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A WORD FROM YOUR DIRECTOR

Thank you for once again honoring me to be your Region 4 Director. As you have been advised, our new NALS Board of Directors for 2009-2010 is as follows:

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I am truly excited about our next year in putting together another fantastic Region 4 meeting. Our conference will take place at The Mulberry Inn on July 31 – August 2, 2009. I visited The Mulberry Inn in November and WOW, what a place.



We are going to have a spectacular meeting. Begin saving your money now and plan to attend. Try to go a little early and take in the sights. We walked the entire historical area while we were there. So be sure to bring some good walking shoes. I am working on getting some tour information to pass on to you as well. As soon as I have a few more things together, I will be sending a registration form with all the information about registration. If anyone has any suggestions of speakers, please pass that on. I would like to extend the invitation to the Georgia Bar and South Carolina Bar to attend our meeting but for them to get credit, I have to have speakers approved by the Bars. I would appreciate any assistance you can offer in putting this meeting together - speakers, sponsors, vendors, etc.

If you have anything you would like to include in our Newsletter, please send that information to me as well, and I will include it in the next Newsletter. Contact me if you have any suggestions or questions regarding our Region or NALS.



I wish each of you a very Merry and Safe Holiday Season and together we will make 2009 an awesome year.

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CALIFORNIA...HERE WE COME!

October 8-11, 2009

We'll be staying at the Hyatt Regency in Irvine, 17990 Jamboree Road, about 60-90 minutes from the LA/Hollywood area. Call 949-975- 1234 or 800-233-1234. Rates: \$115 single/double, \$140 triple, \$165 quad. Rates good from October 2 - October 15, 2009. Rooms booked October 2-5 and 12-15 will be quoted at the conference rate, BUT will be offered subject to availability (that means there is no room block on those dates as they are outside of the conference - so book soon if you want to come early or stay late). Outdoor pool. Complimentary shuttle to area shopping centers. Complimentary guest bicycles; you can ride along trails to the Pacific coast beaches. 24-hour Stay Fit gym.

FLIGHTS AND AIRPORT TRANSPORTATION: There are several airports available. However, the hotel only offers complimentary shuttle service to and from John Wayne Airport (SNA).

To / From John Wayne / Orange County Airport (1.51 miles) [SNA]

- **Complimentary Hotel Shuttle** - pickup at 15 and 45 minutes after the hour, beginning at 5:15 a.m. on weekdays and 6:15 a.m. on weekends. The last pick up is at 11:15 p.m. nightly.
- **Taxi** - generally around \$8.00.

To / From Long Beach Airport (22.57 miles) [LGB]

- **Taxi** - Taxi service generally costs around \$55.00.
- **Super Shuttle** - costs approximately \$37.00.

To / From Los Angeles International Airport (43.25 miles) [LAX]

- **Super Shuttle** - Cost approximately \$32.00 one way. Each additional person in party is \$9.00 extra.

When making flight reservations, be sure to check out alternate airports and save \$\$\$\$. For example, using today's rates, Flying from Philadelphia, it's \$345 to SNA, \$427 to LAX and \$643 to LGB. However, flying from Denver to SNA is \$310, but flying to Long Beach is \$186. Even with the cost of a shuttle it's cheaper, and if you have a group, it's even cheaper because you can split the cost of the shuttle. It depends on when you fly and where you are coming from, so check out those alternate airports and save \$\$\$\$! You can start checking air fare for this conference around mid to late November 2008, depending on the airline.

AMTRAK: Sit back and relax and enjoy your trip on AMTRAK. You can read a book, watch a movie or sleep (and in some cases, you will as they offer overnight trips). Station is about 7 miles from the hotel. Sample roundtrip fares w/out discounts (you save about \$20 with AAA, AARP, etc.): Portland: \$188 round trip Seattle: \$182 round trip Phoenix: \$228.

There is plenty to do in California before the conference festivities begin! We want you to have time to explore on your own, and have given you some suggestions. We have planned an 'excursion' to Hollywood on Monday, October 5. We also hope to offer a trip to a TV show taping on 10/6 or 10/7 (specifics will not be available until August '09). If that doesn't work out, how about a trip to Catalina or Tijuana, Mexico for the day.

AREA OTHER ATTRACTIONS: San Diego Zoo, Disneyland, The Block at Orange, South Coast Plaza in Costa Mesa and Fashion Island in Newport Beach (shopping and dining), a variety of beaches close by, tour the Queen Mary in Long Beach (Long Beach is the former home of Eula Mae Jett!), Aquarium of the Pacific, rent a car and