apps (Uber, Lyft) approximately \$40USD/\$50CAD each way depending on time of day. Curb side at the terminal, look for the signage.</p> <p>Car rental and other transportation information at <a href="http://yyc.com">yyc.com</a></p>
<p>AMENITIES</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Charging stations</li> <li>• Currency exchange</li> <li>• ATMs</li> <li>• other</li> </ul>
<p>WEATHER</p> 	<p>Expected weather for Sept 16-18 is daily high of 75F/24C with a moderate UV index. <b>Bring sun protection and plan to dress in layers</b> as the temperature at night will drop to 50F/10C and mornings are also very cool.</p>

<p>CARRIAGE HOUSE HOTEL AND CONFERENCE CENTRE</p>	<p>Address: 9030 Macleod Trl, Calgary, AB T2H 0M4          Phone: (403) 253-1101</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Located in the SE of Calgary</li> <li>• Heated Outdoor Pool, Hot Tub, 24 Hour Fitness Centre</li> <li>• Hot breakfast buffet</li> <li>• Peanuts Public House and nearby shopping</li> </ul> <p>Call: +1-403-253-1101 or toll free 1-800-661-9566          Email: <a href="mailto:reservations@carriagehouse.net">reservations@carriagehouse.net</a>          Please reference <b>AMPA / IRMA Conference</b> when booking hotel accommodations          Please reserve rooms prior to <b>Tuesday, September 01, 2026</b>  <b>Online Booking Link:</b> <a href="https://bookings.travelclick.com/73865?groupID=5202733">https://bookings.travelclick.com/73865?groupID=5202733</a></p> <p>Please note, any items shipped to the hotel will result in a charge to your room.</p>
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# ● About Calgary



**1.**

**WE ARE A PLACE OF  
UNEXPECTED  
POSSIBILITIES**

**2.**

**WE HAVE MORE  
SUNNY DAYS THAN  
ANY OTHER MAJOR  
CITY IN CANADA**

**3.**

**WE ALL LIVE UNDER  
THE SAME BLUE  
SKIES**

<https://www.blueskycity.ca>

The City of Calgary is situated in the traditional territory of the Niitsitapi and the people of Treaty 7 at the confluence of the Elbow River and the Bow River.

AMPA and IRMA acknowledge the the traditional territories and oral practices of the Blackfoot Confederacy, which includes Siksika, Pikani, and Kainai, the Tsuut'ina, the Stoney Nakoda First Nations (Bears paw, Chiniki and Wesley) and Metis Nation Region 3.

Centrally located on Macleod Trail South, The Carriage House Hotel & Conference Centre is close to shopping, dining and entertainment areas. Taxis and ride share make the location accessible to all activities.

# About Calgary

<b>GETTING AROUND</b>	Taxis or Ride Share are the best way to travel to and from the hotel.
<b>HOTEL AMENITIES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Multiple restaurants and bars on site serving quick and nearby restaurants and shopping.</li><li>• Pool and outdoor hot tub</li><li>• 24 hour fitness club</li><li>• Business services</li><li>• Wifi</li><li>• ATM</li><li>• On-site bakery</li></ul>
<b>CURRENCY INFO</b>	If this is your first time visiting Canada from the US, using your credit card will always be net positive for you because of the favourable exchange rate. Many retail locations will take US currency however, it is best to buy some CAD currency at the airport for purchases like bottled water, gratuities, etc. Your debit card can be used in Canadian ATMs to withdraw in CAD\$ and the exchange rate will show on your statement. Fees will apply.
<b>SOUVENIRS</b>	Ask a Calgarian! Kathe and her team would love to direct you to the retail spot that best suits your souvenir needs, such as the Alberta Boot Company on 11th or the Alberta Craft Council store in Marda Loop. <a href="https://www.albertaboot.ca/">https://www.albertaboot.ca/</a> <a href="https://www.albertacraft.ab.ca/">https://www.albertacraft.ab.ca/</a>



# IRMACON2026 at a glance

## Conference Venue

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- Carriage House Hotel and Conference Centre, Calgary, Alberta Canada

## Board of Directors September 15-16, 2026

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- **Tuesday September 15, 2026: Board Dinner, 6:00 pm, OFFSITE location TBA**
- **Wednesday September 16, 2026: Board of Directors meeting, 10:00 am OFFSITE @C-Space King Edward in Marda Loop.**

## Conference Program Day 1, September 16, 2026

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- IRMA Attendee arrival date
- Group Activity, afternoon OFFSITE TBA
- Welcome reception, 5:00 - 8:00 pm, IRMA Delegates and Guests; LOCATION TBA

## Conference Program Day 2, September 17, 2026

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- Breakfast networking 9:00 am
- Trade show set up (in lobby/break area for all attendees)
- Morning keynote stream for all attendees
- Lunch and coffee breaks
- Breakout sessions through the afternoon in four focus streams (publishing, editorial, design, digital/audience development)
- Alberta Magazine Awards Gala Reception
- IRMA Members: IRMA Connect dinners across Calgary (sponsors welcome!)
- AMPA Members: Alberta Magazine Awards Gala (optional)

## Conference Program Day 3, September 18, 2026

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- Breakfast networking 8:00 am
- Trade show continues (in lobby/break area for all attendees)
- Morning keynote stream followed by breakout sessions for all attendees
- Lunch and coffee breaks
- IRMA Roundtables continue through the afternoon
- IRMA Members: IRMA Awards Gala
- AMPA Members: conference program ends at 12:00pm

## September 19, 2026

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- Departure date (no programming)

*The AMC/IRMACON schedule is currently in development. Some details may be subject to change.*



# IRMA Member List

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## 2026 IRMA Member Magazines

*Acadiana Profile*

*Adirondack Life*

*Arizona Highways*

*Arizona Wildlife Views*

*Avenue*

*The Bermudian*

*Bucks County Magazine*

*Cape Cod & The Islands Magazine*

*Cottage Life*

*Down East*

*El Palacio*

*Kansas! Magazine*

*Louisiana Life*

*Maine Home+Design*

*Mountain Home*

*New Mexico Magazine*

*Oklahoma Today*

*Saltscapes*

*Texas Highways*

*Wyoming Wildlife Views*

*The Yukon Magazine*

# Dutch Dinner Suggestions

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Reservations through Open Table are recommended/required.

<https://www.opentable.ca>

Avenue's Best Restaurants 2026

<https://www.avenuecalgary.com/best-restaurants-calgary/>

Native Tongues (Brittania Location) <https://www.nativetongues.ca/lunchdinner>

Distance from hotel: 7km/5 min by car | \$30 per person

A true Calgary staple, providing a fun and informal setting in an authentic taqueria atmosphere. Winner of multiple dining awards. Vegetarian options.

Veranda at the Stables <https://verandayyc.com/#OurMenu>

Distance from hotel: 7km/5 min by car | \$20-\$40 per person

A craft-focused taproom and spirit hall operated by Burwood Distillery, featuring an exceptional lineup of Burwood spirits alongside Vaycay Brew Co's renowned craft beers. The Stables on the Currie Barracks, was built in 1936 as one of the first structures in the area, originally housing the 'B' Squadron of the Lord Strathcona's Horse Regiment.

The Wilde on 27 <http://thewilder rooftop.com/>

Distance from hotel: 12km/15min by car | \$100 per person

Offering a scenic rooftop area with 7-foot glass walls and an energetic outdoor patio, The Wilde pulls out all the stops with an abundance of dramatic elements. Choose from a refined selection of wines and cocktails, along with imaginative and upscale dinner fare surrounded by a vibrant social scene.

Major Tom <https://www.majortombar.ca/>

Distance from hotel: 12km/15min by car | \$100 per person

Very hyped restaurant with views. Global fare & craft cocktails served in a stylish, rooftop destination with sweeping city views.

Barbarella <https://www.barbarellabar.ca/>

Distance from hotel: 12km/15min by car | \$50 per person

Inspired by the chic mid-century yacht culture of southern Italy and the fresh flavours of the pacific northwest, Barbarella bar brings sun-drenched flavours to Calgary.

CharBar <https://www.charbar.ca/>

Distance from hotel: 11km/15min by car | \$100 per person

Fresh, sustainable, local. charbar prides itself with the quality of its ingredients.

Ten Foot Henry <https://www.tenfoothery.com/>

Distance from hotel: 11km/15min by car | \$60 per person

Buzz-worthy Calgary eatery in a walkable neighbourhood, menu is plant-forward and built around sharing plates. Maximum party size is 6 people. Make sure you have the whipped feta with tomatoes.

River Café <https://www.river-cafe.com/>

Distance from hotel: 12km/17min by car | \$100 per person

A perennial favourite of Avenue's editors with reason, this is a destination restaurant where you walk onto Prince's Island (car can drop you near the bridge). Cuisine is upscale locally sourced meat & seafood entrees.

Annabelle's Kitchen Marda Loop <https://www.annabelleskitchen.ca/>

Distance from hotel: 7km/9 min by car | \$60 per person

Modern Italian 'neighbourhood' restaurant and a loving homage to our Italian roots. Serving the food we were raised on and the food you love to eat, we offer a variety of classic pasta, antipasti, and pizza made from scratch using the freshest ingredients.

Letty <https://www.pizzaletty.com/>

Great pizza and also really nice (if small) selection of non-alc wines that pair with the pizza. Alcohol as well.

FinePrint (on Stephen Ave) <https://fineprintyc.com/>

Calcutta Cricket Club <https://www.calcuttacricketclub.com/>

Kondattam Indian Kitchen and Bar <https://www.kondattam.ca/>

Ryuko (there are three locations) <https://www.ryuko.ca/>

Shokunin <https://shokuninyyc.ca/>



Pat & Betty <https://patandbetty.com/>

Cold Beer & Pizza <https://coldbeerpizza.com/>

Neighbourhoods to figure it out when you get there:

Inglewood: <https://www.inglewoodyyc.ca/eat>

Distance from hotel: 15km/17min by car

Lots of great shops and pubs including the Eden Bistro, the Nash, pizzerias for days, and the Music Mile <https://www.musicmile.ca/>

Stephen Avenue in Downtown Calgary

Distance from hotel: 11km/15min by car

From Italian (Teatro) to steak (Saltlik, Modern Steak, Hy's) to ample casual dining options such as Earl's, The Local, Cactus Club and others in a charming, walkable pedestrian-only street.



# IRMA AWARDS

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The 45<sup>th</sup> Annual IRMA Awards will take place Friday, September 17, 2026 at the Carriage House.

Please join us at 6:00 pm for a welcome glass of champagne, followed by dinner and the Awards Presentation.

Our thanks to the volunteer judges who evaluated over 350 entries in 45 categories, and the IRMA members who assisted in managing this year's process and visuals.

Congratulations to all our members on a very exciting publishing year!

**Thank You Alberta Magazine  
Publishers Association for this  
opportunity to partner in 2026**



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