

National Academy of Arbitrators

2009 Fall Education Conference

October 2 - 4, 2009



The Hilton Palacio del Rio

200 South Alamo Street

San Antonio, TX 78205

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NAA 2009 FEC - SAN ANTONIO

Located on the famous River Walk in beautiful downtown San Antonio, the Hilton Palacio del Rio hotel is surrounded by Texas culture and attractions, including the Alamo, just two blocks away. You can try a river boat ride, boarding right outside our hotel, or walk to neighboring La Villita, the original village of San Antonio.

REGISTRATION FEE SCHEDULE

Each registration includes one non-transferable registrant ticket for the following events: Friday Dinner, Saturday Luncheon, and Sunday Breakfast. Tickets are available at an additional cost for spouse/companions/partners to attend all meal events. Spouse/Companion/Partner meal tickets are transferable; registrant tickets are not. Tickets will be collected.

Please return the enclosed registration form or register on the NAA Website, www.naarb.org at your earliest convenience.

\$300 – *Earlybird Registration Fee for registrants whose form, accompanied by full payment, is postmarked on or before July 18, 2009.*

\$330 – *Regular Registration Fee for registrants whose form, accompanied by full payment, is postmarked July 19 through August 29, 2009.*

\$380 – *Late Registration Fee for registrants whose form, accompanied by full payment, is postmarked or hand-delivered after August 29, 2009.*

Payment must accompany registration. Only those registrants whose full registration fees have been received at the NAA Operations Center by **August 29, 2009** will appear on the Participant List. No supplemental lists will be prepared.

Only cancellations received by August 29, 2009, will be guaranteed a refund of the meeting fees and/or an abatement of unpaid costs, minus a \$100 processing fee. Registrants who register and fail to attend will receive post-meeting invoices for their outstanding balances.

Again please note: The Academy accepts MasterCard and Visa only – and all fees are payable in U.S. Funds.

THE HOTEL

The Hilton Palacio del Rio is located at 200 South Alamo Street, San Antonio, TX 78205. The Academy's block of guest rooms at a special conference rate of **\$195** is **limited**; rooms in our block will be **available until August 25, 2009, or until our block is sold out, whichever occurs first**. Attendees will be eligible for the conference rate of \$195 for a single/double occupancy **only as long as rooms in the Academy's room block remain available**. Room reservations may be made by calling the Hilton Palacio del Rio at 1-210-222-1400. **Please be certain to request that your reservation be assigned to the National Academy of Arbitrators' room block**. Contact the hotel directly for information/rates on suites. Each room reservation must be guaranteed by a first night's deposit either by check or a credit card acceptable to the Hilton Palacio del Rio.

CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION

Accreditation is being requested for this conference from states with mandatory continuing legal education requirements for attorneys. CLE forms will be available at the NAA registration desk. If you need more information, please contact your Regional Chair or NAA National Coordinator of Regional Activities, Dennis Minni.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

NAA committee meetings may not be held during conference activities, including ticketed meal functions. Committee or Regional Chairs who need meeting rooms at other times, and who have not already scheduled space with the NAA Operations Center, must contact the Operations Center as soon as possible (Telephone: (607) 756-8363, FAX: (888) 317-1729 or E-mail: naa@naarb.org). Time and space have been reserved on Saturday morning (8:00 am – 9:00 am) or Saturday Evening (4:45 pm - 5:45 pm) for Committee and Regional meetings. This space is very limited and will be available on a first-requested, first-reserved basis.

Thursday, October 1, 2009

1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m..... NAA Registration Desk
1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m..... Board of Governors
1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m..... CPRG
1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m..... Membership Committee
1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m..... Nominating Committee

Friday, October 2, 2009

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m..... Board of Governors
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m..... CPRG
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m..... Membership Committee
8:00 a.m. – Noon..... New Member Orientation
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m..... NAA Registration Desk
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m..... New Member Luncheon
(By Invitation Only)
1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m..... Skills Enhancement Workshop
(Separate Fee)

Border Control/Customs Issues

Moderator:

James P. O’Grady, NAA
St. Louis, MO

Presenters:

T.J. Bonner
National Border Patrol Council
Campo, CA

Patricia Nighswander
National Border Patrol Council
New York, NY

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Customs

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6:30 p.m. Dinner

Saturday, October 3, 2009

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Committee Meetings

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. NAA Registration Desk

9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. Plenary

Presidential Remarks: William H. Holley, Jr.
NAA President
Auburn, AL

New Member Introductions: Margery F. Gootnick
New Member Orientation, Co-Chair
Rochester, NY

Anita Christine Knowlton
New Member Orientation, Co-Chair
Berkeley, CA

Program Announcements: Elizabeth Neumeier
Program Chair
Gloucester, MA

Arrangements Announcements: Ruben R. Armendariz
Local Host Chair
San Antonio, TX

9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Plenary

Law Update:

Everything you need to know about recent statutory changes and case law but have not had time to look up and actually read!

Moderator:

TBA

Presenter:

Susan Grody Ruben, NAA
Cleveland, OH

10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Transition Break

Saturday, October 3, 2009 (Continued)

11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Concurrent Session 1A

Interest Arbitration:

A comparison of standards we apply in the public and private sectors in the U.S. and Canada. (NOTE: This topic may be revised depending on the status of the Employee Free Choice Act)

Moderator:

TBA

Presenters:

Christopher James Albertyn, NAA Nancy E. Peace, NAA
Toronto, ON *Newburyport, MA*

TBA

11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Concurrent Session 1B

Employment Arbitration:

The FAA, the AFA, the NAA and an Alphabet Soup of Related Issues

Moderator:

Sara Adler, NAA
Los Angeles, CA

Presenters:

TBA

11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Concurrent Session 1C

From the perspective of new members:

A session presented by members admitted within the past two years.
Topic TBA

Moderator:

TBA

Presenter:

TBA

11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Concurrent Session 1D

Bankruptcy - Time for an Update :-((

Moderator:

C. Allen Pool, NAA
Monterey, CA

Presenter:

Claude Dawson Ames, NAA
Oakland, CA

Saturday, October 3, 2009 (Continued)

11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m..... Concurrent Session 1E

Federal Sector Special Issues

Moderator:

Joshua Javits, NAA
Washington, DC

Presenters:

TBA

12:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m..... Luncheon

2:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m..... Concurrent Session 2A

The Fight for the American Dream (double session, part 1):

View Barbara Kopple's Oscar-award winning documentary "American Dream" about the 1984 Hormel strike and join the discussion with Prof. Kathleen L. Pereles, Ph.D, who actively uses labor films in teaching at Rowan University's School of Management

Discussion Leader:

Prof. Kathleen L. Pereles, Ph.D
Coordinator, Thomas N. Bantivoglio Honors Concentration
Associate Professor, Rohrer College of Business
Rowan University
Glassboro, NJ

2:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m..... Concurrent Session 2B

The Business Side of Arbitration:

A frank discussion with a full-time US arbitrator, an academic and a Canadian

Moderator:

Margery F. Gootnick, NAA
Rochester, NY

Presenters:

Paula Knopf, NAA
Toronto, ON

Gil Vernon, NAA
Eau Claire, WI

TBA

Saturday, October 3, 2009 (Continued)

2:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m..... Concurrent Session 2C

An open discussion of case scenarios:

Where is the line? Consistent application of a rule (no disparate treatment) vs. Mindless application of a rule (no appropriate consideration of individual circumstances), and other lines of gradation.

Discussion Leaders:

TBA

2:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m..... Concurrent Session 2D

An open discussion of Case Scenarios:

Special Issues in Public Safety Cases

Discussion Leaders:

TBA

3:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m..... Transition Break

3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m..... Concurrent Session 3A

The Fight for the American Dream (double session, part 2):

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Discussion Leader:

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Rowan University
Glassboro, NJ

3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m..... Concurrent Session 3B

US Agency Update

Moderator:

Kathleen Miller, NAA
Ardmore, PA

Presenters:

Vella Traynham, Director
Office of Arbitration Services
FMCS

Frank Zotto, Vice President
Case Management
AAA

Roland Watkins, Director
Office of Arbitration Services
NMB

Saturday, October 3, 2009 (Continued)

3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Concurrent Session 3C

Canada Update

Moderator:

Allen Ponak, NAA, Canadian Regional Chair
Calgary, AB

4:45 p.m. – 5:45 p.m. Committee Meetings

Sunday, October 4, 2009

8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. Breakfast

8:45 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. Plenary

Presidential Remarks: William H. Holley, Jr.
NAA President
Auburn, AL

2009-2010 Slate: Robert Gary Bailey
NAA Nominating Committee, Chair
Columbia, MO

9:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Plenary

Words of Wisdom

Moderator:

Dennis R. Nolan, NAA
St. Helena Island, SC

Presenters:

I.B. Helburn, NAA
Austin, TX

Barbara Zausner, NAA
Mt. Tremper, NY

Allen Ponak, NAA
Calgary, AB

10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Transition Break

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Plenary

How do you handle this?

A series of case scenarios for discussion

Discussion Leader:

Rex Wiant, II, NAA
Kansas City, MO

2009 FEC Program Committee

Elizabeth Neumeier, *Chair*
Rex Wiant, II, *Chair Designee*

Christopher James Albertyn	Samuel J. Nicholas
Richard W. Dissen	C. Allen Pool
Phyllis E. Florman	Mary Jo Schiavoni
Stan Lanyon	Barry E. Simon
Mark I. Lurie	

2009 FEC Host Committee

Ruben R. Armendariz, *Host Chair*

LeRoy R. Bartman	William McKee
Milden J. Fox, Jr	Elvis C. Stephens
I.B. Helburn	Maretta C. Toedt
Daniel Fredrick Jennings	

David A. Petersen, *Ex Officio*

PLAN TO ATTEND:

2010 Annual Meeting
May 26 – 29, 2010
Loews Philadelphia Hotel
Philadelphia, PA

2010 Fall Education Conference
October 22 – 24, 2010
Cleveland Marriott Downtown at Key Center
Cleveland, OH

2011 Annual Meeting
May 25 – 28, 2011
San Diego Marriott Hotel & Marina
San Diego, CA

2011 Fall Education Conference
September 30 – October 2, 2011
Four Seasons Miami
Miami, FL