

July 20, 2019

Dear fellow USWCA Members,

It is with great pleasure that we welcome you to the Pacific Northwest for the USWCA Fall Meeting in Seattle, Washington. The dates are Friday, February 13 to Sunday, February 15.



Hotel:

The **Courtyard Marriott, Pioneer Square** will be our headquarters for the meeting. Rooms have been reserved at a rate of \$207+tax per night for double occupancy or \$187 single occupancy (King bed). As you know, Seattle is an expensive market, but our location in downtown Seattle will afford opportunities for visiting the Pike Place Market and other historic parts of the city. Use the link on the USWCA website to make your reservations. Our negotiated rate will be honored 3 days before and after the meeting dates for a limited number of rooms for those who wish to extend their stay. For additional days, contact Catering, Sales, and Event Manager, Alexandra O'Connor directly: Ali.Oconnor@marriott.com or 206-676-3714.

We encourage you to take light rail from Sea-Tac Airport to and from the hotel. See the website for transportation instructions.

Meetings:

On-site Registration desk will be open at 11 am Friday, September 13.

- **The National Bonspiel Committee** will have a special meeting Friday morning from 8:30-12 noon to complete their extended agenda. This is their only meeting. Committee members should plan to arrive the day before.
- **Executive Meetings** (Officers and Committee Chairs) begin at 12 noon on Friday.
- **Committee meetings** begin at 2 pm (opposite some Executive Meetings) and continue most of the day Saturday.
- **Executive Council** (officers and Committee Chairs) will meet on Saturday at 2:30 pm.
- The **Representatives** meeting will begin Saturday at 4 pm.
- Sunday, the Board of Directors (all voting Representatives and officers) meet from 8:30-12:30.

Before signing up for activities, see the USWCA website for your committee assignments and check the full schedule online for your committee meetings. A handy Worksheet is online to help calculate the total cost of your activities/events.

Activities:

Planned activities take advantage of "down time" so you can see some of what Seattle has to offer.

- On Friday Evening, the **President's Dinner** will be held at the home of Karen Brattesani, President. Sign up for transportation at the registration desk.

- Saturday, noon-1:30 is a **Dutch Treat Lunch** at the Sky Observatory (\$17 tour fee plus lunch cost) where you have a 360-degree view of the city. Getting there requires a 2 ½ block uphill walk from the hotel (or a Lyft/Uber ride).
- **Alternative Dutch Treat Lunch** at Nirmal's Indian Restaurant (4 block easy walk) to Pioneer Square).
- No committee meetings are scheduled during Saturday's lunch hour. Other lunch options on your own.
- Saturday, 2:15-3:15 pm we offer an optional **Beneath the Streets Tour** of the Seattle underground (\$15), which was paved over after the 1889 fire to make a new city on top of the old one. Tour leaves one-half block from the hotel. You can go to the lunch (above) and go on this tour if you do not have other meetings.
- Saturday evening, (no-host) **Cocktails and Dinner** will be served in the Ballroom of the Courtyard Marriott, our host hotel. The bars take cash only/no credit cards. An ATM is located in the hotel.
- Sunday, **lunch** will be served at the hotel following the Board of Directors Meeting.

On Your Own:

A handy **tour guide** with some of our favorite places and suggested outings, especially for those who are arriving early or staying later, is posted on the USWCA website.

IMPORTANT DEADLINES:

July 29. Complete registration survey and send check by this date.

Complete your registration online. You will receive your completed copy by email. Send this form and your **check made payable to the USWCA** for all paid meals/activities to:

Leslie Frosch, USWCA Meeting Coordinator
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August 13. Make hotel reservations as soon as you can, but for sure by August 13. Our room block will be held only until that date.

I look forward to having you join us in Seattle for constructive meetings and fun around the city!

Warmest regards,

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