

INDEPENDENT VOICES

From the Independent Teacher Associate Editor

It's time to start saving for Chicago! Wait! What? – the Chicago Conference is 15 months away!

But if you are like me, in the past you've waited until January of the conference year, looked at the bank account, and decided it will be a real stretch to save the \$1000+ needed to attend. Then I end up paying off the credit card for months after the conference because I didn't save enough. I've pulled that for all but one conference in the last two decades, and it is always uncomfortable. This time it is going to be different.



Here is my secret – have you seen this before? I can't take credit for coming up with it, but I am super excited to share it. The trick is to save a little every week. The first thing to do is open a new savings account (that will only take you 15 min. at the bank and is not a deal killer). The next thing is to transfer money into that account as detailed on this chart.

52-Week Saving For The NATS Conference

Week	Deposit Amount	Account Balance	Week	Deposit Amount	Account Balance
1	\$52.00	\$52.00	27	\$26.00	\$1,053.00
2	\$51.00	\$103.00	28	\$25.00	\$1,078.00
3	\$50.00	\$153.00	29	\$24.00	\$1,102.00
4	\$49.00	\$202.00	30	\$23.00	\$1,125.00
5	\$48.00	\$250.00	31	\$22.00	\$1,147.00
6	\$47.00	\$297.00	32	\$21.00	\$1,168.00
7	\$46.00	\$343.00	33	\$20.00	\$1,188.00
8	\$45.00	\$388.00	34	\$19.00	\$1,207.00
9	\$44.00	\$432.00	35	\$18.00	\$1,225.00
10	\$43.00	\$475.00	36	\$17.00	\$1,242.00
11	\$42.00	\$517.00	37	\$16.00	\$1,258.00
12	\$41.00	\$558.00	38	\$15.00	\$1,273.00
13	\$40.00	\$598.00	39	\$14.00	\$1,287.00
14	\$39.00	\$637.00	40	\$13.00	\$1,300.00
15	\$38.00	\$675.00	41	\$12.00	\$1,312.00
16	\$37.00	\$712.00	42	\$11.00	\$1,323.00
17	\$36.00	\$748.00	43	\$10.00	\$1,333.00
18	\$35.00	\$783.00	44	\$9.00	\$1,342.00
19	\$34.00	\$817.00	45	\$8.00	\$1,350.00
20	\$33.00	\$850.00	46	\$7.00	\$1,357.00
21	\$32.00	\$882.00	47	\$6.00	\$1,363.00
22	\$31.00	\$913.00	48	\$5.00	\$1,368.00
23	\$30.00	\$943.00	49	\$4.00	\$1,372.00
24	\$29.00	\$972.00	50	\$3.00	\$1,375.00
25	\$28.00	\$1,000.00	51	\$2.00	\$1,377.00
26	\$27.00	\$1,027.00	52	\$1.00	\$1,378.00

Is \$1378 enough? It can be. Early bird registration, getting the excellent NATS rate for the hotel, not renting a car, and getting a good rate for the flight should do it. But just in case, following this chart still gives you three more months after the 52 weeks to save before the big event.



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