

39th Annual AWMAC National Convention & AGM

**June 19 - 21, 2008
Halifax, Nova Scotia**



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Please plan to join us in Halifax June 19th - 21st, 2008 as the Atlantic Chapter hosts the 39th Annual AWMAC National Convention and AGM. The 2008 Convention and AGM will be staged in the heart of downtown Halifax, the hub of Atlantic Canada at the Harbourfront Marriott Hotel.

This is the first time that the National Convention will be held in Atlantic Canada, and we promise you a good old fashioned “Ceilidh”! Ceilidh (pronounced ‘kaylee’) is the Gaelic word for ‘visit’ and got its origins as an informal, home gathering. Given Atlantic Canada hospitality, your visit to Halifax promises to be a memorable one. Most ‘visits’ in Nova Scotia culminate with all the guests gathering in the kitchen of the hosts home for an experience of music, fine food and good company. Listen closely when you arrive, you just might hear the heart-stirring music of bagpipes and fiddles echoing through the city. Our organizing committee is hard at work creating a business and social program which will appeal to AWMAC members and guests from across Canada. This is a seaport that knows how to entertain folks from out of town. The 2008 Convention promises adventures for the mind and body. Is ya comin’ or wut?

Social Program Highlights

Opening reception – Maritime Museum of the Atlantic

The Maritime Museum of the Atlantic is the oldest and largest Maritime Museum in Canada. Where better to celebrate the nautical heritage of Halifax as you meet friends old and new and enjoy delicacies of land and sea.

President’s Boil – Pier 21

This spin on our traditional President’s “Ball” will include all of the “trappings” of an exceptional Maritime evening – Lobster that is and lots of it. Leave your fancy dress and tie at home. This “Boil” is all about food, drink, and music, all with a Nova Scotian flare.

Harbour cruise aboard the Tall Ship Silva

No trip to Halifax is complete without an experience on the water. You will tour the world’s second deepest, year round ice free harbour aboard the Tall Ship Silva on this exclusive charter tour.





Guests Program Highlights

Steeped in history, rich in culture, and refreshingly cosmopolitan, for more than 250 years Halifax has been a world class place for business and pleasure. Fine dining, great music, fashionable boutiques, whimsical craftshops and cobblestone walkways make Halifax an international urban center with a rural cachet. Halifax bustles and thrives with all the energy and amenities of a capital city but within minutes of the city's core, one can find small coastal villages, country charm, and wilderness for which Nova Scotia is known.

Our Guest Program is designed to offer attendees a first hand opportunity to experience some of what makes this city great. Enjoy a seafood cooking class with a renowned chef, participate in a painting workshop or experience a world-class spa, right in your hotel. We will also be offering excursion tours to Peggy's Cove and the opportunity to visit a local brewery.

Business Program Highlights

AWMAC is an innovative, creative, leadership organization devoted to showcasing and promoting the industry. Our Business Program for the 2008 National Convention & AGM strives to walk the talk of this objective. We are devoted to creating an environment for networking among members, sponsors, guests, stakeholders and other attendees. An engaging program of plenary speakers, panelists and hot topic discussions will ensure that we are providing both strategic and tactical information to our members and giving them an opportunity to be heard.

A Showcase of products and services of suppliers to our industry will, once again, be a highlight of the Convention. We have devoted trade show times during the Convention and we are sure that suppliers will be happy to meet with you one – on – one to discuss particular applications for your business as necessary.

Our objective is to deliver an experience that is educational, entertaining, meaningful and memorable for all participants and that celebrates all that makes Atlantic Canada special.



Pre-convention Activities - Thursday, June 19

(Please note, there is an additional cost to participate in the pre-convention activities)

Golf – Chester Golf Club

Chester Golf Club is one of the most picturesque seaside courses in Atlantic Canada. Overlooking the islands of Mahone Bay, many of Chester's 18 holes could be considered signature holes, due to the panoramic views and shot values.

Tee off time is 9:00 am. Transportation to Chester provided.

South Shore Tour

This tour we will travel the scenic South Shore, stopping at a few "must see" locations along the way. Stops include Mahone Bay, Blue Rocks, and Lunenburg, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This tour is a must for those interested in a walk-about quaint villages, full of craft shops, art galleries, and antique shops.

Departure time from hotel is 9:00 am.

Accommodations

Halifax Marriott Harbourfront Hotel – Site of the 2008 AWMAC National Convention

Discover a sparkling, waterfront Halifax hotel. Situated in the heart of downtown, this AAA 4-Diamond hotel is steps away from the city's top attractions and business district.

Delegates are responsible for booking their own accommodations. Please contact the hotel directly and reference AWMAC to take advantage of preferred room rates, available until May 16, 2008, or until all rooms in our block are sold. We anticipate our room block will fill quickly so we encourage you to book early. Rooms will be assigned on a first come, first served basis. Please note, this hotel is nonsmoking.





Marriott Hotel Halifax Harbourfront Hotel

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The hotel codes for online bookings are:

AWMAWMA for Standard Room

AWMAWMB for Harbour View

Standard Room	single/double occupancy	\$179.00
Harbour View	single/double occupancy	\$209.00

Registration

For quick and secure registration go online to www.awmac.com, click on News + Events and scroll down to 39th Annual AWMA National Convention & AGM. All delegates who register on or before February 29, 2008 will have their name entered in a draw to win a Lobster Dinner for Two delivered to their home. Lobster dinner will be delivered at the convenience of the winner. Draw will take place on June 19 at the opening reception.

Or click here to register.

http://www.agendamanagers.com/app/register/112/reg_personal.asp



L'ard Tunderin.... it' gunna be a Large Time
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re sure to make youse cry when ya leave...
BUT, even worse, you'll never stop crying if
youse stays home.



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