



2026 VENDOR WELCOME PACKET

**Feb 19-21, 2026
Glendale, California**

WELCOME



We are thrilled to have you join us at the 2026 ComicsPRO Annual Comic Industry Conference. Each year we come together to help define the strengths, opportunities, and goals of our industry and determine how each and every one of us has the ability to impact the industry on a small and large level.

The last few years have come with a myriad of changes and challenges, but together as an industry we have found new ways to not only overcome them, but to succeed in building our industry together. We have created new processes, found new avenues to sell our products and new audiences to enjoy them, we have laid the groundwork for what is to come next, and we have done it all... *together*.

We hope this year leads to many fruitful exchanges for you and your teams, setting the tone for another great year in comics for us all.

Marco & the Board

MEET THE BOARD



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CONVENTION SCHEDULE

The official conference starts in the morning on **Thursday, Feb 19**, and runs until afternoon on **Saturday, Feb 21, 2026**. However, there will be many pre-conference and post-conference learning opportunities and social activities. If you would like to participate in any of those, we encourage you to reach out and let us know how you would like to get involved.

For lightning talks or other educational programming, contact: Shannon Live at comicsproedu@gmail.com.

WEDNESDAY, FEB 18 SCHEDULE

12:00PM	4:00PM	PRE-CONFERENCE ACTIVITY (TBA)
12:00PM	6:00PM	MEET-UPS SCHEDULED BY ATTENDEES
12:00PM	2:00PM	PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP 1
2:00PM	4:00PM	PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP 2/PRESENTATION 1
4:00PM	6:00PM	LIGHTNING TALKS
6:30PM	8:00PM	REGISTRATION OPEN
8:00PM	9:30PM	CREATOR SIGNINGS
9:30PM	11:00PM	OPENING NIGHT RECEPTION

For the most up-to-date schedule, you can visit the ComicsPRO website:

<https://comicspro.clubexpress.com/> or check the Whova app.

CONVENTION SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, FEB 19 SCHEDULE

9:00AM	11:00AM	MORNING PRESENTATIONS
11:30AM	12:45PM	EXHIBIT HALL OPEN
11:30AM	12:08PM	CLASS 1A
11:30AM	12:08PM	CLASS 1B
11:30AM	12:08PM	CLASS 1C
12:08PM	12:45PM	CLASS 2A
12:08PM	12:45PM	CLASS 2B
12:08PM	12:45PM	CLASS 2C
12:50PM	3:00PM	LUNCH PRESENTATIONS
3:10PM	4:30PM	EXHIBIT HALL OPEN
3:10PM	3:50PM	CLASS 1A
3:10PM	3:50PM	CLASS 1B
3:10PM	3:50PM	CLASS 1C
3:50PM	4:30PM	CLASS 2A
3:50PM	4:30PM	CLASS 2B
3:50PM	4:30PM	CLASS 2C
4:40PM	6:30PM	AFTERNOON PRESENTATION
6:30PM	7:30PM	EXHIBIT HALL OPEN
6:30PM	8:30PM	MEET-UPS
6:30PM	8:30PM	DINNER ON YOUR OWN

CONVENTION SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, FEB 20 SCHEDULE

8:15AM	9:00AM	Q&A WITH COMICS PRO BOARD
9:00AM	10:55AM	MORNING PRESENTATIONS
11:00AM	12:40PM	ROUNDTABLES SESSION 1
12:45PM	2:50PM	LUNCH PRESENTATIONS
3:10PM	4:50PM	ROUNDTABLES SESSION 2
5:00PM	5:30PM	AFTERNOON PRESENTATION 1
5:30PM	6:30PM	AFTERNOON PRESENTATION 2
6:30PM	8:45PM	DINNER ON YOUR OWN
9:00PM	11:45PM	CHARITY AUCTION

SATURDAY, FEB 21 SCHEDULE

8:35AM	9:00AM	SATURDAY CLASS 1
9:10AM	10:50AM	ROUNDTABLE SESSIONS 3
11:00AM	12:40PM	LUNCH PRESENTATIONS
12:50PM	2:30PM	ROUNDTABLES SESSION 4
2:30PM	3:15PM	SATURDAY CLASS 2
3:15 PM	4:00PM	MEMBERSHIP MEETING
4:15PM	10:00PM	AFTER CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

TYPES OF SPONSORSHIP

There are six types of sponsorship at the meeting. Three of them have speeches/presentations in front of the entire group, three of them do not. Each of the six sponsorships will have a **FREE virtual booth** that will go live two weeks before the meeting on our conference app, Whova. For more information about each of the sponsorship levels, please visit <https://comicspro.clubexpress.com/2026meetvendors>.

SPONSORSHIPS WITHOUT PRESENTATIONS

VIRTUAL SPONSORSHIP

Virtual booth in the Whova app only.
No attendance in Glendale.

SPONSORSHIPS WITH PRESENTATIONS

PREMIER SPONSORSHIP

Premier Sponsors speak for 7, 11, or 15 minute in the main hall. They set up at the Friday and Saturday Roundtables, get 2 conference badges, and a virtual booth. Additional badges can be purchased.

EXHIBITOR SPONSORSHIP

Exhibitor Sponsors set up in the Exhibit Hall on Thursday. Retailers come at specific times during the day to visit the Exhibit Hall. Includes 1 conference badge. Additional badges can be purchased.
Virtual Booth Included.

PLATINUM SPONSORSHIP

Platinum Sponsors speak for 25 minutes in the main hall. They set up at the Friday and Saturday Roundtables, get 3 conference badges, and a virtual booth. Additional badges can be purchased.

ROUNDTABLE SPONSORSHIP

Roundtable sponsors set up at a conference round table during the four roundtable sessions which are held on Friday and Saturday. Includes 1 conference badge. Additional badges can be purchased. Virtual booth included.

PRIME SPONSORSHIP

Prime Sponsors speak for 50 minutes in the main hall. They set up at the Friday and Saturday Roundtables, get 4 conference badges, and a virtual booth. Additional badges can be purchased. They also get featured advertising opportunities.

GETTING THE MOST OUT OF YOUR SPONSORSHIP



- **Engage Via Whova:** Use our conference networking app to build connections before, during, and after the convention (see our Whova tips sheet for more info).
- **Diversify Your Presence:** Make sure that each retailer interaction opportunity has a different focus. A speech *in front of the entire group* is great to make BIG announcements. *Roundtables/Exhibit Hall Booths* are great for more intimate contact, allowing you to ask retailers questions. Retailers are discouraged when vendors repeat the same content over and over or don't ask retailers for input at the roundtables and/or Exhibit Hall Booth. Opening up to different types of interactions gives you a more rounded experience.
- **Make Your Swag Meaningful:** If you are giving away multiple items to retailers, maybe give away 1 item at the booth/roundtable, and let ComicsPRO give away the other items in the goodie bag at registration. That way, you won't have to spend a lot of time giving away items and can spend time engaging in constructive conversation.
- **Volunteer for an Educational Panel:** See something on the schedule you can speak to? Reach out to Shannon (comicsproedu@gmail.com) to see how you can get involved.
- **Join us for the pre-conference and post-conference activities:** Some of the biggest connections are made outside of the traditional conference. Be involved and build relationships with retailers in new ways.

WHAT IS WHOVA?



ComicsPRO Comic Industry Annual Meeting 2025

Glendale, CA
Feb 19 – 23, 2025

WHOVA is the online app that we use throughout the conference for both vendors and retailers. You will be given a log in for the app two weeks prior to the event. We will also be hosting a Vendor-Only WHOVA training in January to explain best practices and help ensure everyone is set up. Ways the conferences uses WHOVA include:

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UP-TO-DATE COMMUNICATION

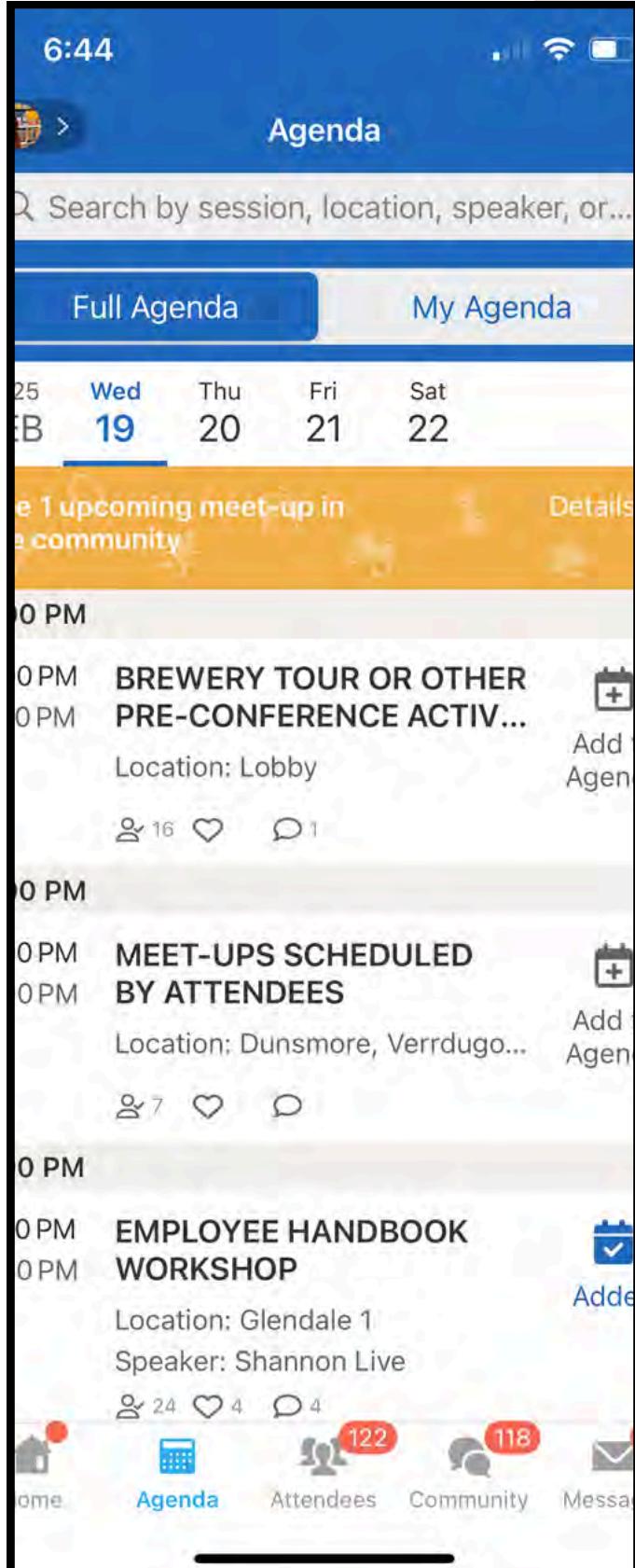
Any changes to the schedule or important in-time communication during the show will be made via the WHOVA app. It is important to have at least one member of your team monitoring it for these things.

2

CONNECTING WITH RETAILERS

As Vendors you have access to create a Virtual Booth via WHOVA which is a great way to showcase upcoming products to retailers. You also can add your attending staff members so that they can one-on-one connect with retailers via networking experiences on the app. If interested in doing any programming via WHOVA in advance of the show or for online attendees, contact: Shannon Live at comicsproedu@gmail.com

4 TIPS FOR USING WHOVA



1

GET A HEAD START

Log into the conference on the Whova app at **least two weeks** in advance to start organizing your profile and connecting with both in-person and online attending retailers.

2

BUILD YOUR PROFILE

Fill in ALL the information on your Whova profile. It's all valuable to retailers. The **picture** lets retailers put a face to your name. The **email** allows retailers to contact you. And the **bio** gives retailers an understanding of why they should contact you (AKA your role in the company).

3

CREATE AN VIRTUAL BOOTH

The online booth allows retailers to read **pdfs**, **download fliers**, **watch trailers**, **ask questions**, etc. before the meeting even starts. It also allows retailers who are attending online to be able to participate!

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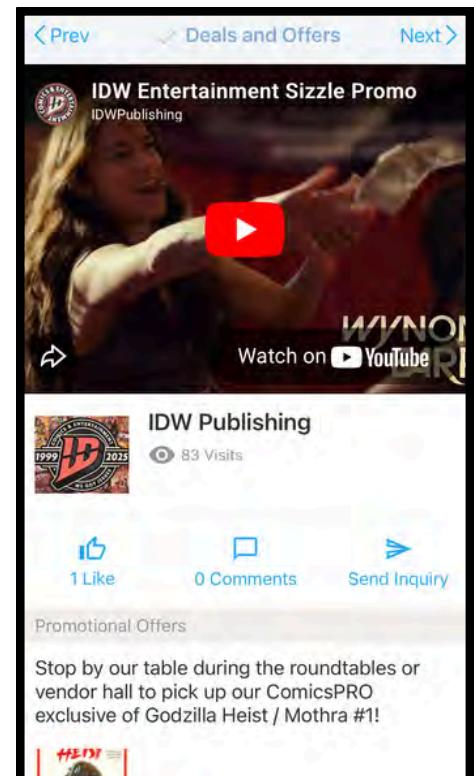
ENGAGE AND NETWORK

Whova is designed to increase the networking experience. From the ice breakers to the different forums for communication, Whova is filled with chances for people to connect. **Join the conversation**, or go the extra step and offer prizes to those most engaged in the app.

VENDOR INTERACTIONS: LOGISTICS AND TIPS

VIRTUAL BOOTH

Each vendor can set up a virtual booth that will go live 2 weeks before the meeting starts. The Virtual Exhibit Hall is designed both for retailers who are attending the meeting virtually *and* for those coming to Glendale to find out more about the vendor before the meeting. In the virtual booth you will have: Alphabetical List of Exhibitors, Prerecorded Video, Ways that retailers can sign up for more info, Coupons, Special offers, PDFs, Photos, a Chat Function, and links to zoom discussions.



- **COMPLETE YOUR WHOVA PROFILE**

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 - Ensure that your Virtual Booth profile is complete. This includes having a company description, logo, contact info, and a list of any and all staff that are available via the Whova app for retailers to connect with.

- **HAVE OFFICE HOURS**

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 - Let people know what times someone will be available at the virtual booth for conversation. Whether that's chatting via comments, sending messages, or offering a Zoom meet-up for people at your booth, it's good to have a time where online and in-person guests can find you.

- **INCLUDE A GIVEAWAY, DEALS, AND OFFERS**

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 - Giveaways create a buzz around visiting your booth prior to the convention; offers and deals keep customers coming back even after the conference to ensure they use the coupon code/don't miss the deal.

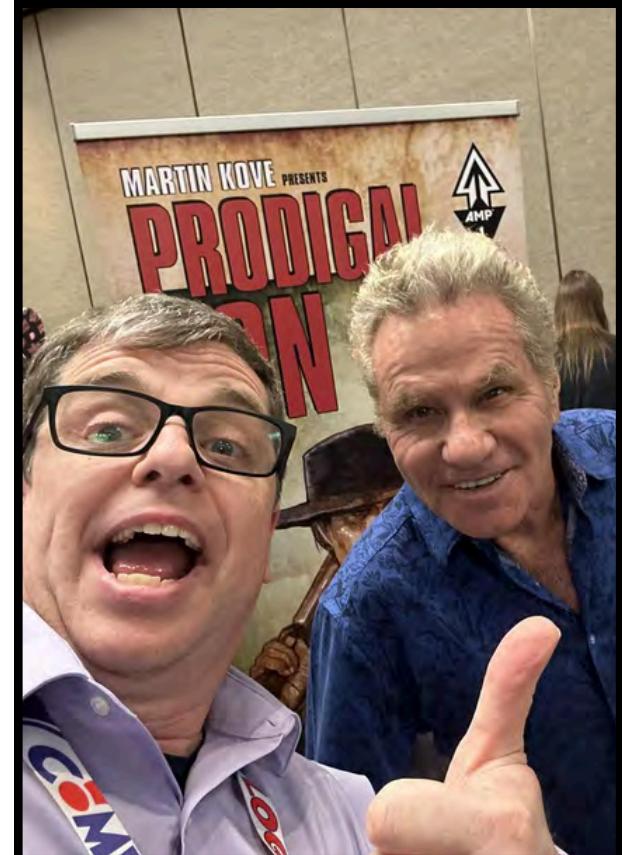
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 - Create book trailers for upcoming titles, include downloadable pdfs and other assets that retailers can circle back to - not only do these give retailers information but it keeps them engaging with your booth longer!

VENDOR INTERACTIONS: LOGISTICS AND TIPS

EXHIBIT HALL

On Thursday, retailers will be split into two groups. Half the retailers will go into the Exhibit Hall for 70 minutes in the morning. The other half will go into the Exhibit Hall in the afternoon. Then, there will be an hour session, in the early evening, that retailers can come back and meet with anybody they may have missed. During the rest of the time, vendors are welcome to stay in their booths for one-on-one discussions with retailers who either drop by or schedule appointments with you.



- **LOADING IN YOUR EXHIBIT HALL BOOTH**

- The Exhibit Hall opens at 11:30 AM on Thursday. Exhibitors are welcome to start setting up at 9:00 AM on Thursday morning. Most Exhibitors have light set-ups at their booth (Retractable banner, tablecloth, and some items on their table). If you plan on bringing more items, please contact us to arrange for the space and set up time needed. All items shipped to the convention will be available in the Registration Room.

- **BOOTH SIZE AND THINGS PROVIDED**

- Each Exhibitor sets up at a 6 foot table. Each table will have 2 chairs. If you need to be close to an electrical outlet, please let us know by contacting Marco at marco@comicspro.org

- **PROPER SIGNAGE IS KEY**

- Make sure that you have adequate signage letting people know what company you are with. However, keep in mind space is limited, so be mindful of neighbors to the side and behind you.

- **LOADING OUT YOUR EXHIBIT HALL BOOTH**

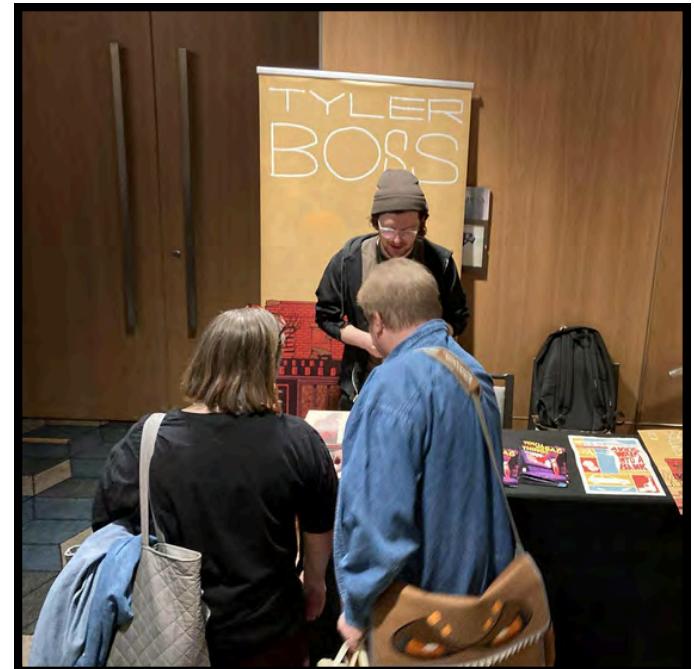
- The Exhibit Hall closes at 7:30 PM. Please clear out of the Exhibit Hall by 8:30 PM.

VENDOR INTERACTIONS: LOGISTICS AND TIPS

EXHIBIT HALL

There are a lot of things beyond the basics of setting up the Exhibit Hall booth that we sometimes forget in the rush of the moment.

Here are a couple of extra tips to help make sure you are getting the most out of your Exhibit Hall booth:



- **HAVE SOMEONE AT THE BOOTH AT ALL TIMES**
 - Please ensure that someone is at your booth at all times, especially when the Exhibit Hall is scheduled to be open to retailers.
- **PRACTICE WHAT YOU ARE GOING TO SAY**
 - On average you will probably only have anywhere from 1 minute to 5 minutes with each retailer that stops by. It's important to have your pitch down so that you can relay information quickly and efficiently. Make sure you practice being loud enough to be heard too!
- **PROVIDE TAKEAWAYS**
 - Not all retailers are going to stop and talk to every booth, so it's important to have takeaways that retailers can grab. Make sure to include contact information for sales reps, as well as any upcoming ordering deadlines.
- **TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF TOO!**
 - Exhibit Hall hours include a lot of standing and talking. Drink plenty of water, wear comfortable shoes, and drink plenty of Emergen-c for all those close conversations!

VENDOR INTERACTIONS: LOGISTICS AND TIPS

ROUNDTABLE

Roundtables are held on Friday and Saturday. There will be between 40 roundtables split into four rooms. Vendors will sit at the same roundtable each session. A group of 3 to 5 retailers will move between the roundtables every 10 minutes. This is a great time to get feedback from retailers.



- **SETTING UP YOUR ROUNDTABLE**

- It can be hard to hear in the roundtable rooms, so make sure that you have your table set up in a way that makes it easy to hear what retailers are saying. Display products that you talked about in your presentation. Have giveaways ready to go so you aren't struggling to find them when the next group arrives.

- **TABLE SIZE AND THINGS PROVIDED**

- The table is a standard-sized, round banquet hall table that can hold up to eight people. You will have a little space beside your table, but not much so don't plan to bring too many boxes that make it hard to get in and out of your table. Also, don't plan to have more than three people sitting at your table. If you need to be next to an electrical outlet, please let us know by contacting Marco at marco@comicspro.org.

- **PROPER SIGNAGE IS KEY**

- Have adequate signage. Keep in mind space is limited, so be mindful of neighbors to the side and behind you. Tabletop signage works best for roundtable presentations.

- **HAVING CREATORS AT YOUR TABLE**

- If you are bringing creator(s) to your table keep in mind that retailers may focus on that person's project(s) even if those aren't from your company. Please make sure that you and your creators discuss ahead of time how they can help reinforce your messaging.

VENDOR INTERACTIONS: LOGISTICS AND TIPS

ROUNDTABLE

When prepping for your roundtable, remember that retailers don't want to hear the same information three different times at the conference. Find ways to make your presentations different, use this time to gather data from retailers, ask questions, and build that connection going forward.



• GENERATING CONVERSATION

- Roundtables are oftentimes the only place where retailers get a chance to give you direct feedback. Use this time to generate a conversation not just about what you want to present but also about what retailers are seeing and experiencing on the frontline. Schedule followups with retailers to keep the conversation going.

• PRACTICE WHAT YOU ARE GOING TO SAY

- Roundtable sessions last only 10 minutes, and that includes a lot of shuffling and handing things out. It's important to have your pitch down so you can present information quickly and efficiently while saving time for retailers to provide feedback.

• INCLUDING EVERYONE IN THE CONVERSATION

- It's easy to get sucked into a detailed conversation with only one store, but you want to try to get as much info from your focus group as possible! Find ways to include everyone in the conversation so you can get a broader picture of the industry at large and your role in it.

• TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF TOO!

- Roundtable hours include a lot of talking. Drink plenty of water, wear clothes that you won't get too hot in, and pack lozenges for soothing the throat in between conversations.

ROUNDTABLE QUESTIONS YOU SHOULD ASK!

Want to get the most out of your interaction with retailers? Here are some questions you could ask. On the next page, we also have the Retailer Question Guide we are sharing with attending retailers, so that you can prepare your answers!

What titles are the top sellers in your store right now?

Where do your customers find out about new/upcoming titles?

What types of books are customers requesting most right now?

Do you have a lot of people pre-order books from catalogs?

What marketing materials from publishers do you find useful/unhelpful?

Do you face out all new titles or do you use a different system?

If you could change one thing about the publishing process, what would it be?

How can we further assist you in growing your customer base?



Roundtable Retailer Question Guide

Sample questions to help you get the conversation started with Publishers and other Vendors.



What are your marketing plans for your upcoming titles?

What are the best ways for retailers to connect with you?

What are your distribution plans for the foreseeable future?

What title do you feel is your top title for the next six months?

What assets do you have available for retailers to promote your books?

Do you offer additional discounts for retailers who complete direct orders?

Do you help set up in-person or virtual creator visits?

What are ways we can work together this year to promote your products?

What is your top seller and why should I carry it in my store?

VENDOR INTERACTIONS: LOGISTICS AND TIPS

PRESENTATION

Presentations are given to all the retailers at once in the main Ballroom. There may be other publishers and vendors in the room as well. Presentation times are 7 to 40 minutes long depending on Sponsorship level. Because we run a tight schedule, it's important for vendors to stick to their allotted speaking time. Vendors **will be charged** extra if they go over their allotted time. We will signal you when you have 1 minute to go in your presentation.



- **GET EXCITED**

- Bring a lot of energy to your presentation! Be excited about your company, products, and initiatives. Speak confidently, and have slides that show the best of what you have to offer.

- **PRACTICE WHAT YOU ARE GOING TO SAY**

- Keep your speech succinct and practice what you are going to say. The best and most memorable vendor presentations are usually done by exhibitors who have practiced giving their presentations a handful of times.

- **HAVE YOUR SLIDE DECK READY TO GO...AND A BACKUP**

- In early February, we will let you know who to send the PowerPoint deck to, so that we can ensure that it's loaded and ready to go on the main conference computer. But just in case, have a copy of your slide deck on your own computer or flash drive in case of a tech emergency!

- **INCLUDE IMPORTANT DETAILS**

- Don't forget those ordering deadline dates or any special deals or incentives! Highlight the most important details to make sure retailers walk away with everything they need to know. As important as **WHAT** the project is, retailers also need to know: **HOW** this title is being marketed, **WHY** this title is different, **WHEN** are all the issues due out (especially if it will be anything other than monthly—retailers need to predict momentum and unexpected delays between issues erodes trust), **WHEN** does it hit mass market, **WHAT** are its comp titles, **WHO** do we market it to, etc.
- Make sure you share your contact info in case any retailers need to follow up.

PRODUCT GIVEAWAYS



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RETAILER GIFT BAGS

Each retailer is presented with a gift bag at registration. Graphic novels, toys, promotional items, variant comics, other incentives, etc are all included in the retailer gift bag. If you are donating product intended to be included in the gift bags, please contact Marco with details at marco@comicspro.org

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RETAILER TAKEAWAYS

Catalogs, comics, and small promotional items are also welcome and will be put on the giveaway tables in the foyer. If you would like us to include the item in the goodie bag, there is an additional fee to do that.

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ROUNDTABLE FREEBIES

If you are bringing giveaways for your roundtable, please make sure that they are marked as such when you ship them in so that we know to sort them to the side for you. A lot of boxes arrive all at once, so the better labeled they are, the easier it is for everyone that week.

Most publishers provide between 250 to 300 variant comics. Any leftover comics not given out to members at the meeting, we will send to new members in their welcome package as a "thank you" for joining ComicsPRO or use for member benefits in the future.

BEST PRACTICES FOR BRINGING CREATORS



Do you want to bring some of your top talent? We love that idea! Retailers love meeting the creators behind the books and getting to ask them questions. Plus, who doesn't love a signed copy of a new book? **Here are some tips to keep in mind:**

1 BRINGING ANYONE?

If you are bringing creators to the conference, please let us know who you will be bringing.

3 SIGNING NIGHT

Wednesday night there will be a creator exhibit hall prior to the Opening Reception. This is a great time for creators to sign/meet with retailers.

2 EXHIBIT HALL/ROUNDTABLE

Creators can also join you at your exhibit hall table, your Roundtable, or your speech. But remember, they can't attend other programming. We ask that you provide meals for them externally.

4 PROMOTION

We love to give all of the creators coming to the show some love on our social media! Please let us know who is coming and if we can announce their appearance to generate excitement.

SCHEDULING APPOINTMENTS WITH RETAILERS



There may not be enough time at the Roundtable or Exhibit Hall to discuss everything you wanted to with a specific retailer. Or maybe there's a bigger issue/opportunity that you want to follow up on. **Here are some tips on how to keep the conversation going:**

1 OFFICE HOURS

This year we are offering an Office Hours sponsorship where you can book a table in a quiet room to host additional meetings with retailers. This is also great if you are bringing creators and want to have a little more time for signings.

2 ON YOUR OWN

There are lots of spaces around the hotel where you can host additional meet-ups. We ask that you please be respectful of everyone's time and space, and don't host meetings right outside the presentation room. More info will be coming in February on how to schedule meet-ups.

3 POST CONFERENCE

Can't find time during the conference? Schedule a follow-up call. This is especially helpful with complicated interactions in which you and the retailer many need time to process information.

4 USE THE WHOVA APP

The WHOVA app is a great way to connect with retailers before, during, and after the conference. Simply find the person you want to meet with and send them a message!

COMICSPRO EDUCATION

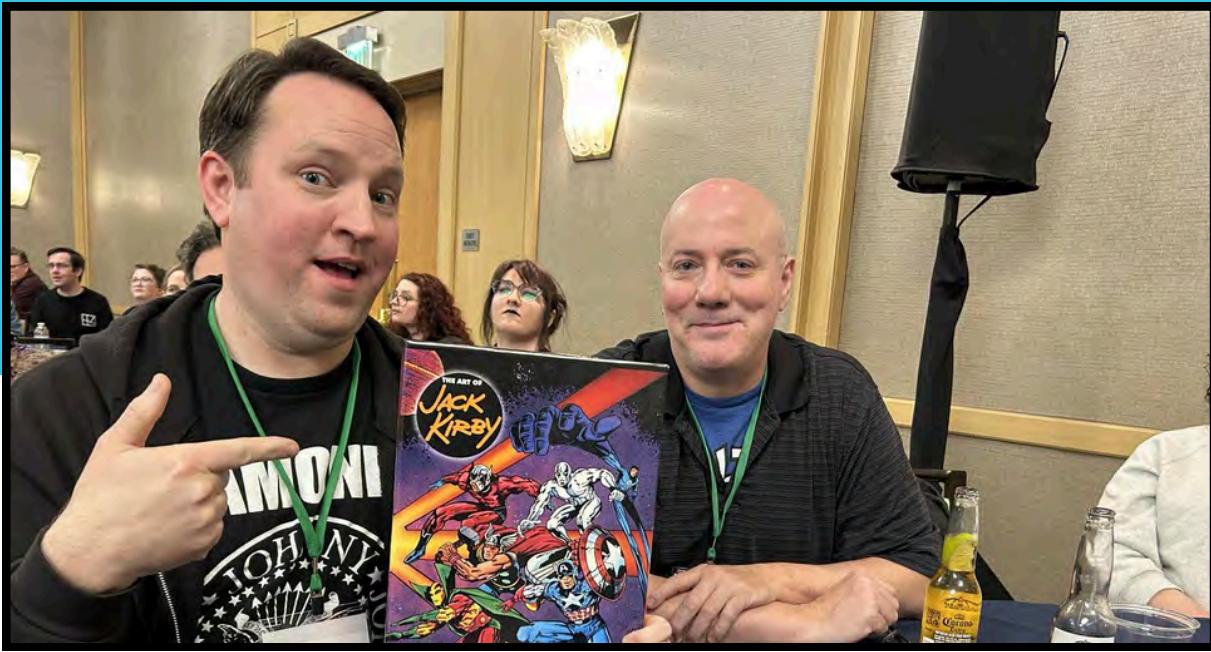


Educations is at the forefront of what we do at ComicsPRO. We want to ensure that our annual industry conference is loaded with lots of opportunities for retailers to learn skills that can help them grow and achieve our education philosophy of providing innovative, hands-on, skills forward educational opportunities to retailers of all experience levels.

Here are some ways you can be involved:

- **Give a Lightning Talk:** Lightning Talks are quick speeches (3-5 mins) on anything that you want to share with others. Topics last year included: product photos, alternative ordering options, etc. Lightning Talks are held on Wednesday afternoon and were a huge hit last year. Sign up to share your knowledge!
- **Volunteer to Help with a Class:** Our class schedule will be filled with topics that you may want to speak on. If you see a place where you can help, please let us know!
- **Come Early, Stay Late:** The conference is growing and as such we have programming on Wednesday and Saturday this year. If you're going to be there early or staying late, we would love to have you participate in our educational programming.
- **Attend our Publisher Track:** This year we are offering classes that are geared towards publishers and vendors as well. We want the conference to showcase ways we can work together, so we are expanding our programming to include information that is valuable to publishers. These classes are a great way to get into the retailer mindset.

CHARITY AUCTION



Friday night's Charity Auction benefiting BINC and ComicsPRO is one of our favorite nights of the entire conference! The more items we have to auction off, the more money we raise, so if there's something crazy and off the wall lying around in the recesses of your home or warehouse, bring it to LA! This is also a great time to get dressed up and have some fun with your industry friends!

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TYPES OF ITEMS

Anything will do! People donate things like rare or signed books, old promotional materials (these do surprisingly well), services, original art, etc. There's really no end to what you can donate! Just keep in mind people do have to get it home or you need to ship it.

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WHERE TO SUBMIT

You can submit the list of items and a write-up for our host to read off through the link below:
<https://comicspro.wufoo.com/forms/z3v2bt51xzbc3m/>

Please ensure items are given to Moryha no later than Thursday night in the Registration Table.

If you have any questions, reach out to Moryha, at moryha@samuracicomics.com

ANTI-HARRASMENT POLICY

ComicsPRO Comic Industry conference is dedicated to providing a **harassment-free** conference experience for everyone, regardless of gender, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, disability, physical appearance, body size, race, age or religion.

We do not tolerate harassment of conference participants in any form. Sexual language and imagery is not appropriate for any conference venue. Conference participants violating these rules may be sanctioned or expelled from the conference, without a refund, at the discretion of the conference organizers.

Harassment includes, but is not limited to:

- Verbal comments that reinforce social structures of domination including but not limited to gender, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, disability, physical appearance, body size, race, age, religion.
- Sexual images in public spaces
- Deliberate intimidation, stalking, or following
- Photography or recording without consent
- Sustained disruption of talks or other events
- Inappropriate physical contact
- Unwelcome sexual attention
- Advocating for, or encouraging, any of the above behavior

Enforcement

Participants asked to stop any harassing behavior are expected to comply immediately. If a participant engages in harassing behavior, event organizers retain the right to take any actions to keep the event a welcoming environment for all participants. This includes warning or expelling the offender from the conference, with no refund.

Event organizers will take action to redress anything which disrupts the event or makes the environment hostile for any participants (whether intentional or unintentional).

We expect participants to follow these rules at all event venues and event-related social activities. We think people should follow these rules outside event activities too!

ANTI-HARRASMENT POLICY

Reporting

If someone makes you or anyone else feel unsafe or unwelcome, please report it! Harassment and other code of conduct violations reduce the value of our event for everyone. We want you to be happy at our event. You can make a report either personally or anonymously.

Anonymous Report

You can make an anonymous report here:

We can't follow up an anonymous report with you directly, but we will fully investigate it and take whatever action is necessary to address the situation, in accordance with this policy.

Personal Report

You can make a personal report by:

- Calling or messaging this phone number: (949) 466-0431. This phone number will be continuously monitored, by the Executive Director, for the duration of the event.
- Emailing one of three people:
 - Executive Director, Marco Davanzo marco@comicspro.org
 - President of the Board, Joe Murray joe@captainbluehen.com
 - Vice-President of the Board, Shannon Live comicsproedu@gmail.com
- Contacting a staff member or a ComicsPRO Board Member as soon as possible. (Conference STAFF and Board Members can be identified by their Badges). You may report to a staff member or ask them to contact the Executive Director, President, or Vice-President.
- When taking a personal report, our staff will ensure you are safe and cannot be overheard. With your permission, they may involve other event staff to ensure your report is managed properly. Once your privacy and comfort are assured, we'll ask you to tell us about what happened. This can be upsetting, but we'll handle it as respectfully as possible, and you can bring someone to support you. You won't be asked to confront anyone and we won't tell anyone who you are.

Our team will be happy to help you contact hotel/venue security, local law enforcement, local support services, provide escorts, or otherwise assist you to feel safe for the duration of the event. We value your attendance.

Phone number for hotel/venue security. Dial "0" on any house phone.

Local law enforcement - Call 911

TRAVEL DETAILS



**FEBRUARY 19-21, 2026
COMICS INDUSTRY CONFERENCE
HILTON LOS ANGELES NORTH - GLENDALE**

Hotel:

Hilton North Glendale:

100 W Glenoaks Blvd, Glendale, CA 91202

(818) 956-5466

Room Block Rate: \$186 a night. Reserve Your Room Today!

Airport:

The closest hotel to the airport is the Burbank Airport (9.1 MILES AWAY).

You can also use LAX (28 MILES AWAY) - Ridesharing (Uber, Lyft) from LAX to the hotel is very expensive and takes about an hour, so if you can fly into Burbank it will be more cost effective.

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MAILING TO THE HOTEL

If you want to send variants to put in goodie bags
Hilton Los Angeles North/Glendale
C/O Marco Davanzo - ComicsPRO Mtg, February 19-21
100 W Glenoaks Blvd,
Glendale, CA 91202

If you want to send something to yourself
Hilton Los Angeles North/Glendale
C/O (Your Name) - ComicsPRO Mtg, February 19-21
100 W Glenoaks Blvd,
Glendale, CA 91202

Note: Please have the items arrive at the hotel no earlier than February 16th. Here is the hotel phone number if you need to talk to them. (818) 956-5466

PARTIES?

LOOKING TO HOST A PARTY OR EVENT?

Please let us know if you will be hosting an off-site event for retailers to attend so that we can add it to the schedule. We ask that you do not host any events during standard programming of the conference so that attendees can hear all of the presentations. If you are providing travel arrangements to the party, let us know how that can be shared with attendees. You can use the Whova app to add any additional details or coordinate your own meet-ups throughout the event.

AUDIO/VISUAL

We will have an Audio Visual person in attendance to help with presentations. More information to come later, including where to send presentation slide decks.

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CREATOR EXHIBIT HALL LOAD IN & LOAD OUT

Creators are invited to apply for the Creator Exhibit Hall through this link: <https://comicspro.wufoo.com/forms/z19hcl471s109yr/>

The Creator Exhibit Hall will be open to retailers from 8:00 to 9:30 PM on Wednesday, February 18th. It is in the GLENDALE BALLROOM 5-8 at the Hilton North Angeles North Glendale at 100 W Glenoaks Blvd, Glendale, CA 91202.

The exhibit hall table is free. However, you will not be officially registered for the conference. You will be attending the conference solely on Wednesday afternoon and evening. You will be set up at a six foot table and can put out any comics, graphic novels, or original art that you've created. Retailers will be coming up to you to chat. Afterwards, you are invited to the opening night reception to mingle with retailers, publishers, and distributors. You are allowed to sell items if you want. No cash. Only digital payments. Talk to Shannon and you two decide if this is ok.

If you would like to attend other days (THU, FRI, SAT), please register for the event through the form: <https://comicspro.clubexpress.com/> Please register as a Vendor or Other. Or you can contact your publisher to see if they would like you to participate during their presentations.

LOAD IN

The room will be open at 6:30 PM for you to move into. Please check in at the registration table near the Glendale Ballroom to get your assigned table number. You will have to bring in your items yourself. The only things that you can bring in are items for you to display and one retractable banner with stand (23.5" by 80"). All tables will have tablecloths. You CANNOT bring any grid or extra tables etc. You will enter and leave through the main doors of the hotel.

LOAD OUT

You will have one hour to leave the exhibit hall. So we recommend you don't bring a lot of stuff with you so you can quickly pack up, put the items in your car or room, and then get to the reception being held right after Exhibit Hall Hours. If you have any questions, please email marco@comicspr.org. Note Can be someone else here if you guys want.

VENDOR EXHIBIT HALL LOAD IN & LOAD OUT

The Vendor Exhibit Hall is at the GLENDALE BALLROOM 5-8 at the Hilton North Angeles North Glendale at 100 W Glenoaks Blvd, Glendale, CA 91202.

The Exhibit Hall will be open to retailers from 9:00 AM to 7:30 PM on Thursday, February 19th.

There are three time blocks when the majority of retailers will be visiting you:

- Time Block 1: 11:10 AM to 12:20 PM: 1/2 of the attending retailers will be assigned to this time block.
- Time Block 2: 3:00 to 4:10 PM: 1/2 of the attending retailers will be assigned to this time block
- Time Block 3: 6:30 to 7:30 PM: This is the time block that will accommodate retailers with mobility issues, hearing impaired retailers, retailers that could not make the 1st two sessions (Board Members, Class teachers, and anybody else that wants a little extra time with vendors). Please use this time to schedule appointments with retailers.

During the rest of the time not scheduled, it may be a little slow in the exhibit hall. You can use this time to meet with in-person retailers via appointments, or reach out to at-home retailers. We will give you some ideas on how to do that.

You will be set up at a six foot table. The only things that you can bring in with you are items to display and one retractable banner with stand (23.5" by 80"). All tables will have tablecloths. You cannot set up any grid behind you. Some vendors may be exempt from this last rule, if the things that they need to display require some type of gridwall background. The vendors MUST send us an email request, and a picture of what you would like to do and we will approve the requests on a case by case basis. You can email marco@comicspro.org.

LOAD IN

The room will be open at 9:30 PM for you to move into. Please check in at the registration table near the Glendale Ballroom to get your assigned table number. You will have to bring in your items yourself. We do have some extra staff, however, that may be able to help, if they are not busy. We recommend you use a hotel cart to bring the items from your car or room to the room.

LOAD OUT

You will have one hour to leave the exhibit hall. You must be out of the exhibit hall by 8:30 PM, so we recommend you don't bring a lot of stuff with you so you can quickly pack up, put the items in your car or room. If you have any questions, please email marco@comicspro.org.

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WHERE TO EAT

PLACES PEOPLE SUGGESTED LAST YEAR

These are places that people in the LA area suggested on Whova as options last year. Some may no longer be open, so please Google to find additional information and operating hours.

- Highlight Coffee
- Raffis
- Damons Steak House
- Trattoria Amici
- Famous Craft Bar
- Trader Joes
- Muffin Can Stop Us
- Bacari GDL
- Le Pain Quotidien
- Starbucks
- Foxys Restaurant
- Gold Rail Bar
- Love You Latte
- Zankou Chicken
- In and Out
- Porto's Bakery
- Dinah's Chicken
- Eden on Brand
- Panda Inn
- Bi Mama's Big Poppa's Pizza
- Frida Mexican Cuisine
- Din Tai Fung
- BeaBeas
- Golden Market Grocery Store



CONTACT US

Questions before, during or after the conference?

Here's who to get in touch with:

Logistics and Sponsorship Questions:

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Additional Info:

[HTTPS://COMICSPRO.CLUBEXPRESS.COM/2026MEETVENDORS](https://comicspro.clubexpress.com/2026MEETVENDORS)

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