



**ASLRRA CENTRAL PACIFIC REGION MEETING**  
**with Track and Bridge Training Session**  
**August 15-18, 2009**  
**Westin Hotel - Seattle, Washington**



**MEETING AND REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

**INVITATION FROM**

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**ALAN MATHESON, MEETING CHAIR**

As ASLRRA's Regional Vice Presidents and Meeting Chair, we are delighted to encourage you to attend and participate in this year's joint regional meeting in Seattle, Washington. Your Meeting Planning Committee has focused all of its energies on creating a valuable educational experience, full of opportunities to network and learn something new, while remaining mindful of the many commitments vying for your time and attention.



This meeting will provide a great mix of business and social activities starting on the social side with an optional baseball game on Sunday afternoon (Mariners v. the Yankees), and continuing with receptions on Sunday and Monday evenings. Monday's reception will be held at the Columbia Tower Club, located

on the top floors of the tallest building west of the Mississippi. On the business end of the program, and new to the educational lineup this year, is a simultaneous training session covering track and bridge topics of interest to the small railroad industry. Both sessions will enjoy breakfast, lunch and breaks in our event sponsor exhibit area. This event embraces all of the education, industry news, and social events that you've come to expect from an ASLRRA meeting.

After the great response to last year's Habitat for Humanity event, we have partnered with the Tacoma Municipal Belt Line and Habitat for Humanity to help build a habitat house on Saturday, August 15, from 7:00am – 3:00pm. We hope that you'll join us and participate in this program and help us to leave the city a little better than we found it, while networking and getting to know your fellow ASLRRA members better.

Coffee capital of America, Seattle is a city of views. Vistas of shimmering skyscrapers, water, forests, and mountains are visible at every turn. The snowy peaks of the Olympic Mountains shimmer on the far side of Puget Sound, while ferryboats come and go across Elliott Bay. Home to the 1962



World's Fair, you can ride the monorail to Hemisphere Park and ride the elevator to the top of the Space Needle, the city's homage to what they envisioned life to be like in the 21st Century. Seattle is a vibrant city with a bustling downtown and you'll find that Seattleites manage to overcome minor inconveniences like rain, in large part by spilling out into the streets and parks whenever the sun shines.

The **Westin Hotel** (<http://www.westinseattle.com/>), site of this year's meeting, features smoke-free rooms affording panoramic views of the Puget Sound, Space Needle, Cascade Mountains, and Seattle's

cityscape. Conveniently located in the bustling financial and shopping district, and walking distance from Pike Place Market, the Monorail and Space Needle, and the Mariner's Safeco Field.

So don't miss out on this opportunity to meet with your peers, while sharing ideas and networking with others in the industry. Make plans to head to Seattle where we're working on building a strong program complete with new features and activities to help you connect. We sincerely look forward to seeing you and welcoming you to this conference.

**WHO SHOULD ATTEND THIS CONFERENCE?**

- ★ **SHORT LINE & REGIONAL RAILROAD PERSONNEL**
  - *Presidents, CEOs, COOs, & VPs*
  - *General Managers*
  - *Operating Personnel*
  - *Safety Officers*
  - *Superintendents*
  - *Roadmasters*
  - *Trainmasters*
  - *Maintenance-of-Way Personnel*
  - *Marketing Personnel*
  - *Purchasing Agents*
  - *Engineering Personnel*
  - *Human Resource Staff*
  - *Administrators*
  - *General Counsels and Legal Staff*
- ★ **CLASS I RAILROADS**
- ★ **SHIPPERS**
- ★ **TRANSIT RAILROAD OFFICIALS**
- ★ **CONTRACTORS**
- ★ **FEDERAL / STATE DOT REPS**
- ★ **SUPPLIERS**



## CONFERENCE AGENDA AT A GLANCE

### Friday, August 14

*Habitat Event participants arrive (Bus leaves at 7:00am Saturday morning and we must arrive as a group – Please plan to come to Seattle on Friday)*

### Saturday, August 15

*Habitat for Humanity Project (Optional)*  
*Reception for ASLRRA Habitat Volunteers*

### Sunday, August 16

*Registration*  
*Baseball Outing – Mariners v. Yankees (Optional)*  
*Event Sponsor Tabletop Exhibit Setup*  
*Small Railroad “Best Practices” Knowledge Exchange*  
*Reception in Tabletop Exhibit Area*  
*Open Evening for Vendor Entertaining*

### Monday, August 17

*Breakfast in Event Sponsor Tabletop Exhibit Area*  
*General Business Session*  
*Track and Bridge Training Session*  
*Networking Luncheon in Tabletop Exhibit Area*  
*Afternoon General Business Session*  
*Railroad Membership Meeting and Board Elections*  
*Railroad Sandhouse Session*  
*Associate Sandhouse Session*  
*Reception at Columbia Tower Club*  
*Open Evening for Vendor Entertaining*

### Tuesday, August 18

*Breakfast in Event Sponsor Tabletop Exhibit Area*  
*General Business Session*  
*Track and Bridge Training Session*  
*Port of Seattle Tour (Optional)*

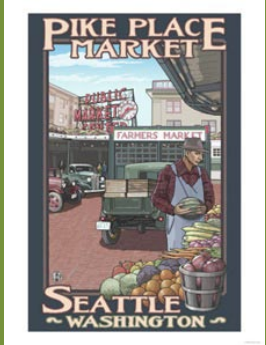
## Did You Know?



**Washington state produces more apples than any other state in the Union – that’s more than half of the 10 billion pounds produced in 2006**

## Did You Know?

**Established in 1907, Pike Place Market is the longest continuously operating farmer's market in the U.S. It covers 9 acres of historic property and is home to hundreds of local artists, food vendors, and craftspeople**



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**NEW ADDITIONS AND CHANGES FOR 2009**

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY EVENT**  
**Saturday, Aug. 15; 7:00am – 4:00pm**



Last year, almost 40 of ASLRRA's members gathered together to participate in the first Habitat event held in conjunction with an ASLRRA meeting. Those that participated expressed a desire to continue this tradition at this year's Conference. We're happy to say that we are teaming with the Tacoma Habitat for Humanity and the Tacoma Municipal Belt Line/Tacoma Rail staff to help build a home on Saturday, from 7:00am to 4:00pm. We need as many of you to turn out as possible. Let's show Tacoma that the railroad industry cares! Please see page 5 for more details.

**TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME**  
**Seattle Mariners v. New York Yankees**  
**Sunday, Aug. 15; 1:10pm**

ASLRRA has secured a very limited number of tickets to the Mariners/Yankees game for Sunday afternoon. We expect these tickets to go fast, so sign up quickly and we'll see you at the ballgame! See page 6 for additional details and pricing.

**SMALL RAILROAD KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE SESSION**  
**Sunday, Aug. 15; 4:30pm – 5:30pm**

Attention small railroads! You told us that you come to this conference and you are disappointed because you wanted time to sit down with other small railroad operators to interact and exchange ideas and best practices in a relaxed setting. This event is just for you! Join ASLRRA small railroad




board representative, Eric Lee, and ASLRRA President, Rich Timmons, as they lead this discussion session. Come with your operating, marketing, regulatory questions and be prepared to dialogue with your fellow members!

**FRA/ASLRRA TRAINING SESSION ON TRACK (CWR) AND BRIDGE SAFETY**  
**Educational Opportunity Added**

This 12-hr. training session will start early Monday morning and will conclude at noon on Tuesday. Attendees will be afforded the opportunity to attend all of the social events and meal functions with the regional meeting attendees in our table top exhibit area. More importantly, they will have access to first class training conducted by FRA and ASLRRA personnel. See page 5 for additional information on this valuable training opportunity. This session is open to all railroad and supplier representatives and a certificate of participation will be distributed at the conclusion of the training. *Note: If you sign up for this training seminar, you must fully participate for the 12 hours in order to receive full credit and receive your certificate.*

**Did You Know?**  
 Last year over 1.7 million containers moved through the Port of Seattle



**EVENT SPONSOR TABLE TOP EXHIBITS: ADDITIONAL VALUE**  
**New Benefit Added to Lineup**

In an exciting new development, ASLRRA's Event Sponsors will be eligible to receive a table top display space at this year's regional meeting. There is limited space available to preserve the informality of the conference and to maximize vendors' productive and substantive exposure. All displays will be located in high-traffic areas where attendees gather: receptions, breakfasts, refreshment breaks and lunch. Spaces will be available on a first come, first serve basis. See page 6 for additional details on event sponsorship and exhibit space.

**MONDAY EVENING RECEPTION**  
**Monday, Aug. 17; 6:00pm - 7:30pm**



Monday evening's opening reception will be held at the Columbia Tower Club, just a few blocks from the Westin Hotel. This private club is located on the 75th and 76th floors of the tallest building west of the Mississippi. The Club's beautifully decorated rooms offer panoramic, breathtaking views of both the downtown skyline and Capitol areas, as well as the historic countryside. On a clear day, you can see Puget Sound and the nearby mountain range and millions of sparkling city lights by night. Join us for this opportunity to mix and mingle and enjoy the club's view before heading out to dinner with friends and associates.

**PORT OF SEATTLE TOUR**  
**Tuesday, Aug. 18; 1:00pm – 3:30pm**

The Port of Seattle is the fastest, most convenient and reliable gateway between North America and Pacific Asia. Seattle has become one of the largest container ports in the world and is among the leading distribution centers on the west coast. Our tour will highlight the port's history, current transportation role and environmental efforts. Participants will also view the mainline and terminal operations as well as BNSF's electric cranes. See page 6 for tour pricing.

**COMPACT AND CONCISE**  
**Strong Content, On-Target Program**

Your time and money are valuable and with everyone's hectic schedule, we knew that we would have to make this year's program strong, concise, and to the point. We believe we have accomplished this goal by developing a good program, designed to educate, inform, and keep you abreast of increasing regulatory changes in the industry. This meeting will provide you with a prime opportunity to learn in a comfortable environment while networking and gaining the tools to help you do your job smarter and more safely.



## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Dress code for all events and sessions is Business Casual - See page 5 for details.

### Friday, August 14, 2009

4:00pm - **CHECK-IN FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY EVENT PARTICIPANTS**  
 7:00pm

### Saturday, August 15, 2009

6:45am - **GRAB & GO BREAKFAST FOR HABITAT PARTICIPANTS**  
 7:15am  
 7:15am **BOARD BUS TO WORK SITE**  
 7:45am - **HABITAT CONSTRUCTION PROJECT**  
 3:00pm  
 4:00pm **RETURN TO WESTIN SEATTLE**  
 5:30pm - **THANK YOU RECEPTION FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY EVENT PARTICIPANTS**  
 6:30pm

### Sunday, August 16, 2009

11:00am - **ASLRRA REGISTRATION**  
 7:30pm  
 1:10pm **BASEBALL GAME - Seattle Mariners v. New York Yankees**  
 4:30pm - **SMALL RAILROAD BEST PRACTICES KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE**  
 5:30pm  
 5:30pm - **OPENING RECEPTION IN EXHIBIT AREA**  
 7:30pm  
 7:30pm **OPEN EVENING FOR VENDOR ENTERTAINING**  
*Check out the dining guide for restaurant ideas*

### Monday, August 17, 2009

7:00am - **REGISTRATION AND INFO DESK**  
 4:45pm  
 7:00am - **BUSINESS BREAKFAST IN THE EXHIBIT AREA**  
 7:55am  
 8:00am - **TRACK SAFETY STANDARDS TRAINING SESSION**  
 12:00pm  
*Ken Rusk, Track Specialist, FRA*

8:00am **GENERAL SESSION SAFETY BRIEFING**  
**WELCOME / CALL TO ORDER:**  
*Jalene Forbis, Pacific Region VP*  
*Mike Ogborn, Central Region VP*  
 8:10am - **Narrowbanding and Other Hot Topics and Their Impact on Your Operation**  
 8:50am  
*Richard F. Timmons, President, ASLRRA*

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS (Cont.)

### Monday, August 17, 2009 (Cont.)

8:50am - **Legislative Panel: Re-Regulation, Anti-Trust, and Congress, Oh My!**  
 9:50am  
*Ed McKechnie, Moderator*  
*Class I Railroad Representative*  
*LPC Representative*

9:50am - **REFRESHMENT BREAK IN EXHIBIT AREA**  
 10:20am

10:20am - **Routing Rules on TIH Cars - What You Need to Know Before You Let Them Go**  
 11:00am  
*William S. Schoonover, FRA*

11:00am - **TOPIC TBD**  
 11:45am  
*Speaker TBD*

11:45pm - **NETWORKING LUNCHEON IN EXHIBIT AREA**  
 1:00pm

1:00pm - **ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF A BRIDGE MANAGEMENT PLAN**  
 5:00pm  
*David R. Killingbeck, Structural Engineer, FRA*

1:00pm - **The ABCs of PTC - An Update**  
 1:45pm  
*Eileen Reilly, VP, IT & Signals, Alaska Railroad*

1:45pm - **Is Ethanol "Gone With the Wind"? The Outlook for Ethanol and the Emerging Wind Turbine Market**  
 2:30pm  
*Michael J. Ogborn, Managing Director, OmniTRAX*

2:30pm - **REFRESHMENT BREAK IN THE EXHIBIT HALL**  
 3:00pm

3:00pm - **REGIONAL MEETINGS & ELECTIONS - Railroad Members Only**  
 3:45pm

3:45pm - **ASSOCIATE SANDHOUSE SESSION**  
 4:45pm

3:45pm - **RAILROAD SANDHOUSE SESSION**  
 4:45pm

5:30pm **TRANSPORTATION DEPARTS HOTEL FOR RECEPTION**

6:00pm - **RECEPTION AT COLUMBIA TOWER CLUB**  
 7:30pm

7:30pm - **OPEN EVENING FOR VENDOR ENTERTAINING**  
 9:00pm  
*Check out the dining guide for restaurant ideas*

### Tuesday, August 18, 2009

7:00am **INFO DESK**

7:00am - **BUSINESS BREAKFAST IN EXHIBIT AREA**  
 7:55am

8:00am - **ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF A BRIDGE MANAGEMENT PLAN**  
 10:15am  
*David R. Killingbeck, Structural Engineer, FRA*

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS (Cont.)

### Tuesday, August 18, 2009 (Cont.)

8:00am **GENERAL SESSION SAFETY BRIEFING**

8:05am - **Economic Outlook: What's Ahead for the Transportation Industry?**  
 8:45am  
*CapTrust Financial Advisors*

8:45am - **Putting the FUN in Safety Fundamentals**  
 10:15am  
 Bob Jones, Moderator

- Building an Effective Safety Team - Blake Jones
- Building Relationships: One on One Process - Randy Perry
- The Seven Cs and Getting Caught Doing Something Right - Javier Arias
- Effective Audits and By-products - Todd Bjornstad
- Clean-up Hitter: Taking the Message Home - Don Seil

10:15am - **REFRESHMENT BREAK IN EXHIBIT AREA**  
 10:45am

10:45am - **BRIDGE WORKER SAFETY**  
 12:15pm  
*David R. Killingbeck, Structural Engineer, FRA*

10:45am - **The Rocky Horror Regulatory Show: Hours of Service and Other Hot Regulatory Topics**  
 12:15pm  
*Thomas E. Streicher, Gen'l Supt, Safety & Operations, ASLRRA*  
*Keith T. Borman, VP & General Counsel, ASLRRA*

11:55am **CLOSING REMARKS**  
*Mike Ogborn, Central Region VP*

12:00pm **MEETING ADJOURNS**

1:00pm - **PORT OF SEATTLE TOUR**  
 3:30pm

## Did You Know?

The Port of Seattle was responsible for \$40.5 billion in total trade in 2008 and creates more than 190,000 direct and indirect jobs





## SANDHOUSE SESSION

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Monday, August 17, 3:45pm - 4:45pm



Sandhouse sessions will be held Monday afternoon for railroad and associate or sustaining members. These popular sessions are your opportunity to discuss items of interest with your fellow members.

### You asked for a definition of a

**Sandhouse:** *Locomotives use sand to assist them for traction (steel wheels on steel rails will sometimes slip particularly if the rail is wet). Prior to modern servicing facilities, there was a separate area near the railroad roundhouse where locomotives were "sanded" between trips. Sand for locomotives must be kept dry so it will flow freely. In steam days, the sandhouse, with its hot stove for drying sand, was a place for railroaders to gather in bad weather. This location was often out of the way and found employees from different disciplines in the area - hostlers, engineers, brakemen, oilers, maintenance people, carmen and so on. But few management people were there thus allowing a free exchange of all kinds of facts, stories, and rumors. "Sandhouse" became slang for the talk and gossip that circulated among the crews. In fact, a common railroad expression was "give me the sandhouse" on this or that. Translation: "Give me the low-down." (Definition supplied by Walter Rich.)*

## TRACK & BRIDGE TRAINING SEMINAR

**Monday, August 17; 8:00am – 5:00pm**  
**Tuesday, August 18; 8:00am – 12:00pm**

Led by FRA Track Specialist, **Kenneth Rusk**, Monday morning's training will cover the minimum safety requirements for railroad track that is part of the general system of transportation. This seminar is designed to teach the Track Safety Standards - CFR 213, while recognizing the special needs of short lines and contractors and will outline the responsibilities and qualifications

required for compliance with FRA regulations, including the designation of supervisory personnel whose responsibilities oversee the renewal and inspection of all classes of track.

In this session, attendees will go over the particular aspects of the right of way and the areas immediately adjacent to it. Areas of focus will cover the track structure, including ties, tie plates, ballast, bars spikes, and clips. You will gain an understanding of the various types and frequency of inspections on conventional bolted rail or continuous welded rail. Corrective actions and preventive maintenance will be covered for both types of track structures.

Special emphasis is placed on: Excepted Track; Drainage; Defective Ties; Vegetation; Gage; Curve Theory; Rail & Joint Bar Defects; and Turnout Inspections.

Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning, FRA Structural Engineer **David Killingbeck** will address the essential elements of a bridge management program. The ASLRRA Bridge Committee has finalized its recommendations for bridge management and inspections for the short line industry. The topics covered in this session will include development of a bridge inspection and management program, when and how to engage the services of an engineer, typical bridge problems and some solutions, and some indicators that a non-engineer can use to detect signs of potential trouble. We will also discuss current FRA policy regarding railroad bridges and tunnels, as well as cost. The presentation is intended for operating officials of short line and regional railroads who have maintenance of way functions as part of their responsibility.

The structural portion will center on ways to avoid train accidents or serious damage to bridges that could be caused by neglect, overloads, natural conditions, or improper repair work. It will also include general information that should be useful in extending the useful safe life of the bridges owned by the railroad. Timber, steel, and masonry bridges will be included.

The session will close out on Tuesday with Mr. Killingbeck covering Bridge Worker Safety. This portion will center on practical application of fall protection for bridge workers, and how to assure compliance with FRA Bridge Worker Safety regulations in 49 CFR 214.

In addition to this educational session, training seminar attendees will have access

to all of our social events such as the receptions, breakfasts, and lunch. See page 6 for registration fees.

## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY EVENT

**Saturday, August 15; 7:00am – 4:00pm**



After last year's Habitat event in New Orleans, ASLRRA's members have expressed a desire to continue this type of event. To help with this effort, we are teaming up with the employees of Tacoma Rail, and planning a one-day volunteer project

through Habitat for Humanity to help a family build their new home in Tacoma.

Join us on Saturday, August 15 – the day before the conference officially begins – as we dedicate ourselves to building dreams! No prior construction experience is required. Work will begin at 7:30 a.m. and conclude at 3:00 p.m. We will meet in the hotel lobby at 6:45am and depart the hotel at 7:00am. A fee of \$35 is requested to help defray the cost of breakfast, lunch, water, and transportation to and from the worksite. Your clothes will get dirty, so we plan to provide commemorative t-shirts to all participants. Volunteers will be required to sign a liability waiver and should wear long pants and sturdy, closed-toe and closed-heel footwear. They work in rain or sun, so bring a rain coat or poncho.

If you are so inclined, you can also bring some much-needed supplies with you to leave behind for the next group of volunteers: <http://www.tpc-habitat.org/pages/wishlist.htm>

Please plan to participate in this important project and sign up for the Habitat for Humanity event when you register online for the conference. So we can give Habitat our guarantee, please sign up by July 31.

**Fee: \$35 per person** (This fee will help us to cover the cost of breakfast, lunch, and transportation to the work site as well as a nifty T-shirt)



## MARINERS v. YANKEES GAME

**Sunday, August 16; 1:10pm**

ASLRRA has secured a very limited number of tickets to the Mariners v. Yankees game for Sunday afternoon. We have a tentative hold on a small number of additional tickets and will secure them if there is sufficient interest. We also hope to find a sponsor to provide refreshments during the game. Attendees will be provided directions for getting to the baseball stadium.



**Fee: \$40 per person**

## PORT OF SEATTLE TOUR

**Tuesday, August 18; 1:00pm – 3:30pm**



The Port of Seattle is the fastest, most convenient and reliable gateway between North America and Pacific Asia. Seattle has

become one of the largest container ports in the world and is among the leading distribution centers on the west coast. Our tour will highlight the port's history, current transportation role and environmental efforts. Participants will also view the mainline and terminal operations as well as BNSF's electric cranes.

**Fee: \$15 per person** (Helps to cover the cost of transportation and refreshments)

## SPOUSE AND COMPANION INFO

With so much to do within walking distance of our hotel, ASLRRA will not hold a spouse tour at this year's Central Pacific Region Meeting, however spouses are still encouraged to register and attend the social activities. All registered spouses and companions will be welcome to attend all of the social events and they may also sign up

for other optional events such as the Habitat for Humanity activity and the baseball game. Spouses must register in order to attend ASLRRA events and receptions.

**Fee: \$100 per person**

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

You must register to gain access to all ASLRRA-sponsored functions. Badges must be worn at all events. ASLRRA's registration is fast and convenient and available 24/7/365 using our secure online registration system. **To attend this regional meeting, please complete the online registration by clicking here:**

[https://members.aslrra.org/mtg\\_list.asp](https://members.aslrra.org/mtg_list.asp)

Confirmations and receipts will automatically be sent after processing your registration.

### Registration Fees:

**SAVE \$30 and register by July 31**

**These fees apply to both meetings:**

- **Central/Pacific Region Meeting**
- **ASLRRA/FRA Track & Bridge Session**
- Associate Member: \$269 (\$299 after 7/31)
- Railroad Member: \$219 (\$249 after 7/31)
- Sustaining Member: \$219 (\$249 after 7/31)
- Class I Railroad: \$219 (\$249 after 7/31)
- Government: \$219 (\$249 after 7/31)
- Non-member Supplier: \$369 (\$399 after 7/31)
- Non-member Railroad: \$319 (\$349 after 7/31)
- Spouse/Companion: \$100

### Cancellations

Because of commitments made to the hotel and other vendors, no refunds can be made for cancellations after July 31. A \$75 per person processing fee will be charged for any cancellations prior to July 31. Staff substitutions are accepted and encouraged.

### Registration Packet

To collect your registration packet, stop by the ASLRRA registration desk starting at 3:00pm on Sunday. The registration packet will contain badge(s), a registration list, and a copy of the program, as well as other information.

**The registration list will be available at the ASLRRA desk on Sunday and will only be distributed in advance of the meeting to sponsors.**

## SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

ASLRRA has developed a sponsorship program with numerous event and price options available.

**Event sponsors of \$1000 or more may also have their brochures placed directly into the meeting registration packets.**

**NEW!!! Event Sponsors are also invited to partake in a new benefit feature this year: a table top exhibit area where we will hold receptions, breakfasts, lunch, and refreshment breaks. See below for further info.**

This year, the planning committee has added a simultaneous training session covering track safety, bridge worker safety, and bridge maintenance programs. In addition to affording our members with an additional outstanding training opportunity, we will be attracting new attendees to this terrific event. Make sure that you don't miss this chance to display your company's products and services to this expanded railroad audience.

For more information on this program and the rewards associated with your contributions, contact Jenny McKinney at 202-585-3449 or [jmckinney@aslrra.org](mailto:jmckinney@aslrra.org).

## TABLE TOP EXHIBIT OPPORTUNITIES

As mentioned in the Sponsorship Opportunities Section on page 6, in response to requests and in an effort to provide increased exposure for our valued event sponsors, the planning committee has added a table top exhibit area to the meeting line-up. These spaces will be available to Event Sponsors of \$1,000 or more and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

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## HOTEL INFORMATION



### Westin Seattle

1900 5th Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98101  
206-728-1000; Fax 206-728-2259  
[www.westinseattle.com](http://www.westinseattle.com)  
Check-in: 3:00pm; Check-out: 12:00pm

### Room Reservations

To reserve your room, call 800-228-3000; (800-228-1212 from Alaska or Hawaii) and mention our group name American Short Line or ASLRRA to obtain our group rate of \$149 single/double. **The cut-off date for room reservations is July 24.**

### Room Amenities

- Westin Heavenly Bed
- Westin Heavenly Shower/Bath
- Coffee maker w/Starbucks coffee
- Hairdryer
- Iron/Ironing board
- Bathrobe
- Voice mail
- High-speed internet (Additional charge)
- Mini-bar
- In-room safe
- Turndown service, on request

### Hotel Services

- Valet Parking, \$39 per day
- Self Parking, \$36 per day
- Business center
- 24-hr. Fitness Facility
- Indoor pool and whirlpool
- Laundry / Valet service
- Safe Deposit Box

### Dining and Lounges

- Fifth Avenue Corner Cafe
- Coldwater Bar and Grill
- Lobby Bar
- 24-hr. Room Service

## TRAVEL AND TRANSPORTATION

### Airline Service

Seattle is served by Seattle-Tacoma Int'l Airport (SEA) ([www.portseattle.org/seatac/](http://www.portseattle.org/seatac/)). The airport is 11 miles from our hotel. The airport is served by Air Canada, AirTran, Alaska, American, Continental, Delta, Frontier, Horizon, jetBlue, Midwest, Northwest, Southwest, United, US Airways, and Virgin America.

### Amtrak

**The Seattle Amtrak station** (303 South Jackson St.) [www.amtrak.com](http://www.amtrak.com) is 1.4 miles (8 minutes) from the hotel. Seattle is served by the Amtrak Cascades (Eugene to Vancouver), Coast Starlight (L.A. to Seattle), and Empire Builder (Chicago to Seattle) trains. All three routes are renowned for their spectacular views and stunning scenery. Check the Amtrak website for schedules and fares.

### Ground Transportation

**Shuttle:** The hotel is 11 miles from the Seattle-Tacoma Int'l Airport. Shuttle service is supplied from 5:00am to 11:00pm by Gray Line's **Downtown Airporter Service** (<http://www.graylineseattle.com/airportexpress1.cfm>), departing every 30 minutes for \$11.00 (one-way) or \$18.00 (round-trip). Call 800-426-7532 or 206-624-5077 for more details. You can also make reservations online by clicking on this link: [www.graylineseattle.com/airportexpress.cfm](http://www.graylineseattle.com/airportexpress.cfm)

**Rental Cars:** Nine rental car companies have counters in the baggage claim area, with five of them offering on-site cars, and the remaining four offering courtesy shuttles to the off-site car lots. (Be sure to check hotel parking rates below.)

**Taxis** are readily available outside at baggage claim and the cab fare will be approximately \$35 one way.

### Parking

Valet parking is available for \$39 per day. Self-parking is \$36 per day. Both parking options provide in and out privileges.

### Weather

The Seattle climate is quite enjoyable and August is mostly rain-free, with pleasantly warm days reaching into the upper-70s and evening temps in the upper 50s.

## WHAT TO WEAR

Attire will be business casual for all events. Keep in mind that hotel meeting rooms are notoriously cool.

### Business Casual Dress Definitions

**Men** – Khaki slacks or chinos, oxford shirts, collared golf shirt, sport coat or blazer, sweaters and vests, ties optional, no blue jeans.

**Ladies** – More latitude in outfits with the addition of pants and sweaters, pant suits, skirts and cardigans, lower heels and brighter colors, no blue jeans.

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## Did You Know?

During the 1980s and 90s, Seattle became home to a fledgling company called Microsoft, a seller of gourmet coffee by the name of Starbucks, and Safeco Field, a state-of-the-art baseball stadium with a retractable roof.

