

Frequently Asked Questions

- **Q. Is this really a free event?**
 - A.** Yes. We ask you to pay for your travel and hotel accommodations. Once you arrive to the hotel, we will take care of everything; conference training and materials, meals, entertainment (including the Saint Paul Saints baseball game) as well as transportation.

- **Q. What should I expect from the conference?**
 - A.** We are so excited to gather as a community. This will be a meaningful opportunity to get to know your akoyaGO team, collaborate with other clients, and build a community of shared users. It will also be a great time to hear from our experienced team on industry insights as well as best practices for using akoyaGO.

- **Q. Who can come to EMPOWERED?**
 - A.** Anyone from your foundation is welcome to join us, including board members. There is no limit to the number of participants from your organization.

- **Q. What does the JW Marriott offer for amenities?**
 - A.** Conveniently connected to the Mall of America, JW Marriott offers an on-site restaurant, room service, indoor pool, fitness center, and an airport shuttle.

- **Q. May I book my hotel reservations outside the stated room block dates of July 26-28?**
 - A.** If you wish to book before and/or after the conference dates, please book your reservation for the program dates as-is. You will then need to email info@akoyaGO.com with your name and preferred dates. We will work with the JW Marriott to adjust your reservation accordingly. (Please note the group rate is based on availability any may not be guaranteed.)

- **Q. What is the dress code for the event?**
 - A. Please feel free to wear what you find most comfortable. We have designed our time together to be informal and approachable.
- **Q. What should I expect for the Saint Paul Saints baseball game?**
 - A. We have reserved the Spire Sun Deck, a private rooftop to take in the game as well as provide incredible views of the St. Paul skyline. This complimentary event includes your ticket to the game, a themed pre-game meal, beverages as well as your transportation to and from the event.
- **Q. What is the difference between Terminal 1 and Terminal 2 at the Minneapolis-St. Paul Airport?**
 - A. Terminal 1, also known as Lindberg Terminal, is the larger terminal servicing all major carriers and has seven concourses. Terminal 2, or Humphrey Terminal, has only one concourse and services the charter airlines. Metro Transit Light Rail connects the terminals and is available free of charge between the two terminals.
- **Q. How far is the hotel from the airport?**
 - A. The JW Marriott Minneapolis Mall of America hotel is less than a ten-minute drive from Terminal 1 and even closer to Terminal 2. The Metro Transit Light Rail runs from either terminal to the Mall of America where the hotel is located.
- **Q. Do I need to rent a car?**
 - A. This is completely personal preference but there is no need for your own transportation throughout the conference. We'll get you where you need to go.
- **Q. What are transportation options?**
 - A. The Metro Transit Light Rail offers service from the Mall of America to downtown Minneapolis or St. Paul. Metro Transit Uber and Lyft are also great transportation alternatives, and you may find it helpful to download their apps.
- **Q. What will the weather be like in Minnesota in July?**
 - A. Minnesota is lovely in July. Daily high temperatures are usually in the mid-80s and rarely fall much below 70 degrees in the evening. Although warm, it can also be humid this time of year.
- **Q. What is there to do around the Twin Cities during my visit?**
 - A. From car shows to concerts, the Twin Cities offers all kinds of events and entertainment if you decide to stay the weekend. Click here to identify several options. [Explore Minnesota](#)