

The IAABO Executive Committee and Past Presidents Club is excited to host the annual IAABO Spring Meeting in Orlando, FL, one of the top meetings destinations in the world. Great meetings start with a great destination like Orlando. The venue for the annual business meeting will again be at the appealing and convenient Grosvenor Resort Hotel, located directly across the street from Walt Disney World “Market Place” and “Pleasure Island.” Orlando is the epicenter of fun and near-limitless entertainment options, to guarantee that busy attendees are engaged with a choice of great leisure opportunities. You know, of course, about the theme parks. But there’s also an array of world-class restaurants, fabulous spas, shops, factory outlets, nightclubs, tours, and golf courses, more than 150 of them. And if cultural venues are more your cup of tea, there are gorgeous botanical gardens, the Orange County Regional History Center, the Orlando Museum of Art, the Orlando Science Center, the Morse Museum of American Art and several other fine museums.

### **Elections**

As customary, the primary purpose of the annual meeting is for delegates from all IAABO Boards to elect a president, president-elect, and vice president to several-year terms. In addition, 4 of the 12 executive committee positions are open for election to serve 3-year terms. The elections will be held on Sunday morning. The business of IAABO will be conducted by its committees and will meet Thursday through Saturday. See page 2 for a complete schedule of activities. Many interesting and informative topics will be presented at the convention. Our third Train the Trainer seminar will take place from 12 to 5 p.m. on Thursday; Interpreter’s Roundtable, Year in Review and Secretaries Roundtable on Friday; “The IAABO Network,” will explain and answer many of the questions concerning next year’s online registration as well as accessing the website and discussion board, and navigating through the web pages. On Saturday a session on Legal Issues will address many of the questions and inquiries presented to IAABO this season relating to membership issues, territories, and criminal background checks. Many boards have requested a session on “Creating an Effective Powerpoint Presentation,” also taking place on Saturday.



### **Delegate Registration**

All delegates must be registered with the IAABO office, which is assisting the Past Presidents and Executive Committee in coordinating all convention activities. Delegate registration can be mailed to the IAABO Office, faxed to (301) 601-8018, or transmitted electronically via the IAABO website: [www.iaabo.org](http://www.iaabo.org).

Any and all members of IAABO are encouraged to attend. IAABO is your organization and your voice should be heard. To register as a nonvoting delegate, see page 3 for details.

### **Social Events**

The first social event of the seminar is a Thursday morning golf outing at the Shingle Creek Golf Club. This well-designed championship golf

course features rolling fairways and interconnected waterways. Bordered by a natural backdrop of dense oaks and pines, Shingle Creek Golf Club lies along historic Shingle Creek—headwaters to the Florida Everglades—providing an ideal and unforgettable golf experience. This is a scramble event consisting of four-person teams. Jack Doyle (IAABO President-Elect) will serve as golf chairman. Tee times will be a “shotgun” starting at 8:30 a.m. The registration fee is \$90 and includes greens fees, lunch and prizes. See page 3 to register.

On Friday evening, reservations have been made for a group to attend Orlando’s newest and most exciting dining and entertainment experience. Dixie Stampede features: magnificent horses; American Buffalo; world-famous racing ostriches and racing pigs; music; singing and dancing; a spectacular patriotic finale written by Dolly; and audience participation. A fabulous four-course feast is served during the show. The registration fee is \$35 per person, \$14 for children under 12. Let’s gather together for a fun filled evening and enjoy a wonderful meal.

Saturday’s Life Membership Luncheon again proves to be a memorable event. Seven honoree’s will be presented with the beautifully detailed IAABO Life Membership Ring. Luncheon tickets are \$20 for advance registration, \$25 at the convention. See page 5 to register.

Sunday morning IAABO will hold its Spouse and Guest Breakfast. The breakfast will begin at 9 a.m. There is no charge for those that pre-register before April 1, a late registration fee of \$15 for those who register after that date.

Make your arrangements to be part of this year’s meeting. Hope to see you in Orlando.