

December 9, 2019

Dear fellow USWCA Members,

It is with great pleasure that we welcome you to the Pacific Northwest for the 2020 USWCA Winter Meeting in Seattle, Washington. The dates are Monday, February 17 to Wednesday, February 19. To attend, complete the Call to Meeting Registration [Survey](#). Note: The Survey can be easily accessed via your preferred device, even on smartphones, and should take 10 minutes or less to complete.



Hotel:

The **Hotel Nexus** will be our headquarters for the meeting. Rooms have been reserved at a rate of \$119+tax per night for double occupancy (one King or Double Queen). 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.

To book your room, send an email directly to both of our event organizers, Alexis Burley and Ariana Wiek: alexis.burley@hotelnexusseattle.com; ariana.wiek@hotelnexusseattle.com. Indicate the dates you are interested in staying and that you are part of the USWCA Meeting / Bonspiel.

You will receive a reply email with a direct phone number to the event organizers. Call that number, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm PST Monday through Friday to provide your payment/credit card information.

We encourage you to take a rideshare service from Sea-Tac Airport to the hotel. See transportation information on the website.

Meetings:

On-site Registration desk will be open at 11:00 am Monday, February 17.

- **The Scot Tour Committee** will have a special meeting on Monday morning from 8:00 am -10:00 am to complete their extended agenda. This is their only meeting. Committee members should plan to arrive the day before, Sunday.
- **The Governance Committee** will meet Monday morning from 10:00 am-12 noon. 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 Monday.
- **Committee meetings** begin at 3:00 pm (opposite some Executive Meetings) and continue until 5:25 pm. On Tuesday, committee meetings go from 7:30 am – 5:25 pm.
- **Executive Council** (officers and Committee Chairs) will meet on Tuesday at 2:30 pm.
- The **Representatives** meeting will begin Tuesday at 4:00 pm.
- Wednesday, the **Board of Directors** (all voting Representatives and officers) meet from 8:30 am-12:30 pm. Attendance sign-in at 8:15 am.

- The **Hospitality Room** will be open for early arrivals on Sunday, February 16 from 5:00 pm-6:30 pm, on Monday and Tuesday evenings after dinner (hours TBD), and evenings during the Bonspiel (hours TBD).

Before signing up for lunches out, see the [full schedule](#) online for your committee meetings.

Activities:

Planned activities during the meetings are the following:

- On Monday evening, the **President's Dinner** will be held at a nearby Brewery. Sign up for transportation at the registration desk. (\$10)
- Tuesday, 12 noon-1:30 pm there are several **Dutch Treat Lunch** options. The hotel shuttle service will provide transportation to several restaurants south of the Regal Movie complex, rides on a first-come-first-served basis (10 passengers per ride). We suggest you choose from local options: Kizuki Ramen & Izakaya, Tengu Sushi, Watershed Pub. Others restaurants, walking distance from the curling club: HK Dim Sum, serving dim sum all day long, Pop Pop Thai Street Food, in the same shopping center. (Check with the front desk whether the shuttle is available.)
Recommended restaurants (need a car): Geo's Cuban Bar & Grill, Greenwood at 105th; Indo Café, 137th and Aurora; El Camion North, local food truck at 117th and Aurora.
- Those who have lunch meetings Tuesday may order Box lunches. (\$20)
- Tuesday evening, (no-host) **Cocktails and Dinner** will be served in the Ballroom of the Hotel Nexus, our host hotel. Purchase drink tickets with cash only, then use tickets to order drinks. Non-alcoholic beverages will be complimentary. An ATM is located in the hotel lobby. Dinner is a Mediterranean Gyro Bar. (\$25)
- Following the Board of Directors Meeting on Wednesday, an **Indian cuisine lunch** will be served family style at tables for four at the Saffron Restaurant, located across the parking lot from the hotel. (\$22)

Optional Bonspiel Activities:

Those staying after the meetings who are not curling in the National Bonspiel may want to sign up for the following:

- The 72nd USWCA National Bonspiel (Experience Seattle!) begins Wednesday night with a Welcome Party at the Granite Curling Club. (\$10)
- Thursday night Banquet at the Ballard Bay Club. (\$70)
- If you are not curling in the Bonspiel and wish to be a timer for the games, please contact Lisa Rauliuk via email at: therauliuks@gmail.com.
- Bonspiel merchandise with the bonspiel logo are available **by mail-order only** at: www.cafepress.com/USWCA. Products will not be sold during the event.

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 home page at uswca.org.

If you are Unable to Attend:

If you know you are unable to attend, try to recruit an Alternate—a USWCA member from your Club who is able to attend and vote in your place. Links to Alternate and Proxy forms will be sent in January. Please return your completed forms to the Secretary promptly.

IMPORTANT DEADLINES:

January 6. Complete registration survey and mail check by this date.

Complete your registration online. You will receive your completed copy by email. Send the last page of this survey (print your name on the page) and your **check made payable to USWCA** for all paid meals/activities to:

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January 18. Last date to make hotel reservations. We encourage you to book your hotel as soon as you can. Although rooms at the negotiated rate may be available after January 18, our room block is guaranteed only until that date.

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

Warmest regards,

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