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NABIP-SOTX Hosts Record-Breaking Ninth-Annual Summit at South Padre Island



NABIP-SOTX celebrated a milestone this year with its Ninth-Annual Summit, drawing a full house of attendees to a dynamic, two-day event held at the scenic South Padre Island. With 24 sponsors, nine Continuing Education (CE) course options, and lively networking events, this summit marked the largest in the chapter’s history.

The first evening offered more than just education—it delivered unforgettable experiences. Participants boarded a sunset bay cruise, where playful dolphins made a special appearance in the shimmering waters of the bay. The cruise was followed by a relaxed post-cruise happy hour, offering ample time to network and unwind.

The second day kept the momentum going, with six additional CE classes, including a two-hour ethics session - a critical topic for industry professionals. The vendor hall buzzed with activity as attendees explored offerings from sponsors and exhibitors. Mid-afternoon, the event sweetened the experience even further with an ice cream social, providing a fun and refreshing break.

“This was by far our biggest and most successful summit to date,” said chapter President, Vicky Vela. “The energy, participation, and support from our sponsors and attendees truly exceeded expectations.”

With strong engagement, valuable professional development, and memorable moments by the bay, NABIP-SOTX’s Ninth-Annual Summit set a high bar for future events.

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NABIP-Dallas Swears In New Board Members



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🎉 Celebrating Excellence & Looking Ahead! 🎉

We are thrilled to congratulate our 2025 Donna Carnall Award Winner, Beth Christensen! 🏆 Your dedication, leadership, and service to our chapter and the industry truly embody the spirit of this prestigious award. Thank you for the impact you continue to make! 💙

🌟 Also, please join us in welcoming the 2025–2026 NABIP-FW Board of Directors! We're excited for the energy and vision this amazing team brings as we continue to grow, advocate, and lead together.

Here's to another impactful year for NABIP Fort Worth! 🍷💬

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Beth Christensen
NABIP - Fort Worth
2025 Donna Carnall
Award Recipient

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NABIP - SOTX 2025 SUMMIT



NABIP - Houston

Emily Trevino · Follow
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Honored and Grateful.

NABIP has helped me guide our agency and agent partners to prep their clients and their businesses ahead of significant and impactful changes.

I was genuinely surprised to receive the Distinguished Service Award from NABIP Houston. I've always believed in putting my head down and doing the work....not for recognition, but because results matter. Apparently, when you stay focused and lead with impact, people notice. 🙏

We have big things happening in the NABIP Houston chapter, and I'm on a mission to make ours the strongest chapter in the universe. Our incoming board will outwork, outthink, and work smart to ensure agents grow their businesses, advocate for their clients, educate their communities, and protect the value agents bring at every level of government.

Let's keep going. We're just getting started. @wisepartnersofficial @nabiphouston

A photograph of Emily Trevino, a woman with long blonde hair wearing a blue sleeveless top, smiling and holding a dark red award plaque. The plaque has the NABIP logo and her name, "EMILY N. TREVINO". A man in a dark suit and white shirt stands behind her, also smiling. The background is a simple indoor setting with a wall-mounted light fixture.

Emily Trevino NABIP-Houston Distinguished Service Award 2025

Crystal Hoffman NABIP-Houston Ben Kowalski Memorial Award for Excellence 2025

Crystal Hoffman
June 19 · 👤

Surprised...shocked...speechless...I really don't know what else to say for how unexpected this was. Tonight I was awarded with the highest honor of my industry's professional association, the National Association of Benefits & Insurance Professionals - Houston Chapter ([NABIP Houston](#)). I really don't feel like I belong with the other names who have received this award before me. This association means so much to me...both professionally and personally...more than I can put into words. It is truly an honor to have been named as this year's recipient of the Ben Kowalski Memorial Award for Excellence. Thank you to everyone involved in the nomination and voting process. And an extra special huge THANK YOU to my mom, [Marian Hoffman](#), for secretly getting my kids bathed, dressed and to the ceremony, so we could all share this special evening together. 💖💙 I will remember this night forever! 🙏



Only In Texas

The Most Iconic View in Texas is Also a Stunning Slice of History Epic

By: Katie Lawernce, As Seen in Only In Texas

One of my favorite historic places in Texas (that also happens to be incredibly beautiful) is Guadalupe Mountains National Park. This vast desert oasis dates back millions of years, and the view from Guadalupe Peak is perhaps the most iconic scene in the Lone Star State.

I'm a huge history buff, but I also love being outdoors. Those two interests don't often intersect—after all, how many museums have you been to that offer hiking trails? I personally haven't seen more than a few. Sometimes, however, I forget that history is all around us.

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Spend the Night in an Airbnb That's on an Actual Exotic Animal Ranch Right Here in Texas

By: Katie Lawernce, As Seen in Only In Texas

Ostriches, zebras, wildebeest...and donkeys? Oh my! If you've always dreamed of taking a trip to the African savanna, now's your chance to do so. No need for a passport or a plane ride; just hop in your car for a road trip to Blanco, TX. Book a stay at the Sweet Serengeti Ranch, a Central Texas Airbnb with all sorts of exotic safari animals, and we guarantee that your time here will be nothing short of unforgettable. Let's take a closer look at this Sweet Serengeti Airbnb, one of the most unique getaways in Texas.

Nestled on 40 acres of sprawling Hill Country landscape, The Sweet Serengeti is a two-bedroom modern cabin that sleeps up to eight guests.

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This Nighttime Kayak Lake Tour Belongs On Your Texas Bucket List

By: Katie Lawernce, As Seen in Only In Texas

If you've never taken a nighttime kayak tour in Texas, I definitely recommend changing that in the near future. Get Up and Go Kayaking in San Marcos takes paddlers on an epic sunset ride featuring clear kayaks outfitted with stunning neon LED lights. You'll see wild-life, make new friends, enjoy the quiet of the night, and have an overall great time.

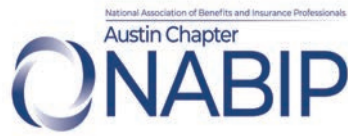
Kayaking is cool, but have you ever gone kayaking at night? Taking that one step further, what about kayaking at night in a clear kayak outfitted with neon lights? If that sounds like a dream, Get Up and Go Kayaking in San Marcos can make it your reality.

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August Chapter Agendas

AUSTIN

www.austinahu.org



 August 21, 2025
2:00 PM - 5:00 PM
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 III Forks (Downtown)
111 Lavaca Street,
Austin, TX 78701
[Venue website](#)
[Directions](#)

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Speaker: Neil McNeill



NABIP Austin is pleased to welcome Neil McNeill, Ph.L., REBC
Company: Sales Executive for Tokio Marine HCC-MedPlus

Course Title: Ethics the NABIP Way
Course ID: 141624
Provider #: 32408
Credit Hours: 3 hours of Ethics

Tickets

\$50.00 Member Registration

\$50.00 Non Member Registration

Documents

[Bio - Neil McNeill](#)

EAST TEXAS

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Upcoming events

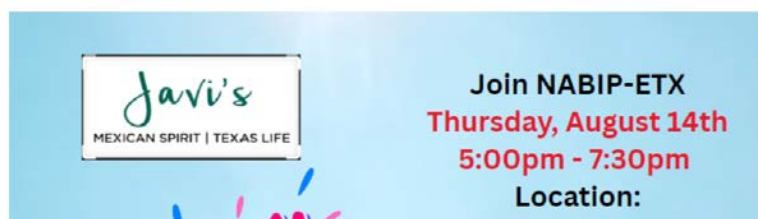
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NABIP-ETX August Happy Hour - Sponsored by CRC Benefits (formerly BenefitMall) with Avesis and Delta Dental

When *August 14, 2025*
5:00 PM - 7:30 PM (CST)

Location Javi's - 7212 Old
Jacksonville Hwy, Tyler,
TX 75703

[Register](#)



DALLAS

www.nabip-dallas.org



NABIP-Dallas (DAHU) Upcoming Dates - Details to follow

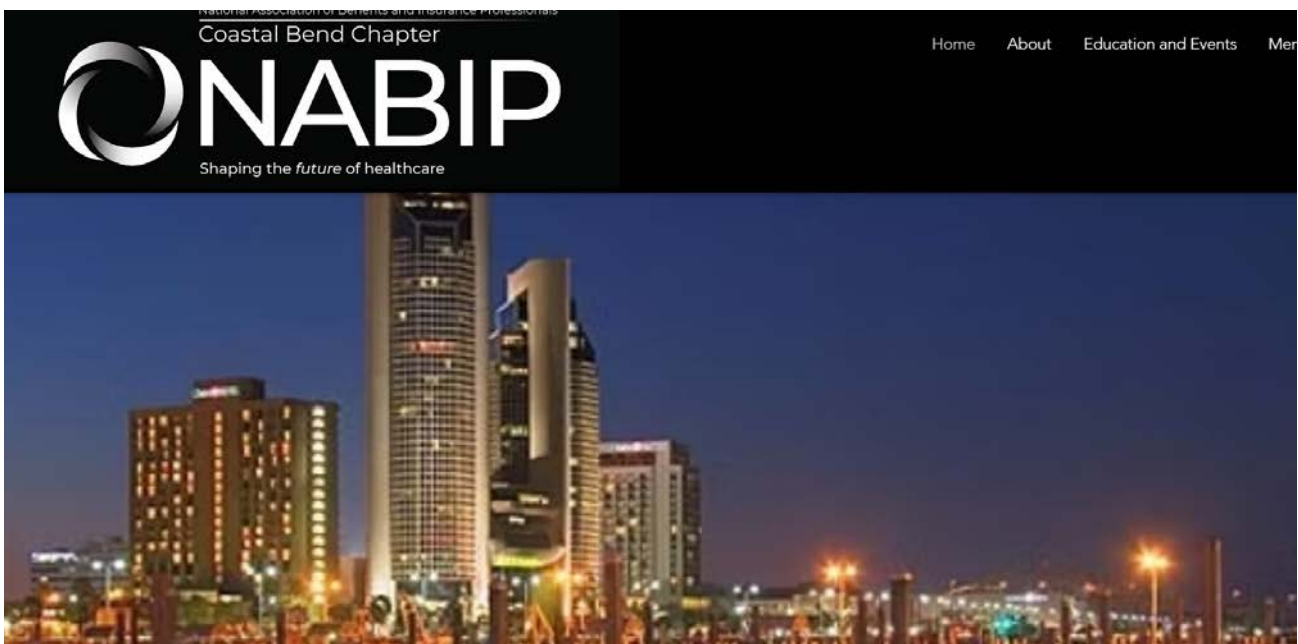
August 20, 2025 | NABIP- Dallas all day Rockstar Sales Summit
[Register Here](#)

September 2025 | NABIP- Reimaging Employee Benefits with
Greg Allen with AG Insurance

If you would like to get involved as a VOLUNTEER or SPONSOR for any of the events, please
complete and submit the appropriate form.

COASTAL BEND

www.nabipcoastalbendtx.org



NABIP-FW Monthly Luncheon and Meeting

August 14 @ 11:00 am - 1:30 pm

Register Here

We're gearing up for an exciting August Luncheon and you won't want to miss it! Join us for great food, valuable connections, and an engaging program designed just for YOU. ⭐

Come hear how our HEALTHCARE PRIORITIES fared in the last Legislative Session.

As usual, NABIP-TX lobbyists, Meroney Public Affairs, were hard at work protecting our interest at the Texas Capitol. They will now be coming out to our Chapter to present an updated CE covering a deep dive into the healthcare related legislation that passed, failed and some that may come back next session. 1 Hour CE - Pending



Hidden Cost of Healthcare

The Hidden Cost of Accessing Health Care
September 9, 2025
Course 143836
Virtual CE Class - 1HR

Register Here

Members \$0
Non-Members \$25


HOUSTON


www.nabip-htx.org



August Legislative Happy Hour



 August 19, 2025 | 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM
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 Moonshine Deck | 1239 W 19th St
Houston, TX 77008
[Directions](#)

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NABIP San Antonio - Maximize Medicare Summit – August 21st


National Association of Benefits and Insurance Professionals
San Antonio Chapter



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Shaping the *future* of healthcare

 August 21, 2025
8:00 AM - 4:30 PM
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 Norris Conference Center
618 NW Loop 410 (Park North Shopping Center), Suite 207
San Antonio, TX 78216

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