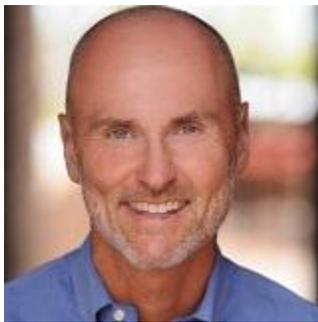




SPEAKER BIOS

Chip Conley
Modern Elder Academy Founder



New York Times bestselling author Chip Conley is the boutique hotel entrepreneur who helped Airbnb's founders turn their fast-growing tech start-up into a global hospitality brand. Chip is the founder of the Modern Elder Academy, where a new roadmap for midlife is offered at a beautiful oceanfront campus in Mexico.

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Dahlia El Gazzar
DAHLIA+ Agency



Dahlia has an OMG-attitude about all things eventtech and experience design. She's her own brand, with more than a decade of experience in the meetings and events sector, working on both the professional planning side and as an association collaborator, Dahlia is known as the coffee-fuelled 'go-to' source for trend-setting solutions, eventtech news, and professional branding expertise.

Recently featured in:

- Eventex 100 Top Influencers in Events Industry 2020
- Smart Meetings Magazine 2019 Smartest Women in the Industry - Hall Fame
- Top 500 People in Events by BizBash 2019
- Smart Meetings Magazine 2017 + 2018 Top 100 Smartest Women in the meetings industry who inspire us
- Top 25 women in the meetings industry list by Meetings & Conventions Magazine
- Top 20 of the #eventprofs US & Canada Power 100 List
- Top Five Women in Event Tech List
- MeetingsNet's 2015 Changemakers
- 2014 Meetings Today Magazine's Trendsetter & Industry mover & shaker.

She is an Evernote aficionado, speaks globally on meetings and events technology, new-and-upcoming technology solutions and platforms. and Her mission is to empower event professionals with practical intel on everything tech related and educate them on the emerging digital innovation opportunities to elevate their events and audience engagement.

She wants you to break the status quo and #getshiftdone!

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Soraya Herbert



Soraya Herbert is an accomplished digital nomad, content creator, and experienced social media consultant. She kicked off her career in the fast-paced world of events in roles that have allowed her opportunities in social media marketing, public relations, digital media consultancy, and public speaking. Her ability to quickly and thoroughly create results-driven + engaging content, adapt to multiple industry perspectives and connect consumers to brands sets her apart from others in this field.

That being said, she's bubbly, creative, organized, reliable, deadline-driven, and educational oriented professional. Plus, thanks to her extensive knowledge in the marketing field, she stands out in a virtual sea of marketers, because she understands the front-end and back end marketing beyond content creation.

Soraya is also known for helping professionals and companies from small to large develop, understand, and discover ways to create engaging content to boost their brands and digital footprint for a higher chance of ROI. Being considered a Digital Media Enthusiast or Consultant may be an untraditional title to some, but it embodies all the facets Soraya brings to the table.

Soraya's skill set is ideal for companies and professionals who need help establishing their online voice, understanding how to leverage technology, and who want to understand effective tools for social media success. Her niche is connecting others—creating connections between brands and consumers and bringing humanity back into marketing.

Patrick Hamilton
Business Development Manager, Foxtail Catering



A Bay Area native, Patrick started his journey at the bottom and worked his way up from dishwasher to Sous Chef rapidly in the SF Culinary Scene. After transitioning into Foxtail, Patrick has planned numerous large scale conferences, holidays, IPOs and picnics for major tech companies based in the Bay Area and nationwide. His passion for service, creative design aesthetic and can-do attitude has helped Foxtail become one of the premier caterers in the Bay Area. Patrick is now focused on Business Development, and is Head of Sales for all Virtual and Hybrid events with Foxtail's VIP Box Program.

Megan Warzeniak (Moderator, Chip Conley keynote)
Business Development Strategist, Streamlinevents



Megan Warzeniak is an accomplished business development strategist and experience enabler with streamlinevents inc. Along with her team, she collaborates with clients to define their brand messaging, deliver their vision, and achieve their event marketing goals. Prior to her current role, Megan served as Director of Corporate Business Development at Key Events, Director of Corporate Sales at If Only and Director of Regional Sales, Northern California & Pacific NW at KSL Resorts.

Parallel to her professional work, Megan contributes her time and expertise to the PCMA-NCC Programs Committee, Green Meetings Industry Council (GMIC-NCN), MPI-NCC and is an active contributor within the Corporate Events Marketing Association (CEMA).

Velia Amarasingham (Co-Moderator)
Curated Entertainment



Velia is a producer, playwright, songwriter and multi-discipline performer. She studied drama with the Australian Theatre for Young People and received vocal training from Australian superstar, Marcia Hines, before making the Bay Area her home during the dot-com boom. Velia currently co-operates Curated Entertainment with Corporate Magician Heather Rogers, and they believe that every event deserves an entertainment or emcee program that is as unique as its particular audience. Velia and her business partner are almost unrecognizable out of costume and character, so it's worth noting that they emceed the PCMA-NCC gala at the Palace Hotel in 2018 as 18th Century aristocrats, and last year's gala, live from Verducci Event Productions, as fast talking flappers. If you'd like to learn more, please visit CuratedEntertainment.biz or [@curated_ent](https://www.instagram.com/curated_ent) on Instagram

Heather Rogers (Co-Moderator)
Curated Entertainment



Heather Rogers is a Corporate Magician, Speaker and Emcee. She has performed at Barack Obama's Inaugural Ball in Washington D.C. and at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas. She has also shared the stage with Hillary Clinton, Joan Baez and Rita Moreno.

When Heather was young, she ran away with the circus, San Francisco's Pickle Family Circus and has since performed her customized magic and speaking programs for over 4000 corporations, associations and startled gas station attendants!

After 20 years as a professional Corporate Magician & Speaker, Heather co-founded Curated Entertainment with Producer, Recording Artist and Emcee, Velia Amarasingham. They have Emceed two PCMA-NCC BAMIE Awards Galas and are excited to co-facilitate PCMA-NCC's first ever hybrid event.

Visit [CuratedEntertainment.biz](https://www.CuratedEntertainment.biz) to learn more about their custom-curated programs.