

Calendar of Events

November 25, 2024

National Networks COP Jan 22, Mar 25, May 20, Jul 22, Sep 23, Nov 25

02:30 PM - 03:30 PM EST

National Networks COP:

Those working at a national level face different issues than those operating on a local or regional level. Often national level leaders are engaged in big picture, strategic or policy decision-making. Sometimes those operating at a national level don't work directly with volunteers, but rather help empower others in their organizations who do. Join the discussion to connect and learn from others working nationally. We invite anyone looking to brainstorm around the unique issues facing volunteer leaders on a national level. This COP group will be a chance to network, share expertise, ask questions, and solve problems with your peers.

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Food Banks COP

03:00 PM - 04:00 PM EST

Join your peers for discussions for those who manage food banks, hunger organizations, or nutrition programs. This COP will meet Monthly on the first Tuesday @ 3 PM Eastern. See dates below.

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2024 Dates:

Jan 2

Feb 6

Mar 5

Apr 2

May 7

Jun 4

Jul 2

Aug 6

Sep 3

Oct 1

Nov 5

Dec 3

For more information, contact facilitator Elizabeth Garrabrant.

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ALIVE Networking Social - All Are Welcome!

04:00 PM - 04:45 PM EST

All are welcome to join our quarterly networking social for anyone involved in Volunteer Engagement.

All Volunteer Engagement Professionals are welcome to attend a networking social event, quarterly at 4 PM Eastern for 45 minutes. Feel free to leave early or come late as your schedule allows. Connect and network with your peers for live discussions - ask questions and let us know what's on your mind!

All times 4:00-4:45 PM Eastern

December 4

March 28

June 17

September 12

December 4

When you register, we will send the meeting information, and you'll be signed up for the following sessions for the rest of the year. You can always opt out by emailing us.

Door prizes, networking and camaraderie will be on hand. Don't miss it!

Open to all in the field of volunteer engagement. We look forward to seeing you!

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CVA Credential Information Session

Virtual event using Zoom

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December 2024 AL!VE Academy - No Is A Full Sentence: Protecting Your Sanity and Prioritizing

02:00 PM - 03:00 PM EST

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No Is A Full Sentence: Protecting Your Sanity and Prioritizing Self-Care During the Holiday Season Presented by Nicole R. Smith, CVA

December 4, 2024 2:00pm Eastern

Just because the holidays are upon us and may become frantic, you don't have to! Prioritizing Self-Care is even more important during the holidays. This session will help to put the happy back in holidays as you maneuver your current workload with the additional holiday responsibilities filling your already spinning plates!

Learning Objectives:

Understand What Self-Care is and its Vital Importance the Impact of Effective Leadership

Identify Signs of Burnout and Stress

Develop Self-Care Habits for Long-Term Sustainability

Effective Boundary Management

About our presenter:

Nicole is a dynamic leader in volunteer, intern and community engagement with over two decades of experience in both the nonprofit and for-profit sectors, including the performing arts, social services, sports, media and entertainment. As a Certified Volunteer Administrator (CVA) and recognized thought leader, her work has been featured in The Chronicles of Philanthropy, Human Capital Leadership Magazine, and The Volunteer Management Report. A published author of Game On! Relentlessly Pursue Your Dreams and the 101 Note-taking Affirmation Journal Series, she is also the host of the podcast From the Suggestion Box and an international motivational speaker.

December 5, 2024

AL!VE Annual Meeting

02:00 PM - 03:30 PM EST

Thursday, December 5 - 2:00-3:30 PM Eastern

AL!VE's 2024 Annual Meeting

AL!VE Board President Cathy Thoma, CVA, and President-Elect Darlene Laird, CVA will present our initial 2024 Annual Report.

Hear short presentations from

President's Report

Results of Board Elections & Introduction of New Board Members

Vote on revised Bylaws (will be available for review November 1)

VP's of Marketing, Membership, Programs, Advocacy

Equity Leader

Finance

Service Enterprise

Review of 2024

2025 Goals

Executive Director

Special Announcements!

All AL!VE members and interested parties are welcome to attend. Please pre-register, we will send you reminders.

December 5, 2024

- December 6, 2024

MAVA 2024 Dismantling Inequities Conference - The Empathy Effect: Transforming Volunteerism
Online - event link provided after registration

970 Raymond Avenue

St. Paul, MN 55114

09:00 AM - 04:00 PM CST

Polly Roach, 612-756-8088

proach@mavanetwork.org

Join MAVA for two days packed with keynotes and experience-centered breakout sessions, focused on the implementation of DEI practices in volunteer engagement. Attendees will leave with new energy, skills, tools, and plans, ready to impact and influence their organizations!

This virtual conference is unlike any other as it promotes empathy and transforms volunteerism through the dismantling of inequities within your work and your community. The content is geared towards all levels of an organization; while focused on volunteer engagement leaders, we encourage participation by funders, executive leadership, board members and key volunteers, to explore ways to increase organizational effectiveness by cultivating a culture of belonging.

Now is the time to transform volunteerism with the empathy effect!

Link: https://www.mavanetwork.org/content.aspx?page_id=22&club_id=286912&module_id=658613

December 9, 2024

Meet & Greet AL!VE's New Exec. Dir. Nicole R. Smith, CVA

02:00 PM - 02:30 PM EST

Monday, December 9, 2024

2pm Eastern

Join us for a warm and welcoming Meet & Greet to connect with Nicole R. Smith, CVA, the newly appointed Executive Director of AL!VE.

This event offer members a wonderful opportunity to learn more about Nicole.

December 10, 2024

AL!VE Member Webinar - All are welcome! December 10, 2 PM Eastern

02:00 PM - 02:30 PM EST

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AmeriCorps Seniors COP

03:00 PM - 04:00 PM EST

This COP is for those managing an AmeriCorps Seniors program(s) as a grantee or sponsor. This includes Foster Grandparent Program (FGP), RSVP (Retired and Senior Volunteer Program), and SCP (Senior Companion Program. Join us as we are a sounding board for sharing best practices and resources that are unique to federal grants and the older volunteers we work alongside.

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Am I Making the Right Decision? The Role of Ethics in Volunteer Engagement

<https://us06web.zoom.us/join/join?pwd=ZWpceurqz0iEtCPo36je0ILF-E718ygsQoS#registration>

12:00 PM - 01:30 PM EST

Faiza Venzant, 412-901-9598

execdir@cvacert.org

We all encounter ethical dilemmas in our daily work with and for community, but rarely do organizations focus on ethics related to volunteer engagement. This session provides an opportunity for practitioners to understand the difference between personal, organizational and professional ethics. The core values and principles identified by the Council for Certification in Volunteer Administration (CCVA) will be shared. Participants will learn a process for ethical decision-making that can be applied in any situation, and then practice this using real-life scenarios related to volunteers. Finally, several specific strategies will be offered for increasing awareness of ethics within an organization and helping both volunteers and staff become more effective at handling ethical dilemmas. Hosted by the Council for Certification in Volunteer Administration (CCVA). For more information, visit <https://www.cvacert.org>.

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Faith Based COP

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Faith Based Volunteer Programs - 1 Pm Eastern

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Animal Welfare COP

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Meetings will be held bimonthly (every 2 months). Following meetings will be 10 AM Pacific, 1 PM Eastern:

2024: February 22, April 26, June 28, Aug 23, Oct 25, Dec 17

The COP - Animal Welfare is designed to include a broad range of animal welfare organizations such as animal shelters, rescue groups, foster-based programs, sanctuaries, direct care for animals, and humane education programs. The objective of this COP is to connect volunteer engagement professionals within these organizations to share resources and best practices. This informal venue encourages open discussions for anyone seeking or offering advice in tackling the unique challenges facing volunteer leaders in the animal welfare field.

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Rural Programs COP (managing programs in Rural or Frontier Communities)

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This virtual Community of Practice supports volunteer engagement professionals managing programs in and across rural communities. These monthly peer-to-peer sessions address some of the challenges that come with operating in geographic areas with lower population numbers and that are located outside of more suburban and urban areas. Members use these sessions to troubleshoot issues, to give and receive support, and to share strategies, best practices, and resources for effective volunteer program management.

2024 Meetings will be held (All times 2 PM Eastern):

January 16, February 20, March 19,

April 16, May 21, June 18,

July 16, August 20, September 17,

October 22, November 19, December 17

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Health Care COP Meeting Noon Eastern

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This is an ALIVE Communities of Practice for those involved in managing volunteers or programs in health care settings such as hospitals, hospice, Blood Banks, Health care facilities, long-term health centers, etc. Health care can have some unique situations, requirements, and environments for volunteers! Join your colleagues in discussion about your questions, situations, needs, and share your experiences with others as well. Let's support each other!

*Upon registering, we will email you the meeting log in information (and a reminder, too).
(All times Noon E)*

2024: Jan 11, Mar 14, May 16, July 11, Sept 12, Nov 14

January topic: Data Collection: What do you want to measure in 2024?

March topic: Volunteer Recognition

May topic: Summer teens

July topic: Creating / Utilizing a Volunteer Advisory Council

September topic: Lessons Learned From Falling Flat

November topic: Creating/Utilizing a Mentor Program

For more information about this COP, please contact Marie Howell, Health Care COP facilitator.

Look forward to seeing you there!

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October 30, 2025

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03:00 PM - 03:30 PM EST

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November 4, 2025

CVA Credential Information Session

Virtual event using Zoom

09:30 AM - 10:30 AM EST

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November 11, 2025

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01:00 PM - 02:00 PM EST

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December 2, 2025

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05:00 PM - 06:00 PM EST

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December 4, 2025

ALIVE Networking Social - All Are Welcome!

04:00 PM - 04:45 PM EST

All are welcome to join our quarterly networking social for anyone involved in Volunteer Engagement.

All Volunteer Engagement Professionals are welcome to attend a networking social event, quarterly at 4 PM Eastern for 45 minutes. Feel free to leave early or come late as your schedule allows. Connect and network with your peers for live discussions - ask questions and let us know what's on your mind!

All times 4:00-4:45 PM Eastern

December 4

March 28

June 17

September 12

December 4

When you register, we will send the meeting information, and you'll be signed up for the following sessions for the rest of the year. You can always opt out by emailing us.

Door prizes, networking and camaraderie will be on hand. Don't miss it!

Open to all in the field of volunteer engagement. We look forward to seeing you!

December 10, 2025

ALIVE Member Webinar - All Are Welcome!

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December 15, 2025

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Virtual event using Zoom

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