

Welcome to the 2014 ICSOM Conference in Los Angeles

Dear Delegates:

On behalf of AFM Local 47 and the musicians of the Los Angeles Philharmonic we'd like to welcome you to this year's ICSOM conference. The conference will take place at the Westin Bonaventure Hotel in downtown Los Angeles.

To facilitate your stay here, allow me to share some thoughts on transportation to and from the hotel as well as getting around LA. Downtown Los Angeles is close to two airports, Burbank (BUR) and Los Angeles International (LAX). BUR is closer to downtown by about three miles and is generally less time-intensive. For those of you preferring direct flights LAX has many more options. There is shuttle and taxi service from both airports. Parking is also available at the hotel for a fee. (Keep in mind that driving around LA is measured in time rather than distance).

The hotel is located about three blocks from a Metro station. From there you may travel around LA to places like Universal Studios, Hollywood, the Nokia Theater, Pasadena, etc. Nearby the hotel is the Music Center, which includes The Ahmanson Theater, The Chandler Pavilion and Walt Disney Concert Hall. There are also many restaurants within walking distance and the hotel is a short cab ride to *Little Tokyo, China Town* and *Korea Town*.

In addition to the Governing Board's schedule of speakers and events, the Los Angeles Philharmonic would like to extend an invitation to the Hollywood Bowl on the evening of Tuesday, August, 26th featuring a performance of Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 5, Mussorgsky's Night on Bald Mountain and Pictures at an Exhibition under the baton of Stefan Deneve. The Assn. donated tickets and the Governing Board is working on transportation to and from the hotel via bus. Should you decide to go we sincerely hope you enjoy the experience.

We'd like to thank Local 47 for sponsoring this conference and we'd like to thank our Conference Coordinator Nancy Neville for volunteering her time and expertise. We very much look forward to the upcoming Conference, the events scheduled by our Governing Bd., and to seeing all of you. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask. Safe travels and see you in August.

Sincerely,

John Lofton

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