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Re: RPPTL Section Tallahassee Executive Council Meeting Hotel Duval - February 7-10, 2013

Dear Executive Council Members and Fellows:

Our Executive Council meeting in the state capitol is only one month away! Our Tallahassee meetings always seem to have a little different flavor, and this one will be no exception. As you may know, Yvonne sort of owns this town, and she has gone out of her way to facilitate some unique and interesting arrangements that will insure that our meeting will not only be productive, but fun. We anticipate that a special guest or two will be joining us at some of our events. Dress will be "Tallahassee casual" from start to finish.

The first scheduled activity will be Committee meetings beginning early Thursday afternoon (February 7) and the last will be a farewell continental breakfast on Sunday morning (February 10).

Our base camp will be the Hotel Duval, reputed to be the finest that Tallahassee has to offer. There will be no competing forces at the Hotel, as we have filled – not only our room block, but the entire Hotel (and Yvonne still has a waiting list). For some reason, our cancellations are running lighter than usual. Due to these circumstances, if you do need to cancel, it is very important that you contact Yvonne and let her know BEFORE you contact the Hotel. This will insure that your fellow RPPTL's are served first and that the Hotel remains pure dirt and death.

A little more about the Hotel Duval: I think you will find its most delightful feature to be the "Level 8" rooftop lounge, which will serve as a superb venue for our hospitality on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings. Be sure to arrive in Tallahassee rested and prepared to stay up a little late. Hotel amenities that have been obtained for you include complimentary internet -

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both in your sleeping rooms AND meeting rooms; valet parking (self-park not available) at the reduced rate of \$10 per day, which will not add much to your already-low room rate; and complimentary 24-hour airport shuttle service. For logistical convenience, all committee meetings and Roundtables will be at the Hotel. Because the Hotel is not large, the trade-off for this convenience will be tighter-than-usual quarters for our committee meetings. This will let us get to know each other even better!

The hands-down highlight of our Tallahassee gathering will be the off-site Executive Council meeting in the main courtroom at the remarkable new headquarters of the First District Court of Appeal at 10 o'clock on Saturday morning. Over the last couple of years, you may have read a little bit about these grand facilities in the media. This is your chance to see them with your own eyes at this meeting that you won't want to miss. We will travel to the Executive Council meeting by coach after a hot buffet breakfast at the Hotel. Your **spouses and guests** are welcome to join you at that breakfast. Because of the time required to travel to this off-site meeting and in order to insure a relaxed pace for a nice breakfast for you and your spouses/guests on Saturday morning, the Roundtable meetings for both Divisions will be held on Friday afternoon at the Hotel, beginning at 4:00 p.m.

In addition to the Saturday morning buffet breakfast at the Hotel, your **spouses and guests** will also be welcome at the continental breakfasts on Friday and Sunday mornings.

Other highlights of our Tallahassee adventure will include an off-site reception and dinner on Friday evening at the Goodwood Plantation Carriage House (southern gourmet food with newgrass band - Yvonne will explain this to Michael G) and an off-site reception with heavy hors d'oeuvres on Saturday evening at The Front Porch, a new coastal casual seafood restaurant in Tallahassee.

Detailed information concerning the events and schedules is contained in the following attachments to the e-mail transmitting this letter:

1. **Registration Form**. This Form must be properly completed and returned with payment or credit card information per the instructions on the Form as soon as possible and, in any event, not later than **January 25, 2013.** Please register on time and don't attempt to

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board the train after it has left the station or attend events for which payment is required unless you have registered and paid.

- 2. Tentative Event Schedule.
- 3. **Tentative Committee Meeting Schedule**. Scheduled Committee meetings will be held on Thursday afternoon, February 7, and all day on Friday, February 8. Once again, we are deeply indebted to Debra Boje for her outstanding efforts in preparing this complex and well-coordinated Schedule.

Please join us in doing your part to make this meeting a smooth success by promptly completing and returning the Registration Form so that all arrangements can be finalized as soon as possible. If you have any questions that cannot be answered upon careful review of this letter and the other e-mail attachments, or if you experience any difficulty in making your arrangements for this meeting, please contact Yvonne, me, or any of your dedicated Section officers identified in the left margin of the first page of this letter. See you soon.

Very truly yours,

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