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Re: Annual Convention and Executive Council Meeting at Don CeSar, St. Pete Beach. Florida

**Dear Executive Council Members:** 

The Section's Annual Convention and final Executive Council meeting of the year will be at the Loews Don CeSar Hotel in St. Pete Beach. It will run from Thursday, May 31 through Sunday, June 3. The Don CeSar is a classic Florida beach resort hotel, which recently has been completely renovated and updated by Loews. Sitting directly on the gulf, it has great sandy beaches, expansive pool area, fabulous spa and a fantastic sunset view. It was no surprise when we recently learned the hotel is sold out for that weekend. If you are cancelling a hotel reservation, please contact Yvonne as she is maintaining the wait list. With your reservation you will receive complimentary internet in your guest room, self parking, resort fee, 24 hour access to the health club and a 10% discount on spa services.

All Committee meetings will be held on Thursday, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., with the meeting schedule and room assignments being posted on the Section's website shortly. There will be breakfast and lunch buffets for those attending the Committee meetings. Please note there may not be free internet access available in the meeting rooms (still being negotiated); therefore please make sure you predownload any materials you will need in your meeting. The Welcome Reception will be held on Thursday evening where you will find the expected ample food and drink.

The Convention seminar will be held on Friday morning and is free to all Section members. The seminar topics were selected so you can receive up to 3.5 hours of ethics credits for attending. There will be a light continental breakfast available prior to the start of the Seminar. A copy of the separate registration form for the Convention is attached. Space is limited, so register today.

Immediately following the Convention seminar, the Section will have its annual business meeting luncheon, at which next year's slate of Officers and Executive Committee members will be voted on by all Section members in attendance. The Division Roundtable meetings will follow at approximately 1:45 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. After the Roundtable meetings, ALMS will meet from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., with the Section PAC meeting being held from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

On Friday evening, we will have the Annual Convention Reception and Dinner from 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Besides some fine dining, the evening will feature a dance band and casino night. Reminiscent of our final dinner at Prague Castle, the dress code for this reception and dinner will be black tie optional. And no it won't kill you to dress up for one night.

After a fabulous evening of dining, dancing and gambling under the stars, you get to sleep in a little on Saturday morning. The Executive Council meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. There will be a breakfast buffet available starting at 8:00 a.m. I anticipate the Executive Council meeting will run till about noon.

The Saturday night Reception and Dinner will be held at the new Salvador Dali Museum in St. Petersburg. Roundtrip transportation is included in the price. There

will be docents providing tours of the collection. In addition, given the unique, and award winning design of the new museum, a representative from the contractor who built the museum will be present to provide an architectural tour of the new facility. If you have not been to the new museum yet, this is an event you will not want to miss.

On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evening the Chair's Suite will be open for refreshments and fellowship. On Wednesday evening we'll have heavy appetizers in the suite for those of you coming in early for the Committee meetings who do not wish to go out for a big dinner. On Thursday evening we'll have desserts in the suite to cap off the Welcome Reception. On Friday evening we'll have light snacks.

We'll close out the Convention and Executive Council meeting on Sunday morning with the traditional farewell breakfast buffet. A time to eat, drink and say farewell to friends until we meet again at The Breakers in Palm Beach.

As this will be my last Executive Council meeting as Chair of the Section, I wish to close by saying what an honor and a pleasure it has been for Pat and I this past year, and we are hoping that all of you will be able to join us for this last meeting. Attached is the registration form for this Executive Council meeting, please complete it and return it to Yvonne soon, as some of the functions have limited space.

With warmest regards to all,

George and Pat Meyer