

**23rd NAOTA CONFERENCE**  
**May 13 - 17, 2026**  
**Cleveland, OH USA**

The 23rd NAOTA conference will be held from May 13 - May 17, 2026 in Cleveland OH USA. The conference is hosted by the Northern Ohio Chapter, led by Chairperson, Isa Ranganathan and Co-Chair, Darlene Hritz.

**ABOUT THE CONFERENCE**

**INSTRUCTORS**

The instructors for the conference will be Headmaster Hiroki Ohara and he will be assisted by Assistant Professor Akane Suzuki.

**VENUE**

Cleveland Marriott East 26300 Harvard Road Warrensville Heights, OH 44122 1-216-345-4708

**CONFERENCE SCHEDULE**

**Wednesday, May 13th :**

Registration from 3 pm.

Welcome Reception will begin at 6 pm.

**Thursday, May 14th to Saturday, May 16th :**

Workshops Morning (9:00 am to noon) and Afternoon (1:00 pm to 4:00 pm).

Lunch is provided all three days from 12 – 1:00 pm.

**Thursday, May 16th**

Certificate Ceremony Following the afternoon workshops at 4 pm.

General Membership Meeting A NAOTA General Membership Meeting is scheduled following the Certificate Ceremony about 5 pm.

**Sunday, May 17th**

Demonstration from 3 pm.

Sayonara Banquet beginning at 6:30 pm.

**REQUIRED SUPPLIES**

NAOTA will provide containers and floral materials. Participants must bring their own scissors, kenzans, wires, etc. Information about the types of kenzan needed will be provided at a later date.

## **ROOM RESERVATIONS**

NAOTA has reserved a block of rooms at the Cleveland Marriott East Hotel for the conference at a nightly rate of USD \$169 plus state and local taxes.

**Reservations must be made before Monday, April 20, 2026.** This rate is also available from May 11 - May 18 or two days before and after the conference, subject to availability. Parking is available for free.

To book your hotel room reservation, please click on this link. [The room reservation link is currently active.](#)

You may also book via their Reservations # at 1-888-236-2427, if you have any issues with the link. Please mention that you are attending the NAOTA CONFERENCE.

## **TRANSPORTATION**

The nearest airport is Cleveland Hopkins International Airport (CLE) located approximately 21 miles away. The hotel does not have an airport shuttle but Taxi and Ride share are available.

## **REGISTRATION FOR THE CONFERENCE**

Enclosed are two Registration Forms – one for payment in US dollars, the other for Canadian dollars. Select one payment method, complete the corresponding Registration Form, and mail via **regular mail** with payment as instructed. Participants will be accepted to the conference based on the mailing date (postmark) of their conference Registration Form. Please do not send your Registration Form by overnight delivery or any method requiring a signature. No one will be available to sign for any delivery.

Your March 2024 – February 2026 NAOTA dues must be paid in order for your Registration Form to be processed.

**Space is limited. Consider registering promptly to avoid disappointment.**

**Please review the following important information before sending in your registration form.**

## ENTERING U.S.A.

For those living outside of USA, we strongly recommend that you carefully monitor entry requirements into the USA to ensure that you will be able to attend the conference. The following [USA government website](#) provides detailed, up-to-date information about entry requirements into the USA:

It will be your responsibility to make sure you comply with all entry requirements.

We also recommend that you check your health insurance coverage for validity in the USA. You may want to consider purchasing travel insurance as well.

## CANCELLATION POLICY

The standard NAOTA conference cancellation policy will apply:

- Before February 17, 2026: full refund of conference fees.
- After February 17, 2026:
  - A full refund will be made if the slot can be filled by another NAOTA member on the waiting list.
- There is no partial refund if a workshop is not attended.

Should you need to cancel, please **email** NAOTA Treasurer Beth Bowers-Klaine [beth.klaine@gmail.com](mailto:beth.klaine@gmail.com)