

Ahhh...melia

2018 WINTER MEETING

FEBRUARY 25 - 28, 2018
OMNI AMELIA ISLAND PLANTATION RESORT

Welcome

Say it with me: Ahhh...melia.

Feel that? That's called "decompression." If you feel decompressed just by saying it, just imagine what you will experience when you do it....at the FDCC's 2018 Winter Meeting at the Omni Resort on Amelia Island, Florida.

Of course, you'll get to do a lot of work-related stuff while you are there, like networking, attending CLE programs, and participating in meetings of FDCC sections or committees. But you will do those things in a setting that is inherently decompressive, and while enjoying facilities and activities that will help you to reach, at least for a few days, that great "work-life" balance we hear so much about but rarely get to experience.

The setting: Southern Living included the Omni on its 2017 list of the Best Resorts in the South. It's an upscale, modern hotel with a beautiful pool that's right on the beach. It sits on 1400 acres of undeveloped Florida wilderness, except for its trails, boardwalks, ocean-front golf course, premier spa, tennis courts, and on-property shopping district. And the Omni is just down the road from the seaside community of Fernandina Beach which, coincidentally, Southern Living just included in its 2017 list of The Best Small Towns in the South. Fernandina Beach is a charming town with a shopping, bar, and restaurant district that will give you plenty to do off property, if you can bring yourself to leave the Omni.

The facilities and activities: In addition to the ones mentioned above, the Omni's facilities and activities, and those we have arranged for you, include: a fantastic fitness center, hiking, biking, Segway tours, kayaking, fishing, photography, horseback riding, tennis, golf, dance lessons, book clubthe list goes on and on.

And, of course, we will party. The parties will include those we have all come to enjoy: the President's Reception Sunday night, the "Havana Nights" Theme Party Monday night, the Dessert Party (after dinner on your own) Tuesday night, and the Dinner Dance Wednesday night.

With a tip of the hat to the Kreamers' passion for Kansas City barbeque, the President's Reception will feature just that - barbeque plus a variety of other delicious foods, as we are conscious of our members' wide ranging dietary preferences. Dress for this festive evening is business casual. If you want to talk to the President and need an icebreaker, start with movies Clint Eastwood's character died in (do you know?).

The Havana Nights Theme Party will be outdoors, under the lights, and beneath the beautiful live oaks and Spanish Moss in Canopy Park. The menu will be Cuban and Spanish; the décor colorful; the Latin band (Aramis Sol Caribe) rockin'. If you want suggestions on what to wear, and what to prepare to dance to, check out the band's website: <https://www.aramissolcaribe.com>. (Don't know how to dance? Sharon Wilkerson will teach us on Monday afternoon. Be sure to sign up when you register and wear hard-soled shoes.) We have plenty of surprises for this special evening celebrating Florida's rich Cuban heritage!

Tuesday night dinner is on your own. Choose a restaurant from the excellent options on the island, many of which are listed at the back of this brochure. It's never too early to make plans and reservations. Just be back at the Omni in time for the Dessert Party. Of course, there will be an ice cream sundae bar as well as plenty of other sweets from the Omni Plantation bakers.

We will close the conference with Wednesday Night's Dinner Dance. Coats and ties for the men, corresponding attire for the ladies; leave your tuxes and gowns at home. Be sure to wear comfortable shoes, because you'll be dancing again, this time to the Rivertown Band. Yes, that's the same band we had last time we were on Amelia - you may recall that we kept them overtime because you insisted they keep playing at end of their set. Eat your Wheaties so you can keep up with Scott and Susan on the dance floor.

That sounds like a lot of things to do! It is, especially since you will have to fit everything into a short, 3½ day meeting. Things get started Sunday afternoon and finish up Wednesday night. Through survey responses, you told FDCC leadership that you wanted shorter winter meetings. We delivered.

You also told us you wanted meetings to be held in places that are easy to get to. You can check that box, too. Amelia Island is centrally located for our many members who live in the south-east. For those that must fly, Jacksonville's airport is easy to reach from anywhere, and the hotel is only about a 30-minute ride from the airport.

Our Corporate and Industry members, among others, also asked that we make our meetings less expensive. This meeting fits that bill, with a bullet. For the first time at any FDCC convention, registration for Corporate and Industry members is complimentary. That's a \$695 savings! For everyone, standard rooms (all of which have a great view) are modestly priced at about \$300 per night.

Finally, for the benefit of those members that want to stretch their FDCC experience by a few more days, and their expense accounts by a few more dollars, we are offering the Ultimate Activity: 4 days and 3 nights in Havana, Cuba. Those who choose to do so will fly to Havana on Thursday, check into the 5-star Hotel Parque Central, and spend until Sunday enjoying each other's company and all that Havana has to offer. The details about the itinerary and how to register appear later in this brochure.



Charm

The Federation started selecting gold charms to commemorate its meetings in 1960. Over the years, it has become tradition to select a specially designed charm that will bring to mind fond memories of the venue or theme of the meeting. This tradition continues in the 2018 Winter Meeting. We hope that, even years from now, when you look at the *Ahhh...melia* Adirondack chair charm, you will remember how you were able to relax, decompress, and spend great times with great friends at one of the top resorts

in the south, all while sharpening your legal skills and strengthening your professional network. Remember to order an *Ahhh...melia* Adirondack chair charm when you register.

Travel Info

You should have no trouble booking a flight to the Jacksonville International Airport. From there to the Omni is pretty inexpensive. You can rent a car, but you might first investigate whether it would be cheaper for you to just Uber where you want to go. <http://uber-rates-fernandina-beach-fl-us.uber-fare-estimator.com/>

Registration

We are expecting a large turnout for this meeting; we encourage you to register early to secure your preferred activities. Registration fees include admission to all of the events described in this brochure for which no extra charge is indicated on the registration form. If you want to participate in the activities for which an extra charge is indicated, you must pay those charges along with your registration fee when you submit the registration form.

Corporate and Industry Members: the FDCC is waving your registration fee for this conference. You must still pay for your own transportation, room, and any activities for which an extra charge is indicated in these registration materials.

You can register one of three ways:

1. Online at www.thefederation.org. Click on the 2018 Winter Meeting banner and select Register.
2. By emailing the completed registration form and your credit card information (or separately mailing a check) to: registrar@thefederation.org
3. By mailing the completed registration form and your credit information or check to:

FDCC

Attn: Registrar / Winter Meeting

275 N. York St.

Elmhurst, IL 60126.

Note: the FDCC accepts Visa, MasterCard, and American Express. When paying by credit card, the FDCC will add an \$85 administrative fee. You can avoid that fee by paying by check.

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact the FDCC Registrar at registrar@thefederation.org or call 630-433-4517

Getting There

Hotel Information:

Omni Amelia Island Plantation
39 Beach Lagoon Rd.
Fernandina Beach, FL 32034
Phone: 904-261-6161

Make your reservations now! Call the hotel directly at 1-888-444-6664 or [click here](#). We expect the room block to fill quickly. Ocean view run of the house rooms are \$309 per night plus tax. Be sure to mention FDCC to get our group room rate. Group rates are available until the cutoff date of January 26, 2018 and thereafter only based upon availability.

We are also offering Sand Castle Villas for the same rate of \$309. The villas have an opportunity to expand to 2 bedrooms for an additional \$40 per night for a total of \$349 per night plus tax. The Sand Castle Villas are located just a short walk from the main lobby, and there is surface parking immediately adjacent to these rooms if you want your car close by. If you prefer riding to walking, just give the hotel's free shuttle service 5 minute's notice and they will pick you up.

Check-in time is 4:00pm, check out is 11:00am. The Omni can accommodate early arrivals as rooms become available.

Hotel cancellation policy: Reservations not cancelled 7 days prior to arrival will be subject to a 2 nights room and tax cancellation fee.

Omni Select Guest: this is Omni's loyalty program. If you are already a member, you will enjoy certain benefits at the Omni Amelia Island. (If you are not a member of this program but join, and stay at another Omni property between now and Amelia, you will enjoy these benefits as well, but know that they only start on your *second* stay at an Omni property.) Benefits include complimentary morning juice or coffee delivered to your room, bottled water upon arrival, pressing of two items, a shoe shine, and a weekday newspaper of your choice.

Convention Cancellation Policy:

We hope you will not have to cancel or ask for a refund once you have registered for the convention. We realize, however, that last minute emergencies and trial schedules may require cancellation and request for a refund. Please be advised of the following Board approved refund policies:

A refund of registration fees, less \$85 and any applicable credit card fees, will be given if the FDCC office receives written notice no later than January 25, 2018.

No refunds will be given if notice of cancellation is received by the FDCC after January 25, 2018.

Amounts refunded by payments made by credit card will include a deduction for the amount the credit card company charges to the FDCC for both the charging and the credits.

In the event of "special circumstances" such as illness, unforeseen family or professional emergencies, and the like, this refund policy may be suspended or modified (based upon the member's written request), only by action of the President upon recommendation of the Convention Chair. It is also recommended that all registrants purchase trip cancellation insurance.

To cancel hotel reservations, notify the FDCC office by email (regina@thefederation.org) first to check if we need the room to re-assign to another member on the wait list. If the room is not needed, call the hotel directly to cancel. The Convention Chair has no authority to modify the hotel's cancellation or refund policies.

Charges paid to the FDCC for separate events and/or tours may or may not be refunded in whole or in part. The decision to refund these will be made on a case by case basis by the Convention Chair. Members seeking reimbursement for these payments must submit a written request to the Convention Chair.

The decision to refund fees will be based, in part, upon the timing of the cancellation and whether there are available convention funds from which to make the refund. Please note that refunds of any payments to independent third parties for tours and other events and services are not the responsibility of the FDCC.



Cuba Registration

We hope you will join us on the optional 4 day, 3-night trip to Havana. We are working with Cuba Cultural Travel, www.cubaculturaltravel.com, one of the premier agencies specializing in US travel to Cuba. Once you have registered for the Winter Meeting, your email confirmation will contain a link to their website. If you mail in your registration, we will email you the link once we receive the registration. Please note you must register for the Winter Meeting before you register for the Cuba trip.

Roundtrip flights to Cuba can also be handled

by Cuba Cultural Travel. More information will be available once you register.

Cancellation Policy and Procedure – Cuba

Please read the Cuba Cultural Travel cancellation policy before booking your trip. The FDCC is not responsible for any fees that may be incurred.

Disclaimer: The FDCC is excited to offer its members the opportunity to visit Cuba following the Amelia Island Winter Meeting! The itinerary for the Cuba trip offers a unique insight into the country, its people and the legal profession. We believe the trip will be memorable and encourage you to take advantage of the opportunity to go.

That said, we acknowledge the U.S. State Department issued a “Cuba Travel Warning” on September 29, 2017, noting that persons unknown had deliberately injured American citizens working in the U.S. Embassy in Havana, and other Americans may be at risk. After seeing the Government’s statement, we contacted our tour company and have done considerable research into the current situation in Cuba. We learned Americans are still permitted to travel to Cuba. Moreover, the tour company believes that Cuba is safe and offers a unique travel opportunity. They also provided a lengthy list of other legal organizations that have recently returned from Cuba and/or are still planning on traveling to Cuba as scheduled, including the Texas State Bar Association, November 3-8; New York State Academy of Trial Lawyers, November 9-16; and the Bar Association of San Francisco, February 22 - March 1, 2018. Additionally, Scott and Susan Kreamer, along with members of the FDCC staff, visited Cuba on a site visit in September and felt very safe while there. FDCC Executive Director Kimberly LaBounty felt was the most fascinating trip she has taken. We encourage our members make informed decisions about whether to take advantage of this great opportunity.

Resources:

- Visit the Embassy Havana website for the latest messages to U.S. citizens and other information related to Embassy operations.
- See the State Department’s travel website for the Worldwide Caution, Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and Country Specific Information for Cuba.
- Enroll in the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) to receive the latest security updates and make it easier for the nearest U.S. Embassy to locate you in an emergency.
- Follow the U.S. Embassy in Havana on Twitter @USEmbCuba and Facebook and the State Department’s Bureau of Consular Affairs on Twitter and Facebook.

Being There

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Explore the Property

We've been to a lot of great places, but they are generally pretty compact; you don't have to go very far to appreciate all that they have to offer. The Omni is different: it is huge! We encourage you to go out and explore the Omni property. Take advantage of the free shuttle service; it will take you anywhere on the property.

If the lobby bar is full, head over to the Falcon's Nest bar and restaurant adjacent to Canopy Park (a 3.5 minute walk from the lobby, or take the shuttle). You can also find food and beverages at the golf course's Marsh View restaurant; take the shuttle and be sure to try the Blue Crab Quesadilla. There is a great fitness center in the main hotel, but there's an even better one over by the tennis courts. Go on one of the bike, Segway, or walking tours early in the week to get a feel for the whole property.

Weather

Winter on Amelia Island is usually characterized by drier, crisp air and comfortable weather that is just right for walks on the beach, a round or two of golf, or spotting wildlife.

Little known fact: when they wrote "Hope for the best and prepare for the worst" in 1561, Thomas Norton and Thomas Sackville were talking about the weather in north Florida. This is our mantra with respect to weather for this meeting. With any luck, it will be "swimsuit on the beach and by the pool" weather by day, cool and comfortable by night. If you bring the right clothes and an adventurous attitude, you will have a great time no matter what the weather.

What to Wear

The Omni is upscale, but it is also a beach resort. Around the hotel, feel free to dress casual and beachy.

President's Reception: Sport Coat (no tie). Ladies may not want to wear heels, as part of this evening will be outside in a grassy courtyard.

Havana Nights: Festive Cuban, lots of colors, dancing shoes (outdoors). Ladies may not want to wear heels as part of this evening will be in a grassy area.

Dinner Dance: Coat and tie for the men, cocktail dresses for the ladies, and dancing shoes.

Committee meetings and CLE: Business casual.

Activities: Please check each activity listing for appropriate attire.

Kids

The FDCC is offering a private morning kids program for children (ages 4-12) and teen (ages 13-16) from 7:30am - 12:30pm Monday through Wednesday. Kids will enjoy a themed program including fun décor, innovative activities, and memorable learning experiences, and will craft a souvenir to take home. Teens will enjoy Segway Tour, bikes, and an on-property field trip. Note: Breakfast is not included.

Evening programs for children 4 - 17 will be offered on Sunday and Wednesday from 6:30 - 10:30pm. This program will include dinner and activities.

Note: Both day and evening programs require at least 5 participants.

If you need a babysitter, you can make arrangements by calling the concierge or making your own arrangements.

Solos

FDCC has many activities for spouses, significant others, and families, but did you know there are great activities for those who come solo? Whether you are single or your spouse or family just couldn't attend with you this time, the Solos program will offer informal social events for attendees. Our Solos Program Chair, Peggy Ward, will reach out to all solo attendees prior to the meeting with information on those events. Please note that the Solos Program is open to all solo attendees whether this is your first FDCC meeting or you go every year!

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Sat., Feb. 24

- Administrative**
- Activities**
- CLE**
- Social Events**
- Registration**

Sun., Feb. 25

Mon., Feb. 26

Tue., Feb. 27

Wed., Feb. 28

		7:00am - 12:00pm Registration <i>Magnolia Foyer</i>	7:30am - 12:30pm Board Meeting <i>Cumberland AB</i>	11:30pm - 12:30pm Foundation Board Meeting <i>Cumberland C</i>	12:30pm - 2:00pm Committee Meetings			
					Foundation Fundraising <i>Cumberland C</i>	MDR <i>Magnolia B</i>	P&M <i>Magnolia</i>	
6:30am - 7:30am Yoga <i>Cumberland C</i>	7:00am - 9:00am Grab & Go Breakfast <i>Magnolia Foyer</i>	7:00am - 12:00pm Registration <i>Magnolia Foyer</i>	7:00am - 9:00am Spouse/Guest Breakfast <i>Sunrise Cafe & Terrace/Oceanside & Terrace</i>	7:30am - 8:30pm Morning Walk	7:30am - 12:30pm Child Drop Off <i>TBD</i>	9:30am - 11:00am Spouse/Guest Hospitality <i>Hospitality Suite Oceanside</i>	9:00am - 10:00am Plenary <i>Magnolia</i>	
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(MONDAY) 7:45am - 8:45am Substantive Section Meetings			
Corporate Counsel, Commercial Litigation & ADR <i>Magnolia B</i>	Appellate & Extra Contractual <i>Cumberland B</i>	Construction & Trial Tactics <i>Cumberland C</i>	Toxic Torts & Products Liability <i>Magnolia C</i>

(TUESDAY) 7:45am - 8:45am Substantive Section Meetings		
Insurance Coverage & Reinsurance, Excess & Surplus Lines <i>Magnolia B</i>	Civil Rights & Public Entity Liability & Premises & Security Liability <i>Cumberland B</i>	Intellectual Property & Life Insurance <i>Cumberland</i>

ALL ACTIVITIES MEET IN LOBBY UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED

12:30pm - 1:30pm Committee Meetings		3:00pm - 4:00pm Officer's Meeting <i>Cumberland C</i>		4:00pm - 5:00pm Executive Committee Meeting <i>Cumberland C</i>				Sat., Feb. 24
Sessions <i>Amelia 1</i>	F&B <i>Amelia 2-3</i>	Sites <i>Amelia 4</i>						
1:30pm - 5:30pm Registration <i>Magnolia Foyer</i>		2:00pm - 4:15pm New Members Orientation <i>Magnolia A</i>		4:30pm - 6:00pm Plenary Session <i>Magnolia D-G</i>		6:30pm - 10:00pm Presidents Reception/Dinner <i>Magnolia Garden</i> 6:30pm - 10:00pm Children/Youth Dinner Program <i>TBD</i>		Sun., Feb. 25
12:00pm Party <i>Amelia D-G</i>	10:00am - 5:30pm Masters in Marketing <i>Cumberland A</i>	12:30pm - 4:00pm Tennis <i>Omni Tennis Courts</i>	12:30pm - 4:00pm Distillery Tour/ Shopping/ Lunch on Own 12:30pm - 4:00pm Historic Downtown Tour/Shopping/ Lunch on Own	12:30pm - 2:30pm Hiking on Big Talbot	1:00pm - 2:30pm Sharon Wilkerson Dance Lessons <i>Conference 1</i>	1:30pm - 3:30pm Solos - Design & Delight 1:30pm - 3:30pm Segway Tour	6:30pm - 10:30pm Havana Nights Theme Party <i>Canopy Park</i>	Mon., Feb. 26
11:00am Club Suite <i>Oceanside</i>	1:00pm - 4:30pm Professional Woman's Forum <i>Cumberland A</i>	12:30pm - 2:30pm Segway Tour 1 12:30pm - 4:30pm Cumberland Tour 2:30pm - 4:30pm Segway Tour 2	1:00pm - 5:30pm Golf <i>Oak Marsh</i>	1:30pm - 3:00pm Photography <i>Conference 1</i>	1:30pm - 3:30pm Kayak 1:30pm - 3:30pm Eco Bike Tour	5:30pm - 6:30pm ACT Corporate Counsel Happy Hour <i>Hospitality Suite Oceanside</i>	9:30pm - 11:00pm Dessert Party <i>Sunrise Cafe/ Sunrise Terrace/ Golf Green</i>	Tue., Feb. 27
4:00pm Fishing	1:30pm - 2:30pm Packing with Rob & Sue Adams <i>Cumberland C</i>	1:30pm - 3:30pm Segway Tour	1:30pm - 3:30pm Horseback Riding	2:00pm - 4:00pm Corn Hole Tournament <i>Canopy Park</i>	2:00pm - 4:00pm Eco Bike Tour	6:30pm - 10:30pm Children/Youth Dinner Program <i>TBD</i>	6:30pm - 11:00pm Dinner Dance <i>Magnolia A-G</i>	Wed., Feb. 28

5am Meetings	Real Property Health Liability <i>Cumberland C</i>	Healthcare & Professional Liability <i>Magnolia C</i>
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(WEDNESDAY) 7:45am - 8:45am Substantive Section Meetings				
Employment & Class Action <i>Magnolia A</i>	Energy & Property <i>Cumberland B</i>	International <i>Cumberland C</i>	Law Firm Management <i>Magnolia B</i>	Transportation <i>Magnolia C</i>

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Schedule of Events

Saturday, February 24, 2018

12:30pm - 1:30pm
Admissions, F&B, and Sites
Committee Meetings

3:00pm - 4:00pm
Officer's Meeting

4:00pm - 5:00pm
Executive Committee Meeting

12:30pm - 2:00pm
MDR Meeting

12:30pm - 2:00pm
P&O Meeting

1:30pm - 5:30pm
Registration

2:00pm - 4:15pm
New Members Orientation
(by invitation only)

4:30pm - 6:00pm
Plenary Session

6:30pm - 10:00pm
Children & Youth Drop Off

6:30pm - 10:00pm
President's Reception

Join President Scott Kreamer and First Lady Susan Kreamer as we honor them under the beautiful trees in the Magnolia Terrace and Garden. There will also be indoor seating in the Magnolia Foyer. Sport Coat for men, no tie, and comfortable shoes for all.

Monday, February 26, 2018

6:30am - 7:30am
Yoga

Our own Erin Christie will lead a yoga class for those who want to enjoy this healthy and relaxing way to start the day.

7:00am - 12:00pm
Registration

7:00am - 9:00am
Voucher Breakfast

7:00am - 9:00am
Attendee Grab & Go Breakfast

Sunday, February 25, 2018

7:00am - 12:00pm
Registration

7:30am - 12:30pm
Board of Directors' Meeting & Lunch

11:30am - 12:30pm
Foundation Board Meeting

12:30pm - 2:00pm
Foundation Fundraising Committee Meeting



7:30am - 12:30pm
Child Drop Off

7:30am - 8:30am
Morning Walk

Join us each morning for a leisurely stroll along Amelia's beautiful beach. Meet in the lobby at 7:30am each morning.

7:45am - 8:45am
Section Meetings

9:00am - 12:00pm
Plenary Session

9:30am - 11:00am
Guest Hospitality

Susan Kreamer, Carol Anne Gallivan, Doreen Myles, Jeff Lorell, Amanda Preston, and Alison Manley are looking forward to seeing you and introducing you to our new member guests. All are welcome as we enjoy some Florida hospitality in our own FDCC Hospitality Suite!

10:00am - 5:30pm
Masters in Marketing

12:30pm - 2:30pm
Big Talbot Island Hike

Participants on this hike will take buses from the hotel to Big Talbot Island, where they will hike through Florida's version of a forest and onto "Boneyard Beach," a beach covered in the salt washed skeletons of fallen trees. Those who wish to do so can participate in a brief, volunteer beach cleanup effort. This is the shorter of the two hiking activities available at this meeting, and is rated "easy to very easy." Rain or shine; bring something warm just in case. Box lunch, snacks, and water included.



12:30pm - 4:00pm
Fernandina Beach Historical Tour & Centre Street Shopping

Begin your afternoon with lunch on your own and then enjoy a guided walking tour through the historic district of Fernandina Beach and see why Southern Living magazine has named it one of the Best Small Towns in the South. After the tour, you will have time to shop the shops of downtown Fernandina.

12:30pm - 4:00pm
Marlin and Barrel Distillery

Discover your Spirit at this Fernandina Beach Craft Distillery! Enjoy a tour and learn how rum and vodka are made and then hand-bottled. You will have time for shopping and lunch on your own after the tour in downtown Fernandina Beach.

12:30pm - 4:00pm
Tennis Tournament

Game! Set! Match! Players will enjoy a box lunch prior to the tournament. Take advantage of this opportunity to play where many leg-

Schedule of Events

ends of tennis have played, including Agassi, Navratilova, Evert, Hingis, Sharapova, and the Williams sisters. Box Lunch and equipment will be provided.

1:00pm – 2:30pm

Dance lessons

Be ready to dance the night away! Join Federation favorite Sharon Wilkerson as she teaches us some new dance moves and gets us ready for Havana Nights as well as the Dinner Dance on Wednesday night. Wear hard-soled shoes to this complimentary activity.

1:30pm – 3:30pm

Segway Tour

What could be more fun than riding a Segway? After a brief training session, even first timers will be all smiles as they get up close and personal with the Omni's enormous, beautiful property while enjoying the thrill of riding a Segway. There is a tour every afternoon to accommodate as many as possible in this popular activity.

1:30pm – 3:30pm

SOLO Design & Delight

If you are here on your own or enjoying the time with friends come join us for a step by step instruction for stenciling on planks. Small bites and wine provided.

6:30pm – 11:00pm

Havana Nights Theme Party

Celebrate Florida's Cuban heritage under the Live Oaks and Spanish Moss in Canopy Park, and whet your appetite for your own trip to Havana, at this high-energy theme party. The buffets will be filled with the Omni chef's delicious take on Spanish and Cuban cuisine, and the Aramis y Sol Caribe band will have you dancing to a Latin beat. Dress is Festive Cuban.

Tuesday, February 27, 2018

6:30am – 7:30am

Yoga

Our own Erin Christie will lead a yoga class for those who want to enjoy this healthy and relaxing way to start the day.

7:00am – 12:00pm

Registration

7:00am – 9:00am

Voucher Breakfast

7:00am – 9:00am

Attendee Grab & Go Breakfast

7:30am – 12:30pm

Child Drop Off

7:30am – 8:30am

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7:45am – 8:45am

Section Meetings

9:00am – 12:00pm

Plenary Session

10:00am – 11:00am

Book Club

Join our popular book club and Mary Alice Collins as she leads a discussion of *A Land Remembered* by Patrick Smith. This book tells the story of a family who, over the course of three generations from the 1850's to the 1960's, overcome the hardships of poverty and Florida frontier living to become wealthy landowners. Smith's vivid description of life in Florida before it was tamed will make you appreciate the grit of those who survived "natural" Florida

to make a life here: clouds of mosquitos, vicious wildlife, normal Florida weather compounded by hurricanes that sprang up without warning, and all of this to live in what was essentially one big swamp. The characters and storyline are engaging, and will keep you turning pages long after you should turn off the light. *A Land Remembered* won the Florida Historical Society's Tebeau Prize for Most Outstanding Florida Historical Novel and has been ranked the Best Florida Book eight times by Florida Monthly Magazine.

12:30pm - 2:30pm **Segway Tour**

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12:30pm - 4:30pm **Cumberland Island Hike**

Participants will enjoy an exclusive trip to Historic Cumberland Island. Wild horses, deer and numerous other animals run wild and are usually seen from the hiking path. From historic small forts to bustling large scale farm operations, the island is covered in historic landmarks that stretch from the 1730's to the 1880's when the Carnegie family developed a lasting presence on the island. The trip will include a boat ride across the Florida/Georgia line to the island, a boxed lunch, snacks, and water.

1:00pm - 4:30pm **Professional Women's Forum**

1:00pm - 5:30pm **Golf Tournament**

Come enjoy The Oak Marsh Golf Course, one of the truly classic Pete Dye-designed golf courses in the world. At par 72, this 6,500-yard course has 14 holes with water hazards and numerous bulk-headed greens. A variety of bunkers are placed throughout the course to add to the challenge. Box lunch and golf cart provided.

1:30pm - 3:30pm **Marsh Kayak Tour**

Experience the natural beauty of the island by kayak. You will learn about the birds, fish, and animals that flourish in the salt marsh while you explore the island. Experienced guides will offer instruction, so no previous kayaking experience is required.



Schedule of Events

1:30pm – 3:00pm

Photography Class

Improve your chances of winning the photography competition as you learn composition and other photography basics from Federation member Dick Caldwell. This is a complimentary activity; just bring your phone.

1:30pm – 3:30pm

Eco-Bike Tour

Enjoy a combination of biking at a relaxed pace and learning more about Amelia Island's flora and fauna from the knowledgeable guides. You will then go on a brief hike along the beautiful saltwater marsh adjacent to the Omni.

2:30pm – 4:30pm

Segway Tour

What could be more fun than riding a Segway? After a brief training session, even first timers will be all smiles as they get up close and personal with the Omni's enormous, beautiful property while enjoying the thrill of riding a Segway. This is the second tour of the day, offered to accommodate as many as possible in this popular activity.

5:30pm – 6:30pm

ACT Corporate Counsel Happy Hour (by invitation only)

6:30pm – 9:30pm

Tonight is your best opportunity to visit one of the incredible restaurants Fernandina Beach has to offer. We have included a list of some of the best known restaurants in the area; make sure you book your reservation early.

9:30pm – 11:00pm

Dessert Party

Join old friends and make new ones at this FDCC member-favorite event. Yes, there will be ice cream.

Wednesday, February 28, 2018

6:30am – 7:30am

Yoga

Our own Erin Christie will lead a yoga class for those who want to enjoy this healthy and relaxing way to start the day.

7:00am – 9:00am

Voucher Breakfast

7:00am – 9:00am

Attendee Grab & Go Breakfast

7:30am – 12:30pm

Child Drop Off

7:30am – 8:30am

Morning Walk

Join us each morning for a leisurely stroll along Amelia's beautiful beach. Meet in the lobby at 7:30am each morning. Complimentary, and no need to sign up in advance.

7:45am – 8:45am

Section Meetings

9:00am – 12:00pm

Plenary Session

Business Meeting

Keynote Speaker

1:00pm – 4:00pm

Backwater Fishing

Truly one of the best fishing opportunities on Amelia Island. Local guides will take you on an inshore boating trip to the best spots for catching local fish. Experience and explore the beauty of Amelia Island's backwater. Each boat accommodates 4 passengers, has a captain and first mate for fishing assistance, and on-board coolers for ice. Fishing supplies and state licenses are included in the cost, along with a box lunch. Participants: if you are going to tell the story, you better have the picture!

1:30pm – 3:30pm

Horseback Riding

This FDCC-favorite activity will be even better at the Omni. Saddle up and ride a gentle, well trained horse while enjoying the sights of the beautiful Amelia Island State Park and beaches.

1:30pm – 3:30pm

Segway Tour

What could be more fun than riding a Segway? After a brief training session, even first timers will be all smiles as they get up close and personal with the Omni's enormous, beautiful property while enjoying the thrill of riding a Segway. There is a tour every afternoon to accommodate as many as possible in this popular activity.

1:30pm – 2:30pm

Packing for FDCC Meetings

Rob and Sue Adams packed for three weeks in Europe, which included our Annual Meeting, in

one carry-on suitcase each. Come learn their secrets.

2:00pm – 4:00pm

Eco-Bike Tour

Enjoy a combination of biking at a relaxed pace and learning more about Amelia Island's flora and fauna from the knowledgeable guides. You will then go on a brief hike along the beautiful saltwater marsh adjacent to the Omni.

2:00pm – 4:00pm

First Annual Reid Manley Corn Hole Tournament

We don't know whether this will become an annual tradition, but you will have at least this occasion to beat Reid Manley and other competitive players at Corn Hole.

6:30pm – 10:30pm

Children & Youth Drop Off

6:30pm – 11:00pm

Dinner Dance

We must say goodbye at some point, but not yet; not yet. Help us wrap up this fantastic conference in style, enjoying fellowship over drinks and a fine meal, and then dancing to The Rivertown Band. Dress: Coat and tie for the men, cocktail dresses for the ladies.

Photography Competition: Submit your pictures each day to Brett Preston at brett.prestonehwhlaw.com. Daily winners will be announced each morning, and the overall winners at the business meeting on Wednesday.

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Sunday, February 25, 2018

4:30pm - 5:00pm

Introduction to the meeting

Introduction of Past Presidents and New Members

5:00pm - 5:15pm

Welcome to Amelia

Thea Seagraves, Education Director for the Amelia Island Museum of History

5:15pm - 6:00pm

Jeff Sessions, United States Attorney General, INVITED

Monday, February 26, 2018

7:45am - 8:45am

Section Meetings

1. Corporate Counsel Committee, Commercial Litigation, and Alternative Dispute Resolution

“The Role of In-House Counsel in Alternative Dispute Resolution and Settlement Offers: When, How, and How Much”

The ultimate goal when conflicts arise is to resolve them as efficiently and cost-effectively as possible. Typically, this means avoiding trial if at all possible. Whether court-mandated or self-imposed, disputes are increasingly resolved outside of court. As a result, parties are focusing on alternative dispute resolution forums, such as mediation, and preparing for them as though they are the culmination of the controversy. While the roles of outside counsel and in-house counsel are pretty much established in a trial setting, the roles each advocate plays in alternative dispute resolution forums is in flux and varies depending on the circumstances and clients. This panel will discuss the optimization of everyone’s roles in order to achieve the best settlement.

Moderator:

- Olga Vieira, Carlton Fields, Miami, FL

Speakers:

- Mark Brancato, FLSmidth Inc., Counsel, Bethlehem, PA
- David Nicholas, TE Connectivity Corporation, Assistant General Counsel, Middletown, PA
- Eric Schneider, Anderson, McPharlin & Connors, Los Angeles, CA
- Rachel Tallon Reynolds, Bullivant Houser Bailey, PC, Seattle, WA
- Bernie Gawne, Senior Counsel, Insurance Auto Auctions, Inc.

2. Appellate and Extra Contractual

“Reversal of Misfortune: How to Establish Favorable Precedent Affecting Bad Faith Litigation”

Attendees will develop an understanding of the benefits of employing a proactive approach creating favorable precedent, under which emerging insurance bad-faith issues are identified early and an active trial and appeal strategy is pursued in cases with the best facts and in the best jurisdictions. The discussion will focus on the roles played by in-house, trial, and appellate counsel in coordinating strategy by (1) identifying, developing, and preserving the best arguments in the trial courts; (2) employing discerning issue-selection; (3) posturing on appeal; and (4) aggressively seeking settlement to avoid establishing bad precedent in problem cases—cases with bad facts, filed in problematic jurisdictions, or that did not present or preserve the best arguments.

Moderator:

- Charles Frazier, Alexander Dubose Jefferson & Townsend, LLP, Dallas, TX

Speakers:

- Vicki Roberts, Meadowbrook Insurance Group, Phoenix, AZ
- Laurie Hepler, Greines, Martin, Stein & Richland, LLP, San Francisco, CA
- Scott Hofer, Foland, Wickens, Eisfelder, Roper & Hofer, P.C., Kansas City, MO

3. Construction and Trial Tactics

“Preparing the Anti-Venom for the Corporate Safety Director in Construction”

Construction Section Chair Marc Harwell and Trial Tactics’ Chair Marc Young are teaming with Stuart Simon of American Jury Centers (AJC) to provide guidance for deposition preparation of the Corporate Safety Director or other officers in the context of the Construction Industry. Reptile theory tactics at an advanced level will be the focus of the presentation.

Moderator:

- Marc Harwell, Leitner, Williams, Dooley, & Napolitan, PLLC, Chattanooga, TN

Speakers:

- Marc Young, Cokinos, Bosien & Young, Austin, TX
- Stuart Simon, American Jury Centers, Sun Valley, ID

4. Toxic Torts and Products Liability

“From the Inside Out: Strategies to Avoid, Control, or Eliminate Major Product and Toxic Tort Exposures.”

Join our experienced panel including (inside corporate counsel, an insurance company executive, and trial counsel) as they provide insights and best practices in controlling, curtailing, or avoiding major litigation risks. Learn how significant exposures are defended and the techniques that are used to control these risks. Participate with our panel in an interactive discussion as they debate topics such as personal jurisdiction attacks, use of expert witnesses, large case management techniques, effective use of outside trial counsel, and the relationship between a company and its insurance company.

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Moderator:

- Beth Bauer, HeplerBroom, LLC, Edwardsville, IL

Speakers:

- John Lebold, Associate General Counsel, The Sherwin-Williams Company, Cleveland, OH
- Dart Meadows, Balch & Bingham, LLP, Atlanta, GA

9:00am - to 12:00pm

Plenary Session

9:00am - 9:10am

Announcements and Sponsor Introductions

9:10am - 10:10am

"Through the Looking Glass - What Law Firms Need to Know from an In-House Perspective about the Future of Legal Services"

This panel discussion will be the "can't-miss" session of the 2018 Winter Meeting program at Amelia Island, and will promise to enlighten and equip both outside and in-house counsel to improve the way they do the business of defense litigation. Four of the country's most well-respected in-house counsel will tap into their collective years of experience on both sides of the equation and engage in a moderated discussion about what the future holds for the delivery of legal services. Topics will include:

- What companies do better than defense firms
- Selecting and managing outside counsel
- What in-house counsel learn about defense firm management after going in-house
- Effective marketing techniques
- The evolving nature of litigation management

Moderator:

- Johnny Sarber, Carr Allison, Jacksonville, FL

Speakers:

- Tim Pratt, Boston Scientific, Boston, MA
- Ashley Garry, Eli Lilly and Company, Indianapolis, IN
- Mark Polk, Stryker, Allendale, NJ
- Sandra Phillips Rogers, Toyota Motor North America, Inc., Plano, TX

10:10am - 11:05am

"The End of the World...and Other Opportunities"

Speaker:

- Peter Zeihan, Zeihan on Geopolitics

Peter is an expert in geopolitics: the study of how place impacts financial, economic, cultural, political, and military developments. He presents customized executive briefings to a wide array of

audiences which include, but are not limited to, financial professionals, Fortune 500 firms, energy investors, and a mix of industrial power, agricultural and consulting associations and corporations. Mr. Zeihan has been featured in, and cited by, numerous newspapers and broadcasts including The Wall Street Journal, Forbes, AP, Bloomberg, CNN, ABC, The New York Times, Fox News and MarketWatch.

11:05am – 12:00pm

“Ethics, Politics and Regulation in the Age of Trump: How the Trump Administration May Fundamentally Change Your Business, the Legal Profession and the Nation”

This timely panel will address the most significant proposed and real changes in the law during the Trump administration, whether the President, his staff, or his administration is operating in compliance with the emoluments clause of the Constitution and federal ethics laws, and how each of these issues impacts your business, the legal profession and the nation.

Moderator:

- Richard Gottlieb, Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLP, Chicago, IL

Speakers:

- Deepak Gupta, Gupta Wessler, PLLC, Washington, D.C.
- Trevor Burrus, Cato Institute, Washington, DC

Tuesday, February 27, 2018

7:45am – 8:45am

Section Meetings

1. Insurance Coverage and Reinsurance, Excess and Surplus Lines

“Intervention, DJ, or Nothing: What’s An Insurer To Do To Resolve Coverage Issues?”

This will be a national level discussion addressing the issue of intervention by insurance carriers in underlying tort litigation. The discussion will use as a jumping off point the South Carolina Supreme Court decision in *Harleysville Group Insurance v. Heritage Communities, Inc.*, which suggests that an insurer must intervene to seek a differentiated verdict or risk being stuck with a general verdict. The discussion will analyze the practicality of intervention and compare the process with declaratory judgment actions and other procedural methods to resolve insurance coverage disputes.

Moderator:

- Jay Sever, Phelps Dunbar, LLP, New Orleans, LA

Speakers:

- Jennifer Eubanks, Canal Insurance Company, Greenville, SC
- Charles Frazier, Alexander Dubose Jefferson & Townsend, LLP, Dallas, TX
- Jennifer Johnsen, Gallivan, White & Boyd, P.A., Greenville, SC

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2. Civil Rights and Public Entity Liability and Premises and Security Liability

“Blurring the Blue Line: Who’s Responsible for Moonlighting Police Officers?”

What happens when someone is injured by an off-duty police officer hired to provide security for a private company? Who is potentially liable for the police officer’s actions? What are the insurance coverage implications? Join us for a presentation on these risks and steps that can be taken to minimize them.

Panelists:

- Brad Box, Rainey Kizer Reviere & Bell PLC, Jackson, TN
- Kay Hodge, Stoneman, Chandler & Miller LLP, Boston, MA
- John Sinnott, Irwin Fritchier Urquhart & Moore LLC, New Orleans, LA
- Casey Stansbury, Mazanec, Raskin & Ryder, Co., L.P.A., Lexington, KY

3. Intellectual Property and Life Health and Disability

“Battles Over Intellectual Property Rights: How Insurers Can Protect Valuable Rights And How Businesses Can Protect Themselves From Patent Trolls”

In this presentation we explain the differences among copyright, patent, and trademark law. Did you know that insurance companies have valuable rights in their policy language that can be protected with appropriate copyrights? Come learn how those rights are best protected. In addition, patent trolls continue to wreak havoc on businesses; we will also discuss recent court decisions and how businesses can fight back and protect their valuable intellectual property.

Speakers:

- Neil Hartzell, LaClair Ryan, Boston, MA
- William Demlong, The Cavanagh Law Firm, Phoenix, AZ

4. Healthcare and Professional Liability

“Assessing the Reasonable Value of Large Past & Future Medical Losses, in the Era of Uncertainty with the Affordable Care Act”

Nobody pays retail when it comes to medical care. The field of health economics has developed tools that we routinely use to assess the reasonable value of medical services and technology, yet these tools are underutilized in litigation. We will review these tools with, and get the “inside scoop” from, our Washington, DC lobbyist colleagues on the role of the Affordable Care Act and the health policy changes that are likely (or not) to occur in the next few years and how that would impact life care plans.

Speaker:

- John Schneider, Avalon Health Economics, Morristown, NJ
- Cara Scheibling, Avalon Health Economics, Morristown, NJ

9:00am – 12:00pm
Plenary Session

9:00am – 9:05am
Announcements

9:05am – 10:05am

“Artificial Intelligence: What will HAL Terminate?”

Glimpse into our collective future to see how AI will change everything, including law and insurance. Join our odyssey exploring the impact of this “Rise of the Machines” and understanding what this “new electricity” means for manufacturing, transportation, retail, insurance, and the practice of law as you learn AI basics and related legal liability issues.

Moderator:

- Craig Marvinney, Walter and Haverfield LLP, Cleveland, OH

Speakers:

- Kate Brown, Swiss Re, New York, NY
- Toby Unwin, Premonition, Orlando, FL

10:05am – 11:00am

“We are Evolving!”

Hear member success stories from the FDCC Evolve program and an introduction to Legal Mind, the most advanced and focused training for lawyers seeking to up their technology game. Hear from members that have evolved their presentations to clients, mediators, judges, and jurors by embracing the technologies featured on the FDCC Evolve.com web site. Meet Cindy Mitchell of Legal Mind, our education partner that has developed the training and testing modules now featured on our site. These are first-of-a-kind teaching tools specially developed for FDCC members and focused on you and your method of learning.

Moderator:

- Bob Christie, Christie Law Group, PLLC, Seattle, WA

Speakers:

- Ed Bruya, Bennett, Bigelow & Leedom, Spokane, WA
- Steve Pasarow, Knapp, Peterson & Clarke, Glendale, CA
- Steve Embry, Frost, Brown Todd, LLC, Louisville, KY
- Matthew Cairns, Gallagher, Callahan & Gartrell, Concord, NH
- Cindy Mitchell, Traveling Coaches: Legal Mind, Dallas, TX

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11:00am – 12:00pm

“The Dark Web and the War on Cyber: What You Need to Know.”

In order to diffuse the war on cyber, we need to acknowledge that we are facing enemies who are always on the verge of new technological advances and attack vectors. The malicious activity conducted to penetrate our networks is largely unnoticed by the average citizen because today’s cybercriminals often operate in the dark web. In order to combat the new cybercriminal, we need to focus on several aspects of security, including the dark web and increased user awareness of potential threats

Moderator:

- Stephen Embry, Frost Brown Todd LLC, Louisville, KY

Speaker:

- Keith Wojcieszek, Kroll, Washington, D.C.

Wednesday, February 28, 2018

7:45am – 8:45am

Section Meetings

1. Employment and Class Action

“Hold on, Class, It’s Not Time To Waive Goodbye Just Yet!”

Our panel will address the challenges for employers attempting to use class action waivers in employment agreements and the differing views among the federal circuits. With the importance of controlling litigation costs and predictability, employers are seeking to pursue waivers, but the courts are not always receptive. Our panel will discuss the current status of cases on the topic and some best practices for employers to address these issues.

Moderators:

- Paul Finamore, Niles, Barton, & Wilmer, LLP, Baltimore, MD

Presenters:

- Jeff Kelsey, Federal Express Corp., Memphis, TN
- Daniel Gerhan, Director & Senior Litigation Counsel, Boston Scientific Corp., Arden Hills, MN

2. Energy and Property

“Examination of a Crude Oil Vessel Explosion”

This program will examine litigation and property insurance aspects of a crude oil vessel explosion being tried later this year by Federation member Ed Ruff of Chicago. Ed will present the key litigation aspects of the case, including the types of claims presented, causation, expert issues, and the trial result. Property insurance issues such as identification of insureds and insurable interests,

fortuitous loss and time element implications, and potentially applicable exclusions will round out the presentation. Federation member Joyce Wang of San Francisco is a potential presenter for the Property insurance portion of the presentation. We may also use a moderator to introduce the presenters and their topics and to facilitate discussion and any questions.

Speaker:

- Edward Ruff, Pretzel & Stouffer, Chicago, IL

3. International

“To Produce or Not to Produce-That is the Question”

In follow up to the Insurance Summit in Zurich where we learned about the very different production rules of the various international jurisdictions, this panel (comprised of a US attorney and two international members) will discuss the differences and the strategies used to overcome the hurdles of restricted or limited production rules.

Speakers:

- David Bertschi, Bertschi Orth Solicitors & Barristers LLP, Ottawa, Canada
- Cy Huang, Tsar & Tsai Law Firm, Taipei, Taiwan

4. Law Firm Management

“Law Firm Management from a Woman’s Perspective”

The majority of lawyers entering our profession are now women, and many are in management roles in some of the largest firms and are leaders in the largest organizations in the legal profession. Women manage differently than their male counterparts, and this is your opportunity to experience the very first Law Practice Management Panel presentation ever presented by a panel of women who manage their law firms. Topics such as marketing, training, and differing perspectives between men and women make the first-of-its-kind section presentation one not to be missed.

Moderator:

- Lauren Curtis, Traub Lieberman Straus & Shrewsbury LLP, St. Petersburg, FL

Speakers:

- Rayma Church, Emerson Church, Fresno, CA
- Heidi Goebel, Goebel Anderson PC, Salt Lake City, UT
- Teresa Arnold-Simmons, Quintairos, Prieto, Wood & Boyer, P.A., Jacksonville, FL

5. Transportation

“The Defense of the Trucking Company for Alleged Liability For A Rear End Collision with a Slow moving and/or Stopped Vehicle in the Travel Lane of a Highway: A Case Study”

When the driver of an 18 wheeler rig travelling at highway speed suddenly confronts a slow moving or stationary vehicle in the same lane of travel, resulting in catastrophic injury to its occupant, the attorney for the trucking company must reach deep into the tool bag to provide a plausible

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defense. This presentation provides tactical consideration and insights to the issues confronted with this challenge.

Speakers:

- Robert Biggs, Biggs, Ingram & Solop, PLLC, Jackson, MS
- Andy Irwin, Scientific Analysis, Inc., Dallas, TX

9:00am - 12:00pm

Plenary Session

9:00am - 9:05am

Announcements

9:05am - 10:05am

"The Opioid Dilemma - Pain and Punishment"

Without regard to race, ethnicity, gender, age, geography, socio-economic, or other demographics, the opioid crisis has grown to be the most inclusive health crisis in American history. And opioids now sit at the top of the agenda for state and federal regulators, legislators, prosecutors and civil litigants. As the media points blame at every stage of the vertical distribution chain, from manufacturers to distributors, dispensers, hospitals, healthcare providers, employers, and possibly even extending to payors, schools and municipalities, our panel will discuss where we are, how we got here, and what steps should be taken towards a solution. We will peel back the veneer to expose the themes that comprise the claims to ensure that lawyers defending these claims are prepared to construct a cogent and compelling defense.

Speaker:

- Michael Walsh, Strasburger & Price LLP, Dallas, TX

10:05am - 10:50am

Business Meeting

10:50am - 11:00am

Introduction to the Annual 2018 Conference in Maui, Hawaii

- Todd & Debbie Roberts

11:00am - 12:00pm

Keynote Speaker

Robert Ballard

Dr. Ballard is an explorer, discoverer, and historian known for his discovery of the Titanic in 1985. His discoveries did not stop with the Titanic, as he discovered numerous other shipwrecks including the German Battleship Bismarck and the Lost Fleet of Guadalcanal. He has also been instrumental in covering the mysteries of the deep sea.

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In addition to being a National Geographic Society Explorer-In-Residence and a Commissioner on the U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy, Dr. Ballard is also the President of the Ocean Exploration Trust. He was also a Commander in the U.S. Naval Reserves serving in the Navy from 1967 to 1997. He received the National Geographic Society's prestigious Hubbard Medal in 1996 for extraordinary accomplishments in coaxing secrets from the world's oceans and engaging students in the wonder of science. In 2014 he was elected to the American Academy of Arts & Sciences and he has published numerous books, scientific papers, and articles in the National Geographic magazine. Since Ballard was last with us in Bermuda, he has continued exploring the Oceans and has plenty of new discoveries and stories to tell the FDCC.

Restaurants

OUR MOST LOVED AMELIA ISLAND RESTAURANTS

\$ = \$15 - \$20 Per Person
\$\$ = \$20 - \$25 Per Person
\$\$\$ = \$25 - \$30 Per Person
\$\$\$\$ = Over \$30 Per Person

29 South Eats

Smaller menu but everything is spot-on. It is a farm to table restaurant so everything is locally caught or grown and everything is organic. 29 South provides a collection of the chef's favorites. There are small plates from around the world for sharing, as well as grilled pizza, sandwiches, creative entrees, and nightly specials. Get the honey fried chicken or the pork chop. Delish! | \$-\$\$ | [American](#)

Bar Zin Bistro & Wine Bar

Guests will feel comfortable just stopping in for a glass of wine, eating a small snack, or having a complete dining experience. | \$-\$\$ | [American](#)

Baxter's Restaurant

Baxter's Restaurant offers exquisite continental cuisine, the best steaks in town (certified Angus Beef), great fresh seafood, a fine wine selection, and friendly neighborhood bar. | \$-\$\$ | [Steakhouse](#)

Burlingame

A newcomer to Fernandina's fine dining scene is Burlingame, with "seasonally inspired menu, top quality ingredients and native products of the southern coastal region." Chef Chad Livingston was formerly with "Salt," the Amelia Island Ritz-Carlton's fine dining restaurant, and is a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, NY. | \$\$\$ | [American](#)

Brett's Waterway Cafe

Plenty of seafood and pasta dishes as well as a beautiful harbor view. | \$\$\$ | [American, Seafood](#)

Cafe Karibo

Inside a charming historic building on Third Street in downtown Fernandina Beach, an eclectic palette of colors and furnishings add to the relaxed ambiance that is Cafe Karibo. A large garden patio shaded by huge oak trees invites you to a fun and unique culinary experience in a friendly, relaxed setting. | \$-\$\$ | [Eclectic Cuisine](#)

Ciao Bistro

Ciao Italian Bistro believes that when our guests gather to dine, it should be a memorable experience. The quality of homemade food, the attentive service, and charming atmosphere will make your experience memorable. | \$\$\$ | [Italian](#)

Cucina South

An Italian Bistro featuring pasta, pizza, seafood, and wine. "Years of experience culminated with a passion for food, wine and love for people!" | \$\$-\$\$\$ | [Italian](#)

David's Restaurant

David's serves the finest seafood and meats available on Amelia Island. Their elegant presentation with a southern flair makes dining at David's a unique, intimate dining experience. | \$\$\$ | [Southern American](#)

Espana Restaurant

Spain's Old World cuisine. Authentic Tapas. Homemade Sangria and desserts from celebrated family recipes. | \$\$\$ | [Spanish](#)

Falcon's Nest

Enjoy the best burger in town at the Falcon's Nest, a restaurant and family-friendly pub that pays homage to civil and military aviation. With 7,000 square feet, HDTVs, NFL Sunday Ticket, pool tables and fascinating aviation memorabilia, it's the perfect spot to "fly by" to watch the game, dine with family, or meet your friends right on the Omni property. | [American, BBQ](#)

Gilbert's Underground Kitchen

Featuring celebrity chef Kenny Gilbert, who gained national fame participating in BRAVO's "Restaurant Wars" Top Chef D.C. competition. Returning to the area in 2015, Gilbert was formerly a chef at The Ritz-Carlton Amelia Island in the 90s. Besides Southern specialties and barbeque, daily international specials based on his travels and career are served (i.e., Italian, Asian, Mediterranean). | \$\$ | [American, BBQ](#)

Happy Tomato Cafe

The menu features fresh salads, deli sandwiches, and The Best Barbecue that your mouth will ever taste. | \$ | [American, BBQ](#)

Joe's 2nd Street Bistro

Joe's Bistro on 2nd Street is a pleasant stroll from the Addison. You can savor a special moment enjoying dinner by the fountain in the New Orleans inspired courtyard or in the restored 1900's home. Watch the sunset from the covered front porch overlooking the scenic intra-coastal harbor that boasts the legends and secrets of 400 years of history. Living up to many critically acclaimed culinary reviews that exclaim "...masterful, expertly prepared and truly memorable," Joe's creative menus have thrilled his fans from New England to Aspen, Texas, and Florida. The New American cuisine with influences from Italian, French, Creole, Asian, and South of the Border will tempt the most discerning guests. You'll love the fresh baked bread, homemade ice cream, sorbets, and signature desserts. | \$\$-\$\$\$ | [New American](#)



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Le Clos

French Provençal Cooking of its best. Dine in a historic Victorian Cottage and enjoy some of the best food on Amelia Island! | \$\$\$ | [French](#)

Lulu's at The Thompson House

Located in the center of historic Fernandina Beach shopping and arts district, Lulu's serves up fresh local ingredients with a southern bias that pays homage to the cuisine of New Orleans and Charleston. Don't forget to leave a little room for their wonderful, homemade desserts. | \$\$ | [Creole](#)

Luca's on Centre

Serving seafood (including raw bar), Italian, French, and Mediterranean selections, Luca's is the new venture of local restaurateur, Luca Misciasci, owner of popular Ciao Bistro of Centre Street. (Note: Luca's has revived a local favorite, the "Bento Box," a popular item served by the former Bonito Grill.) The Bento Box offers "Tempura Fish, Black Bean Cake, Ginger Salad, and Gyoza." | \$\$ | [Italian](#)

Pablo's Mexican Restaurant

Enjoy Mexican-style food in a friendly and fun atmosphere. Pablo's offers Shrimp a la Diabla, Seafood Fajitas, Fish Tacos, and much more, served indoors or our open-air courtyard. | \$\$ | [Mexican](#)

The Patio

Sweet and savory crepes filled with fresh and seasonal ingredients. Salads, soups, and shareables offer something for everyone. Asian-inspired bubble tea, locally roasted coffee, diverse bottled sodas, international wines, beers and French-inspired hard cider. | \$ | [French](#)

Salty Pelican Bar & Grill

The Salty Pelican Bar & Grill is a fun, casual restaurant where you can enjoy the beautiful views and sunsets while drinking a refreshing cold drink and enjoying one of their great menu items. Their menu showcases the great fresh local seafood that is available in our area, as well as great burgers, wings, salads, and sandwiches. The Salty Pelican features all of your favorite sporting events on the island's largest flat screen HDTVs, live music, and trivia weekly. Through great food, cold drinks, and awesome customer service they hope to become everyone's favorite hangout! | \$ | [Seafood](#)

Sliders Seaside Grill

Fernandina Beach's only oceanfront Tiki bar and dining. Kick off your shoes, curl your toes in the sand and enjoy this unique dining experience. | \$\$\$ | [American, Seafood](#)

Your Hosts

Big Talbot Island Hike

April Elkovitch & Dustin Calhoun
Howard Merten & Roni Dash
Lucy Grey McIver & Ben McIver
Tony Zarillo

Book Club

Mary Alice Collins

Centre Street, Historic Tour, Distillery Tour

Heidi Goebel & Chris Barrett
Jennifer & Gary Johnsen

Cornhole Tournament

Reid & Alison Manley

Cumberland Island Hike

Kile & Sara Turner
Bill & Eileen Vita

Dance Lesson

John & Sharon Wilkerson

Dessert Party

Daniel DeMerchant
Kendra & Ben Jones
Phil & Laura Reeves
Mark & Kay Scruggs
Leonard Weakley & Brenda Anthony

Dinner Dance

Matt & Tracey Cairns
Clark & Eileen Cole
Clark & Debbie Hudson
David & Michelle Nicholas
Todd & Cindy Raskin
Joyce Wang
Gale White & Charles Henderson
David Zizik & Karen Baker

Eco-Bike Tour

Mike & Darla Kiernan
Michele Miller & Doug Frazier
Diane Polscer & Bob Carson
Rick & Carole Strange

Fishing

Ryan & Sara Beckett

Fun Run

Clark & Debbie Hudson
Howard & Ronnie Zandman

Golf Tournament

David & Kimberly Corso
Jay & Ashley Davis

Havana Nights Theme Party

Victor Anderson & Dianne Douglas
Frank & Pamela Gassler
Mike & Tricia Glascott
David & Tina Governo
Craig Marvinney & Paula McQueen

Horseback Riding

Don & Doreen Myles
Deb Varner

Kayak

Marc & Holly Harwell
Dan McCune & Lorraine D'Aversa

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Eileen Cole
Tricia Glascott
Anne Johnson
Amanda Preston

Packing for FDCC

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President's Reception

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Tim & Christie Pratt
Michelle Stewart
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Paul & Stephanie Finamore
Helen & Jerry Holden
John & Elaine Rahoy
Johnnie & Grace Sarber
Miranda Soto
Casey Stansbury & Chrissy Vessels

Tennis Tournament

Joe & Kristin Babington
Marc & Debbie Barre

Yoga

Erin Christie



Activities



On Your Own

Amelia Island Downtown Tasting Tours

Phone: 904-415-5578

Website: <http://ameliaislanddowntowntastingtours.com/>

At Amelia Island Downtown Tasting Tours, the focus is to create an incredible experience for each and every tour guest who will enjoy meeting the wonderful owners, chefs, and bartenders that make Historic Downtown Fernandina Beach a terrific place filled with delicious eats, delightful cocktails, character, and charm.

On the Downtown Tasting Tour, guests will visit 4 restaurants and enjoy specially made tastings while learning about the history of the restaurant from the owner or chef. Between stops, guests will enjoy beautiful downtown Fernandina Beach while hearing a little history of the island.

Amelia River Cruises

1 North Front Street, Fernandina Beach, FL 32034

Phone: 904-261-9972

Website: <http://www.ameliarivercruises.com/>

A visit to Amelia Island is incomplete without a tour of our scenic waterways. Amelia River Cruises & Charters provides narrated historic and wildlife sightseeing tours with views of dolphins, manatees, sea otters, alligators, and the wild horses of Cumberland Island National Seashore. Our tours are offered in the morning, afternoon and at sunset.

Old Towne Carriage Company

115 Beech Street, Fernandina Beach, FL 32034

Phone: 904-277-1555

Website: <http://www.ameliacarriagetours.com>

Take a leisurely horse-drawn carriage tour as you learn the history and see the landmarks in Amelia Island's Historic District. We offer 30-minute group tours, private tours, 60-minute tours and pirate/ghost tours. Pickup and delivery can be scheduled at your hotel. The Old Towne Carriage Company has been serving Amelia Island for more than 28 years.

Amelia Island Trolleys

Front & Centre Street, Amelia Island, FL 32034

Phone: 904-556-2662

Website: <http://ameliaislandtrolleys.com>

Amelia Island Trolleys offer a daily historic tour of downtown Fernandina Beach. In addition to our historic tours, we offer private tours, ghost tours, and event transportation around Amelia Island.

American Beach Museum

1600 Julia Street, Fernandina Beach, 32034

Phone: 904-510-7036

Website: <http://www.americanbeachmuseum.org/>

Initially a summer vacation community attracting visitors from throughout the South, American Beach today has many year-round residents and visitors from all points of the compass. Now half its original size due to land lost over the years to development, current property owners, preservationists, and historians are united to preserve the heritage and the land. The American Beach Museum, through objects, photographs, and video documentation, stands as an anchor for those efforts.

Amelia Island Culinary Academy

35 South 3rd Street, Fernandina Beach, FL 32034

Website: <http://www.ameliacooking.com/>

Amelia Island Culinary Academy offers fun-filled cooking classes in the heart of downtown Fernandina Beach. Head Chef Bill Thompson, Chef with the Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island and Ritz-Carlton, Tysons-Corner for over 10 years, is a graduate of Johnson and Wales who has taught professional Culinary Arts for over 7 years. Chef Bill promotes Slow-Food and Farm to Table movements.

Amelia Island Museum of History

233 South Third Street, Fernandina Beach, FL 32034

Phone: 904-261-7378

Website: <http://www.ameliamuseum.org/>

Florida's first spoken history museum offers tours, exhibits, an interactive children's area, and more, providing a fascinating glimpse into the storied past of this legendary island. The storytelling tradition continues with a variety of tours that cater to many interests and age levels.

Amelia Sanjon Gallery

218 A Ash Street, Fernandina Beach, Florida 32034

Phone: 904-491-8040

Website: www.sandrabaker-hinton.com

Devoted to displaying a wide range of fine art and artisan-made gifts, the gallery is also the



working studio of artist Sandra Baker-Hinton, who is available to share her world of art, work with the Sea Turtles, and recommendations on the island's points of interest and current activities.

Excursions

Air Amelia

2385 Jamestown Rd., Fernandina Beach, FL 32034

Toll free: 877-933-6359

Website: <http://www.hangglidenow.com>

Flying just a few feet off the ground or up to a thousand feet or more, "trike" flying provides you challenge, inspiration, and pure joy. With your hands on the control bar, trikes let you feel the air, giving the illusion that the wings are extensions of your arms.

Skydive Amelia Island

551 Airport Road, Fernandina Beach, FL 32034

Phone: 904-718-4648

Website: <http://www.skydiveameliaisland.com>

If you're looking for the rush of your life, Skydive Amelia Island is the home of the premier beach-side Florida skydive. Enjoy your tandem skydive over beautiful Amelia Island just 2.3 miles from the sandy beaches of Amelia Island over the Atlantic Ocean. Take a scenic 15-minute plane ride to altitude over the Florida coastline before exiting the aircraft securely attached to an experienced United States Parachute Association-qualified instructor for an exhilarating skydive with a 120 miles per hour free-fall. Once the parachute is open, you and your instructor can enjoy the best views of the beaches while safely descending under a tandem parachute canopy.

Amelia Shark Tooth Adventures

2671 First Avenue, Fernandina Beach, FL 32034

Phone: 352-283-5676

Website: ameliasharktoothadventures.com

Conservation eco-tours and surface fossil hunting tours. Our tours will teach you about indigenous species, the surrounding area, and the art of surface fossil hunting - especially sharks and sharks' teeth.

Fort Clinch State Park

2601 Atlantic Avenue, Amelia Island, FL 32034

Phone: 904-277-7274

Website: <http://www.floridastateparks.org/fortclinch>

A well-preserved Civil War era fort and beautiful natural surroundings make up Fort Clinch State Park, with something for everyone to do. Featuring daily tours of the fort and six miles of trails for biking and hiking as well as a beach for sunbathing, swimming, surf fishing, and beachcombing, and a pier for fishing offer plenty of recreational activities

Water Activities

Surf Asylum

Phone: 904-583-4230

Website: <http://surf-asylum.com/>

With a connection to the beaches of Northeast Florida going back more than twenty years, Surf Asylum offers private and group surf lessons. Come share in the excitement and passion that our instructors have for surfing. From beginner to advanced, we use our knowledge of local Fernandina Beach - Amelia Island conditions to provide a safe and fun learning experience.

Amelia Island Paddle Surf Company

1630 Scott Road, Fernandina Beach, FL 32034

Website: <http://www.ameliaislandpaddlesurf.com/>

Come explore all the island has to offer from the deck of a standup paddle (SUP) board. Lessons, rentals, and tours including sunrise ocean paddles, sunset paddles in historic downtown, Cumberland Island, Lofton Creek, Fort Clinch, and more.

Flying Fish Adventures Jet Ski Tours

1 North Front Street, Fernandina Beach, FL 32034

Phone: 904-583-3420

Website: <http://www.flyingfishfun.com>

Flying Fish Adventures offers guided jet ski tours in the Cumberland Sound and Amelia Island waterways. Guests should expect to see local dolphin and the wild horses of Cumberland Island. Specializing in jet ski tours on the waters around Amelia Island and Cumberland Island, these family-friendly, guided tours are packed full of fun and amazing scenery. The guides are all naturalists who are happy to help guests identify the wildlife and to tell stories about the natural environment they are traveling through.



2018 WINTER MEETING FEBRUARY 25 - 28, 2018

OMNI AMELIA ISLAND PLANTATION RESORT

Registration Form

REGISTRATION TYPE: (please check)

DEFENSE COUNSEL MEMBER: CORPORATE/INDUSTRY MEMBER: NON-MEMBER GUEST:

1ST meeting as member? YES 2ND meeting as member? Yes 3RD meeting as member? Yes

Dates: February 25 – 28, 2018

Location: Omni Amelia Island Plantation | 39 Beach Lagoon Rd, Fernandina Beach, FL 32034

Phone: (904) 261-6161

Registrant Information

Last Name _____ First Name _____ First Name on Badge _____

Firm/Company Name _____

Business Address _____

City _____ State/Province _____ Zip _____ Country _____

Business Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email address _____

Arrival Date: _____ Departure Date: _____

Special Dietary Restrictions or Needs: _____

Spouse/Companion Last Name _____ First Name _____ First Name on Badge _____

Is Spouse/Companion Member of the FDCC? Yes _____ No _____

Spouse/Companion Cell Phone _____

Please list all guests (over the age of 21) attending with you:

Name on badge	Relationship to registrant
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

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Please list all children (under the age of 21) attending:

Name on badge	Birth Date	Relationship
_____	__/__/__	_____
_____	__/__/__	_____
_____	__/__/__	_____

Meeting Information and Fees

Member/Non-Member, Corporate, Spouse/Companion/Adult Guest/Adult Child: Fee includes breakfasts, all receptions including the President’s Reception, Theme Party, Dessert Party, and Dinner Dance.

Children **18 – 20**: Fee includes breakfast, President’s Reception, Theme Party, Dessert Party, and Dinner Dance.

Children **under the age 18**: Fee includes breakfasts, Theme Party, and Dessert Party.

Children **under the age of 16**: Fee includes breakfasts, Theme Party, Dessert Party and child programming.

No one under the age of 18 will be admitted to the Dinner Dance.

Registration Category	Cost	# of Registrants
Defense Counsel Member/Non-Member Lawyer	\$1595	_____
Corporate Counsel	\$0	_____
Spouse/Companion/Child Over 21	\$595	_____
Child 16-20	\$495	_____
Child 12-15	\$425	_____
Child 4-11	\$260	_____
Child 3 and under	Complimentary	_____

Please note: If both spouses are FDCC members, they may pay one Member Fee and One Spouse/Companion fee.

Events:

Date	Time	Event	Price/Person	# of Participants
Sun 2/25	6:30-9:30pm	President’s Reception	Complimentary	_____
Mon 2/26	6:30-11:00pm	Havana Nights Theme Party	Complimentary	_____
Tue 2/27	9:30-11:00pm	Dessert Party	Complimentary	_____
Wed 2/28	6:30-11:00pm	Dinner Dance	Complimentary	_____

Parents are responsible for children at all the events. No one under 18 may attend Dinner Dance.

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Cost	# of Charms	Total \$
\$145	_____	_____

Activities:

Date	Time	Event	Price/Person	# of Participants	Total \$
Mon	2/26	6:30-7:30am	Yoga	\$ 0	_____
Mon	2/26	12:30-4:00pm	Tennis Tournament (lunch incl)	\$65	_____
Mon	2/26	12:30-4:00pm	Distillery Tour (lunch on own)	\$25	_____
Mon	2/26	12:30-4:00pm	Walking Tour (lunch on own)	\$25	_____
Mon	2/26	12:30-2:30pm	Big Talbot Hike (lunch incl)	\$80	_____
Mon	2/26	1:00-2:30pm	Dance Lessons	\$ 0	_____
Mon	2/26	1:30-3:30pm	Segway Tour	\$135	_____
Mon	2/26	1:30-3:30pm	SOLO Design & Delight	\$150	_____
Tue	2/27	6:30-7:30am	Yoga	\$ 0	_____
Tue	2/27	10:00-11:00am	Book Club	\$ 0	_____
Tue	2/27	12:30-5:00pm	Golf Tournament (lunch incl)	\$185	_____
Tue	2/27	12:30-2:30pm	Segway Tour (lunch on own)	\$135	_____
Tue	2/27	12:30-4:40pm	Cumberland Island Hike (lunch incl)	\$150	_____
Tue	2/27	1:30-3:30pm	Kayak Tour	\$120	_____
Tue	2/27	1:30-3:00pm	Photography Class	\$ 0	_____
Tue	2/27	1:30-3:30pm	Eco Bike Tour	\$50	_____
Tue	2/27	2:30-4:30pm	Segway Tour	\$135	_____
Wed	2/28	6:30-7:30am	Yoga	\$ 0	_____
Wed	2/28	1:00-4:00pm	Backwater Fishing (lunch incl)	\$295	_____
Wed	2/28	1:30-2:30pm	Packing for FDCC Meetings	\$ 0	_____
Wed	2/28	1:30-3:30pm	Segway Tour	\$135	_____
Wed	2/28	1:30-3:30pm	Horseback Riding	\$140	_____
Wed	2/28	2:00-4:00pm	Corn Hole Tournament	\$20	_____
Wed	2/28	2:00-4:00pm	Eco Bike Tour	\$50	_____

Registration Fees: \$ _____
 Charm Fee: \$ _____
 Optional Activities Fee: \$ _____
GRAND TOTAL \$ _____
(total of all charges above)

PLEASE send payment to: FDCC/Winter Meeting
 Attn: Registrar
 275 N. York St.
 Suite 401
 Elmhurst, IL 60126 or register online at www.thefederation.org

Payment

Check/Money Order (Payable to the FDCC in USD)

AMEX Visa MasterCard **If paying by credit card, \$85 will be added to the total amount due.**

Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____ Security Code: _____

Name on Card: _____

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Billing Address: _____ Zip Code: _____

Signature: _____

Please note: Registration cannot be completed without complete payment. All fees listed above are payable in U.S. Currency. Please see the Convention Cancellation Policy for the full refund policy. For questions please call the registrar at 630.433.4517

To register online please go to: <http://www.thefederation.org/events/register.aspx?id=1034281>

If you need assistance, please email registrar@thefederation.org or call 630.433.4517 and ask for the registrar.

Optional Trip to Cuba:

The FDCC has partnered with Cuba Cultural Travel, www.cubaculturaltravel.com, to offer our members and guests a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to visit Havana, Cuba for a 3-night trip. You will stay in the city center at the Hotel Parque Central and enjoy the sights, sounds and flavors of this colorful country. Once you are registered we will email you the link to register for this amazing trip.

Please note: This optional trip has been arranged by Cuba Cultural Travel. While the FDCC is holding the special trip in conjunction with the 2018 Winter Meeting, this trip is separate from the winter meeting. Travel details and on-site management will be through Cuba Cultural Travel. FDCC staff will simply be onsite to assist where needed.

Convention Cancellation Policy:

A refund of registration fees less \$85 and any applicable credit card fees will be given if the FDCC office receives written notice no later than **January 26, 2018**.

No refunds will be given if notice of cancellation is received by the FDCC office after January 26, 2018.

In the event of special circumstances such as illness or unforeseen family or professional emergencies, this refund policy may be suspended or modified in response to the member's written request, but only with the approval of the President upon recommendation of the Convention Chair. **Members seeking a refund must submit a written request to the Convention Chair.** It is highly recommended that all registrants get trip cancellation insurance.

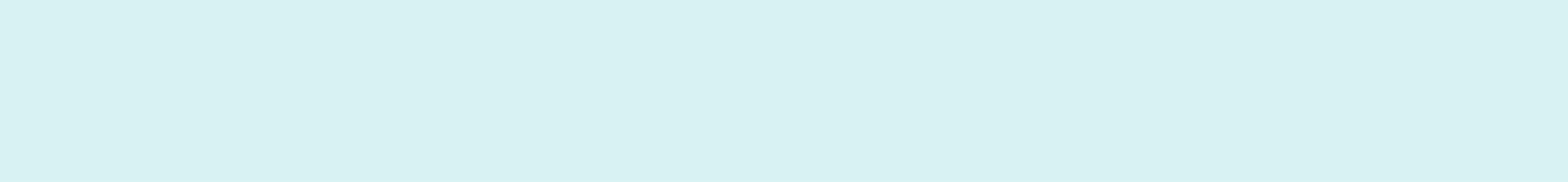
Please notify the FDCC office by email (registrar@thefederation.org) once you have cancelled your hotel reservations. Neither the Convention Chair nor the FDCC office has authority to modify the hotel's cancellation policy.

Charges paid to the FDCC for separate events/activities may or may not be refunded in whole or in part. The decision to refund these will be made on a case-by-case basis by the Convention Chair. **Members seeking reimbursement for these payments must submit a written request to the Convention Chair.**

The decision to refund fees will be based, in part, on the timing of the cancellation and whether there are available convention funds from which to make the refund. Please note that refunds of any payments to independent third parties for tours and other events and services are not the responsibility of the FDCC.

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