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PRIVACY POLICY 2018

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This privacy policy (“Privacy Policy”) identifies what information is collected by SXSW, LLC, its agents, subsidiaries, and affiliates (collectively referred to herein as “SXSW EDU”, “SXSW”, “we”, “our”, or “us”) about you and your use of our website, <https://www.sxswedu.com>, and related websites (“Site”). SXSW is committed to respecting your privacy, and we urge you to read this Privacy Policy carefully. Your use of this Site constitutes an agreement to be bound by the terms and conditions set forth herein, and in our Terms of Use. If you do not agree to be bound by such terms, please leave the Site immediately. This Privacy Policy may change from time to time, and changes are effective upon posting, so it is your responsibility to check back and review this Privacy Policy. This Site is operated in the United States. If you are located outside of the United States, please be aware that any information you provide to us will be transferred to the United States, and you agree to such transfer.

This Privacy Policy details the following information:

- What personally identifiable information (“PII”) we collect;
- How we collect your PII;
- How we use your PII;
- How we share your PII;
- Security;
- How you can update PII; and
- Notice to California residents.

I. WHAT & HOW WE COLLECT PII

A. PII Generally. PII is information that can be used to identify or contact you (e.g., name, address, email address, phone number, payment information, etc.). We collect the PII that you provide to us in two general and distinct ways: (1) when you choose to purchase various services or products offered by SXSW and/or its affiliated business partners, including but not limited to the purchase of SXSW badges and the participation in the

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B. Children and Privacy. This Site is not intended for use by persons under thirteen (13) years of age. SXSW does not knowingly collect Personal Information from or about children under the age of thirteen (13). This Site shall not be used by persons under the age of thirteen (13) without consent from their parent and/or guardian. If a parent or guardian believes that a child under thirteen (13) years of age has exchanged PII with SXSW without the parent or guardian's consent, please contact us at support at sxsw.com.

C. Registration And Other Information. You may view or use our Site without registering or submitting any PII. In that case, the only information we collect will be non-personal information collected through the use of cookies or web beacons (see details below). However, in order to have access to certain products and services available on the Site, in particular the purchase of SXSW credentials, you are required to complete a registration form and provide other information, including PII, which is reasonably necessary for us to provide the products and/or services for you. If you connect to our Site or sign up for promotions using your Facebook or other third party credentials, you authorize us to collect your authentication information, such as your username, access credentials, and other information that may be available through your Facebook or other third party account, including but not limited to your name, profile picture, country, hometown, e-mail address, date of birth, and gender.

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E. Google Analytics. We also collect demographic information using Google Analytics Demographics & Interests reports to improve our Site. This information allows us to better understand Site users and customize our Site while also tracking our success at reaching new audiences, and optimize delivery of ad content specifically targeted to your use of our Site, which is known as remarketing. We will not combine non-personally identifiable information collected through Google Analytics with PII. The Google Analytics Terms of Service and the Google Privacy Policy govern Google's ability to use and share information collected through Google Analytics. You can prevent your data from being used by Google Analytics by using the Google Analytics Opt-Out tool.

F. Web Beacons. In limited circumstances we also may use "web beacons" to collect anonymous, non-personal information about your use of our Site, and your use of emails,

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many people are using our Site, or are opening our emails, and for what purposes. We will not link non-personal web beacon information to the PII collected.

G. E-mails and Newsletters. As noted in the discussions of cookies and web beacons (see above), we collect anonymous, non-personal information about your use of e-mails and newsletters that we may send to you from time to time. In some cases, when you click on a link or an advertisement in an e-mail or newsletter, your browser may be momentarily directed to the site of a third party which, acting on SXSW's behalf (see Disclosure to Website Service and Content Contractors, below), notes or "counts" your response to the e-mail or newsletter before re-directing your browser to its proper destination. This re-direction process will not be apparent to you.

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I. Public Forums. This Privacy Policy does not apply when you use SXSW's public forums if and when they become available. As a service to our users, SXSW may feature chat rooms and bulletin boards where users can share information and support one another or where users can post questions for other users to answer. You should be aware that any information shared in a chat room, bulletin board, or other type of posting is public

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J. E-mails to SXSW. If you want to keep business information, resumes, ideas, concepts or inventions private or proprietary, do not send them in an e-mail to SXSW. We try to answer every email in a timely manner, but are not always able to do so.

K. Location Services. You will have the opportunity to opt-in to Location Services, which will enable SXSW to communicate with you about the SXSW event.

II. DISCLOSURE OF YOUR PII

A. Generally. Except as set forth in this Section II, or as specifically agreed to by you, SXSW will employ best efforts to not use or disclose any PII it gathers from you unless reasonably required in order to answer your questions, provide products and/or services you may request or purchase from SXSW (such as, information we need to share with our credit card internet gateway), or to comply with governmental, legal, or internal record-keeping requirements as reasonably required. We may release PII to third parties: (1) to comply with valid legal requirements such as a law, regulation, search warrant, subpoena or court order; (2) in special cases, such as a financial or physical threat to you or others. In the event that we are legally compelled to disclose your PII to a third party, we will notify you unless doing so would violate the law or court order. SXSW has never received an order under Section 215 of the USA Patriot Act; or (3) to third-parties solely for the purposes of analysis, marketing, research, and other business reasons in order to improve the Event and the Site.

B. Disclosure to SXSW's Subsidiaries/Affiliated Entities SXSW may disclose PII to its corporate subsidiaries or entities affiliated with SXSW. Any PII provided to SXSW's subsidiaries or entities affiliated with SXSW will be treated by those subsidiaries and affiliated entities in accordance with the terms of this Privacy Policy.

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V. UPDATING YOUR PII & CONTACTING SXSW

SXSW will store your PII as long as necessary for the above-mentioned purposes or as required by applicable law. You can always contact us in order to (1) delete your PII from our systems, (2) update the PII that you have provided to us, and (3) change your preferences with respect to marketing contacts or other activities, by e-mailing us at subscriptions at sxsw.com or by clicking the link entitled "Update Preferences", which is available at the bottom of a newsletter you received. Such changes will not have any effect on other information that SXSW maintains. If you have a complaint or problem you may e-mail us at support at sxsw.com and the customer service department will forward your complaint to the appropriate internal SXSW department for a response or resolution. We try to answer every email in a timely manner but are not always able to do so.

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