



To Whom It May Concern:

The **86th Annual Meeting of the Academy of Management (AOM 2026)** will be hosted in **Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA, from 31 July – 4 August 2026**. All prospective and active members are invited and welcome to attend and engage in this global scholarly exchange that advances the field of management and organization.

The purpose of this letter is to provide general information regarding the Academy, the event, and travel to the United States. It does not constitute legal advice, and we encourage you to seek legal guidance for your specific situation if you have questions or concerns. Please note that attendees may require additional travel days outside of the meeting dates to accommodate travel, presentation schedules, and full participation. For additional general resources to assist with your planning, please visit AOM's official [Travel & Visa](#) webpage.

#### **Venue Information**

The main venue for the 2026 Annual Meeting is the **Pennsylvania Convention Center**, located at **1101 Arch St, Philadelphia, PA 19107, USA**. While the Convention Center will serve as the primary location, some sessions and activities may take place at nearby venues within the surrounding area.

#### **About the Academy of Management**

AOM is a leading international professional association of scholars dedicated to creating and disseminating knowledge about management and organizations. Each year, AOM hosts its Annual Meeting, the premier global event for management and organization scholars, drawing thousands of participants from more than 100 countries. The conference showcases peer-reviewed research, professional development workshops, and global networking opportunities for educators, researchers, and practitioners. All prospective and active members are invited and welcome to attend and engage in this scholarly exchange that advances the field of management and organizational studies worldwide.

#### **Attendee Responsibilities and Important Information**

Please note that you are solely responsible for arranging any necessary travel, meals, registration, housing accommodations, and paying the associated fees for each. These fees are additional and the responsibility of all attendees. An active AOM membership valid through the end of the month in which the Annual Meeting takes place is required to register and attend. No sponsorship is implied, and AOM assumes no responsibility for your stay in the host city. For additional details, please visit AOM's official [Annual Meeting](#) webpage.

AOM cannot advise on which visa or travel requirements apply to your situation and cannot contact embassies, consulates, or government authorities on your behalf. Please refer to the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) below for an overview of what AOM can provide to support attendees on AOM's official [Travel & Visa](#) webpage.

#### **Visiting the United States**

To attend the Annual Meeting in person, you must have the proper documentation to enter the United States.

##### **ESTA**

Some individuals may not require a visa to enter the US. You can find additional information [here](#).



**If eligible, it is the responsibility of the individual to apply for and obtain an ESTA in order to come to the US. You are further responsible for ensuring that it remains valid.** If you have any questions regarding your ESTA eligibility, you should speak with an immigration counsel.

### **Visa Application**

In the event you are **not** eligible for ESTA, you need to apply for a visa to enter the US. The most appropriate visa is the B visa. If you do not already have a valid B visa stamp in your passport, you will need to apply directly at a US Embassy or Consulate in which you are a citizen, a national, or resident. You can find additional information [here](#).

***If you have previously had visa applications denied in the past, you may wish to consult with a US immigration attorney before applying again.***

The first step for applying for a B visa stamp is to complete the DS-160 form, which can be found [here](#).

Applicants should then review the rules for their Embassy/Consulate to schedule the appointment. You can find information about your Embassy/Consulate [here](#). Once at your Embassy/Consulate website, you will be able to navigate specific instructions on applying for the B visa.

It is important to note that the B visa is a **temporary, nonimmigrant** visa, which means that a Consular Officer will want to know the purpose of your visit to the United States, how you will be paying for your visit (**since no work in the US is permitted**), and how long you will stay.

It is your job to properly complete the DS-160 application and prepare for the visa interview. You may wish to bring proof of employment abroad, proof of residence abroad, flight details, etc. to show you are only visiting the US temporarily. If an officer believes you have lied, will work, and/or will not leave the United States after your visit, then they may not approve your visa. It is also your responsibility to review Embassy/Consulate specific guidance on the documents you will need to bring with you.

### **Social Media**

Applicants should also review **all** of their social media platforms before applying for a visa as they can be reviewed by consular officers, and social media handles need to be provided when applying for a visa stamp.

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### **Travel Bans**

Applicants should also be aware of travel bans that may apply to them per Presidential Proclamations. The most recent travel ban was announced on 16 December 2025 and takes effect on 1 January 2026. These are subject to change, and applicants should be sure to check the White House and/or Embassy websites for any updated travel restrictions.

The full ban suspends entry to the United States on both immigrant and nonimmigrant visas. This includes B Visas. Currently, the Travel Ban impacts the following countries:



- Afghanistan
- Burma (Myanmar)
- Chad
- Republic of the Congo
- Equatorial Guinea
- Eritrea
- Haiti
- Iran
- Libya
- Somalia
- Sudan
- Yemen
- Burkina Faso
- Laos
- Mali
- Niger
- Sierra Leone
- South Sudan
- Syria
- It also includes individuals using travel documents issued or endorsed by the Palestinian Authority.

It also limits the ability of foreign nationals to apply for B visas if they are from the following countries:

- Burundi
- Cuba
- Togo
- Venezuela
- Angola
- Antigua and Barbuda
- Benin
- Cote d 'Ivoire
- Dominica
- Gabon
- The Gambia
- Malawi
- Mauritania
- Nigeria
- Senegal
- Tanzania
- Tonga
- Zambia
- Zimbabwe

The ban **does not apply** to:



Any dual nationals of a listed country when the individual is traveling on a passport issued by a country not subject to the travel ban. For instance, an individual who has a passport from Nigeria and the United Kingdom, can apply for a B visa with their UK passport, but **not** their Nigerian passport.

### **Travel to the United States**

Once you have your visa stamp, you can travel to the US to attend the Annual Meeting. Upon entry, you will need to show US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) your valid passport and visa stamp (if not traveling with ESTA). Upon entering the United States, you may also need to explain to the CBP officer the purpose of your visit, provide proof of sufficient financial resources for the visit and a return ticket, and provide proof of where you will be staying and when you will be leaving the US.

- **ESTA** travelers will be permitted to stay in the United States for 90 days.
- **B Visa** travelers can stay in the United States up to 6 months, at the discretion of the CBP officer.
- **All Travelers** need to check their I-94 record to ensure accuracy. You can find more information [\*\*here\*\*](#).
- **All Travelers** must file another immigration application (if eligible) or leave the United States before the expiration of their I-94 travel record.

Again, the purpose of this outline is to provide a general overview of US immigration law. The above information does not constitute legal advice as each case is different. If you have specific questions about your visa application and/or travel to the United States, you should seek advice from a US immigration attorney.

For visa application purposes, the Academy of Management may be listed as your United States point of contact, using the organizational information provided in this letter.

We look forward to connecting with our members this July!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Taryn Fiore'.

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