



Amnesty International USA-AGM
5 Penn Plaza; 14th Floor
New York, NY 10001

The 2005 Annual General Meeting
No Excuses. No Exceptions.
No Human Rights Left Behind.

April 8-10, 2005
Austin, Texas
Austin Hyatt Regency Hotel
www.amnestyusa.org/agm

AGM 2005 Pre-Registration Form

REGISTER NOW ON-LINE:

www.amnestyusa.org/agm
or complete this form and send *with payment* to:
AIUSA, Attn: AGM, 600 Pennsylvania Ave SE, 5th Floor,
Washington, DC 2003

Pre-registration deadline: March 11, 2005

Name (please print) _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email (please print) _____

Pre Registration \$55* / Limited Income \$40*

No. of registrants (Attach list with full names) _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

After March 11, all registration will be \$70

** Special Group Promotion: For every 5 paid registrations, the 6th will be free! All names must be submitted at the same time with payment in full to receive this discount.*

** All registration fees are on a per person basis.*

Payment

Make check or money order payable to Amnesty International USA.
We regret there will be NO refunds for registration fees.

AGM Registration fees contribute only 10% of the actual expenses of the conference. Please support the quality of this and future Annual General Meetings.

1. Are you a dues paid/waived member of AIUSA?*
O Yes O No

**All are welcome to attend the AGM. Internal sessions are open only for AIUSA Members.*

2. If you are a member, which describe(s) your role with AIUSA? (Check all that are applicable)

- O Student Group Member
- O Local Group Member
- O Board Member
- O Network Member (i.e., Legal Support Network, OutFront, etc.)
- O Volunteer Leader (i.e., Group/Area Coordinators,
- O Steering Committee Member, etc.

3. How long have you been active with AIUSA? (Check one)

- O 0-2 years O 2-5 years O 5-10 years
- O 10+ years

4. If you are not a member, would you like to receive membership information?

- O Yes O No

5. This is my first AGM:

- O Yes O No

6. I attended a Regional Conference this year:

- O Yes O No

7. I will most likely attend a Working Party or the Resolutions Voting Plenary

- O Yes O No

8. I am interested in volunteering my time at the AGM:

- O Yes O No

9. Licensed on-site childcare will be provided; I would like additional information:

- O Yes O No

10. Would you be able to attend Friday morning/afternoon sessions?

- O Yes O No

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Demographic Information- OPTIONAL

The AGM strives to have as broadly representative a conference as possible. By providing the following information, you greatly assist us in our assessment of our work. This information will be treated as private, it won't be linked to your name and it will be used for demographic purposes only. Please feel free to skip any question you prefer not to answer.

Age

- O 13 years old or under O 35 to 45 years old
- O 14 to 18 years old O 45 to 55 years old
- O 18 to 25 years old O 55 to 65 years old
- O 25 to 35 years old O 65 years old or above

ORace/Ethnicity

- OBlack / African Descent (Non-Hispanic. Non-Arab)
- OArab / Arab Descent / Middle-Eastern
- OAsian / Asian Descent / Pacific Islander (Non-Hispanic. Non-Arab)
- OLatino/a, Hispanic, Chicano/a
- ONative American / American Indian
- OWhite / Caucasian (Non-Hispanic. Non-Arab)
- OAs specified _____

Gender Identity

- OMale OFemale
- OTransgender OAs Specified _____

Sexual Orientation

- OBisexual OGay
- OHeterosexual OLesbian
- OPrefer not to say OAs specified _____

Formal educational level attained or currently enrolled in

- O High School
- O Associate degree program (e.g.: AA, AS)
- O Bachelor's degree program (e.g. BA, BS)
- O Master's degree program (e.g. MA, MS)
- O Professional degree program (e.g. JD, MD)
- O Doctorate degree program (e.g. PhD)

Place of living

- O Urban O Suburban
- O Small Town O Rural

Household Income (per year)

- O 18,000 or less O 54,001 to 87,000
- O 18,001 to 34,000 O 87,001 to 154,000
- O 34,001 to 54,000 O 154,001 or more

Disabilities /Special needs (if any): _____

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No Excuses. No Exceptions. No Human Rights Left Behind.

It's simple. Or it should be simple: human rights are inalienable. Every human being has them simply because they are alive. But are there gray areas within this very black and white concept? Amnesty International emphatically, unequivocally says "no." "No" to those who suggest that the U.S. can claim "exceptionality" to human rights in certain situations, and "no" to governments worldwide who have used the "war on terror" to justify human rights abuses. Amnesty says "no" to those who think that even a single living being whose human rights are being abused is not worth fighting for. Amnesty says "no" to the death penalty in all circumstances. Amnesty says "no" to those who argue that due process and enforcement of the law can shift depending on your race, ethnicity, economic status, sexuality, gender, or religion. Amnesty says "no" to the proposition that we must leave behind some rights to secure others. There are no exceptions. There are no excuses. And in Austin, Amnesty International activists from all over the country will reaffirm our dedication to this principle. No individual can redefine the concept of universal human rights for political gain. No business or corporation will be allowed to violate people's rights to increase their profits. No country will be excepted from responsibility for upholding the Universal Declaration of Human Rights or the Geneva Convention. Not a single one. *No excuses. No exceptions. No Human Rights Left Behind.*

Join Amnesty International USA at the Hyatt Regency Austin Hotel,
April 8-10, for the 2005 Annual General Meeting.

For more information or to register, visit www.amnestyusa.org/agm/

Annual General Meeting 2005 Preliminary Schedule Of Events

Friday, April 8, 2005

8:00 am – 3:00 pm	AIUSA Volunteer Leadership Meetings*
9:00 am – 3:00 pm	Workshop: Multicultural Organizational Development
11:00 am – 3:00 pm	The Radical Amnesty Acculturation Workshop (A primer for new activists)
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Media Training for Activists
3:30 pm – 5:00 pm	Death Penalty Rally, State Capitol
5:00 pm – 5:30 pm	Break
5:30 pm – 6:30 pm	Board Candidates' Forum*
6:30 pm – 8:30pm	Welcoming Plenary and Reception
8:30 pm – 9:45 pm	Board of Directors Town Hall Meeting*
9:45 pm – 11:15 pm	Informal Discussions: AGM 2005 Resolutions*
9:45 pm – 11:15 pm	Caucuses Based on Identity

Saturday, April 9, 2005

8:30 am – 10:00 am	Q & A with the International Council Meeting Delegation
10:00 am – 12:00 pm	Resolutions Working Parties*
12:00 – 2:00 pm	Lunch with Student and Local Group Caucuses*
2:00 pm – 3:30 pm	AGM Focus Plenary
3:30 pm – 3:45 pm	Break
3:45 pm – 5:15 pm	Panel Session I
5:15 pm – 5:30 pm	Break
5:30 pm – 7:00 pm	Caucuses Based on Identity
5:30 pm – 7:00 pm	AIUSA Program Review and Fora
8:30 pm onward	Special AGM Event (to be announced)

Sunday, April 10, 2005

8:15 am – 11:00 am	Resolution Voting Plenary*
11:00 am – 12:30 pm	Panel Session II
12:30 pm – 1:30pm	Closing Plenary

*Internal: These sessions are open to AIUSA Members and/or Staff only.

Voting at the Annual General Meeting

The AIUSA Resolutions process is a means by which members have the power to affect policy decision-making at regional, national, and international levels. Votes on resolutions during Working Parties and the AGM Voting Plenary can be cast by individual members or representatives of local or student groups. For information, contact: aiusa-resol@aiusa.org

To qualify to vote individually, you must either:

1. Have paid membership dues between January 1, 2004 and February 1, 2005. To join or renew your membership, please send dues of \$25 (\$15 student/limited income) to AIUSA-MEMBERSHIP SERVICES, 5 Penn Plaza, 14th Floor; New York, NY 10001; OR
2. Have completed a dues waiver by February 1, 2005 only if you cannot afford to pay dues. To request a waiver, contact Rory Howell, tel: 212.807.8400 or rhowell@aiusa.org

Each local and student group receives one vote to be exercised by a designated individual at the AGM. Group voting authorization forms will be enclosed in the February Monthly Mailing to groups. This form **must** be completed and presented at the AGM.

www.amnestyusa.org/agm/voting

Workshop: Fighting Discrimination, Building Diversity

Amnesty's increased attention to discrimination-related human rights abuses also supports our internal diversity goals. Operating from a human rights perspective, this workshop explores the centrality of discrimination to Human Rights work and how peoples' complex identities can make them vulnerable to having their rights violated. It concludes with a reflection on the ways we can act to dismantle discrimination in the United States and strengthen AIUSA's organizational diversity.

www.amnestyusa.org/agm/diversity

Educational Panels and Interactive Workshops

Two sessions of educational and explorative presentations will be offered Saturday evening featuring distinguished speakers on a variety of topics related to AI's ongoing work to end international human rights abuses.

The committee is asking for key conceptual sketches (rather than fully developed proposals) to be submitted by **November 26, 2004**. The committee will first select 8-10 workshops or panel topics and will post these for further development in December. Send suggestions to: aiusa-agm@aiusa.org

Early December, we will advertise the selected panel/workshop sketches. If you are interested in submitting a fully developed proposal on any of the chosen sketches, please do so by January 14, 2005 by email aiusa-agm@aiusa.org. For updates on topics, please check the AGM website.

Caucusing

At the AGM 2005, caucuses based on **membership structures** (Local Groups, Student Groups, Networks) and **identity groups** (by race, gender, sexual orientation, and other identities or combination of identities) are scheduled. Proposals for identity-based caucuses (including relevance of caucus at this AGM and if possible, suggestions for facilitators) must be sent by **January, 2005** to the AGM Program Committee at aiusa-agm@aiusa.org
www.amnestyusa.org/agm/caucuses

Ideas Fair

A forum to share your accomplishments and ideas with other Amnesty members from around the country. Reserve space to display photos, artwork, documents, flyers, and other materials. **Contact: Ellen Moore, emoore@aiusa.org, tel: 303.258.1170**
www.amnestyusa.org/agm/ideas_fair

Reaching the AGM Program Committee

The AGM is organized by a committee of Amnesty International members from each region, the Chair of the National Resolutions Committee, local group members, and staff. The committee encourages communication and creative input from all Amnesty members.

Contact: aiusa-agm@aiusa.org

The AGM Program Office can be reached at 202.544.0200 or by writing to AGM Program, AIUSA, 600 Pennsylvania Ave SE, 5th Floor, Washington, DC 20003.

Multiculturalism at the AGM 2005

The AIUSA AGM welcomes people of diverse communities, identities, approaches and ideas. Programming concepts, speakers, organizers, and vendors will be sought from a wide diversity of communities. The AGM upholds AIUSA's commitment to address issues of critical concern to diverse communities within the context of its mission and to ensure the full participation of multicultural communities in the leadership structure and decision-making processes of the organization.

Diversity program opportunities include:

- Workshop: "Fighting Discrimination, Building Diversity"
- National Priority Workshops
- Caucusing
- AIUSA: Meet and Greet

www.amnestyusa.org/agm/diversity

Getting There

The 2005 AGM will be held at the **Hyatt Regency Austin, in the heart of downtown Austin**. 7 miles from Austin Bergstrom International Airport, 1 hour from San Antonio and 3 hours from Dallas and Houston. 1.75 miles from the State Capitol. 5 blocks from the Austin Convention Center. Austin info: <http://www.austintexas.org/index.php>

Creative solutions for funding travel to the AGM:

- Apply for an AGM Travel Subsidy through your regional office
www.amnestyusa.org/contact/
- Look on-line for low airfares to Austin Bergstrom international Airport.
- Ask Lois Trinka from Seagate Travel for specially negotiated air fares for AIUSA Members;
lois.trinka@seagatetravel.com, tel: 888-706-3841 or 212-404-8800 Ext.1493, Fax: 516-223-9290.
CODE: AIUSA MEMBER
- Organize fundraising drives matched with travel subsidies from your regional office
- Ask for financial assistance from your school or local AI group
- Share carpools with members from other local and student groups
- Travel by train

Accommodations

Rooms sell out quickly so book your reservations early.

Hyatt Regency Austin: Reservation Deadline March 7, 2005*

Room rates:

Single/Double \$149

Triple: \$179

Quad: \$199

Student discount Room rates (limited number):

Single/Double \$109

Triple: \$134

Quad: \$159

Reservations: tel: 1-512-477-1234 or 1-800-233-1234

A credit card is required to hold the reservation. Cancellation policy is 24 hours prior to your arrival or you will be charged a night's stay. The hotel is a disability-equipped facility. A large outdoor self-parking garage at \$9 per day is available, fully equipped health club, and outdoor pool with jacuzzi are among the many amenities offered. Check-in time is 3:00 p.m. and you must check out by 12:00 p.m.