
ANNOUNCING:

Virginia and Maryland to Co-Host 2026 Insurance Convention & Tradeshow in Virginia Beach

Historic first-time partnership brings expanded networking, education, and industry insights to independent agents

The Independent Insurance Agents of Virginia and the Independent Insurance Agents of Maryland are proud to announce a historic first-time partnership to co-host the **2026 Convention & Tradeshow**, taking place in **Virginia Beach, Virginia**. This three-day event will unite independent insurance professionals from both states for an expanded, high-impact experience focused on collaboration, education, and the future of the industry.

The 2026 Convention & Tradeshow will welcome agents, agency leaders, and industry partners from Virginia and Maryland, encouraging cross-state membership engagement and fostering stronger regional connections. With shared values, similar markets, and a mutual passion for supporting the independent agent, this partnership represents a natural and exciting evolution for both associations.

The three-day event will feature robust programming centered on:

- **Networking opportunities** designed to build meaningful professional relationships
- **Insurance industry insights** addressing current trends and challenges
- **AI strategies and technology education** to help agencies prepare for the future

With a blend of education, innovation, and fun, the 2026 Convention & Tradeshow promises to deliver unmatched value for independent insurance professionals across both states.

Registration details and additional event information will be announced soon. Members and non-members from Virginia and Maryland are encouraged to attend and be part of this landmark event.

About IIAV

As the unrelenting advocates of independent insurance agents in Virginia, it is in our mission to provide quality education, information, resources, legislative advocacy, and agency protection to agents. **For over 100 years**, IIAV has enjoyed a reputation as Virginia's largest and most active insurance trade organization.

About Big "I" Maryland

The Independent Insurance Agents of Maryland is a leading voice for independent insurance agents, providing education, advocacy, and industry support across the state. Founded by independent agents and incorporated in Maryland in 1939, Big I Maryland has always been rooted right here at home. We are proud to be the only trade association that has been fully domiciled in Maryland since inception, created by Maryland agents, focused on Maryland agents, and dedicated to protecting their success for more than 85 years.