



## 2026 Engagement Calendar

### All Member Calls:

Date	Time	Zoom Links
Thursday, January 22nd	11 am PT/2 pm ET	<a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89980796615">https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89980796615</a>
Thursday, April 16th	11 am PT/2 pm ET	<a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89457764704">https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89457764704</a>
Thursday, June 11th	11 am PT/2 pm ET	<a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87831638102">https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87831638102</a>
Thursday, October 15th	11 am PT/2 pm ET	<a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82238015994">https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82238015994</a>

**Annual In-Person Meeting:** December 8-10 at [CIA at Copia](#), Napa, CA

### All HKC Member Events:

- School Breakfast Week: March 2–6, 2026
- National Nutrition Month: March 1–31, 2026
- National Salsa Month: May 1–31, 2026
- School Lunch Hero Day: May 1, 2026
- National Mac & Cheese Day: July 14, 2026 (parent-directed resource)
- National School Lunch Week: October 12–16, 2026

### HKC Meet-Ups at:

- [SNA Legislative Action Conference](#) (LAC): March 8-10, 2026 | Washington, D.C.
- [ACDA- The American Commodity Distribution Association](#), Seattle, WA, April 19-22, 2026
- [Annual National Conference](#) (ANC): July 12–15, 2026 | Charlotte, NC
- [IFPA Foodservice Expo](#): July 22–24, 2026 | Monterey, CA
- [Food and Nutrition Conference](#) (FNCE): October 24–27, 2026 | San Antonio, TX





### Other CIA Conferences:

[Menus of Change National Leadership Summit](#) | June 2-4, 2026 (Hyde Park, NY)

- For 15% off registration, HKC members can use code: **MOCHKC**
- CIA will host a fun and informal networking mixer of the CIA's year-round Menus of Change collaboratives, including HKC.

### Newsletters:

- Content Deadline:
  - March 13th
  - August 29th
- Publication/Distribution:
  - April 3rd
  - September 12th

### Webinars:

*\*Open to All School Nutrition Professionals*

Date	Time	Sponsor/Topic	Zoom Links
Thursday, February 19th	11 am PT/2 pm ET	HMI Webinar	<a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87430848190">https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87430848190</a>
Monday, March, 23rd	11 am PT/2 pm ET	Presenter: 50Cut	<a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85202235327">https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85202235327</a>
Thursday, May 14th	11 am PT/2 pm ET	Topic: <i>TBD</i>	<a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83679649765">https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83679649765</a>
Thursday, August 13th	11 am PT/2 pm ET	Presenter: Datassential	<a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87531536628">https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87531536628</a>
Wednesday, November 12th	11 am PT/2 pm ET	Presenter: National Peanut Board	<a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82831912044">https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82831912044</a>





### Working Group Calls:

Working Group	Contact	Schedule	Zoom Links
Culture & Culinary Education	Chair- Kevin Jenkins Co-Chair- Acenette Gonzalez	Second Tuesday of Each Month at 1 pm CST	<a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87941057932">https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87941057932</a>
Flavor Exploration	Chair- Kristen Tekell Co-Chair- Marlo Spreng	Second Friday of Each Month at 2 pm CST	<a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88314144890">https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88314144890</a>
Planet Forward	Chair-Jason Hull Co-Chair- Jamie Hartz	Third Wednesday of Each Month at 12 pm CST	<a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83003782200">https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83003782200</a>
Pro-Motion	Chair-Whitney Ellersick Co-Chair-Desiree Yaegar	Third Tuesday of Each Month at 9CST	<a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85128792606">https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85128792606</a>