

## THE HOTEL



The Fairmont Chicago, Millennium Park is located at 200 North Columbus Drive, Chicago, IL 60601. **The Academy's block of guest rooms at a special conference rate of \$199 (U.S.) for a standard single/double room is limited; rooms in our block will be available until April 10, 2017 or until our block is sold out, whichever occurs first.**

**Attendees will be eligible for the conference rate of \$199 (U.S.) for a standard single/double room only as long as rooms in the Academy's room block remain available.** Room reservations may be made by calling the Fairmont Chicago, Millennium Park at 312-565-8000. **Please make certain that your reservation is assigned to the National Academy of Arbitrators' room block.** Contact the hotel directly for information on suites. Each room reservation must be guaranteed by a first night's deposit either by check or a credit card acceptable to the Fairmont Chicago, Millennium Park.

## WELCOME TO CHICAGO - HOME OF THE WORLD SERIES CHAMPION CHICAGO CUBS



We know we should start talking about the wonderful art, architecture, history and beauty of Chicago that awaits you when you attend the 2017 Annual Meeting from May 24-27, 2017 (not to mention the fabulous weather), but we can't seem to get our minds off the Cubs! A heart-wrenching Game 7 win for a city whose north side has waited 108 years to gloat, or, at least, rejoice! And guess what? You too can relive the NLDS by kicking off the meeting at a Wednesday night game at Wrigley Field against the San Francisco Giants. As previously advised, we have secured access to group tickets for the game on May 24, and tickets are going fast. To check out availability, contact John Stout at [johnstout@johnstout.ca](mailto:johnstout@johnstout.ca).

The Academy has held its Annual Meeting in Chicago many times for good reason. It is easily accessible by non-stop flight to either Midway or O'Hare from most major U.S. and Canadian cities. Transportation from either airport to the Fairmont downtown is readily available by train (CTA) or taxi. And we all know what a wonderful hotel the Fairmont is, with its great location on the river, and classic comforts and amenities. If you are not already a member of the Fairmont President's Club, we suggest you enroll for free at <https://www.fairmont.com/fpc/>. Amedeo Greco has graciously agreed to put together a list of the benefits of membership and other cost-saving tips for places located in the area around the hotel. Barry Simon will provide information for getting around Chicago and events during the meeting.

Plan to come to Chicago early. There is so much to do and see. Our location next to Millennium Park, makes the Art Institute, Grant Park, Navy Pier, Chicago Riverwalk, walking/shopping on Michigan Avenue, and taking a fabulous river cruise given by the Chicago Architecture Foundation (CAF) easily accessible. The CAF river cruise is one of the highest rated points of interest and a must visit



in Chicago (<http://www.architecture.org/experience-caf/tours/detail/chicago-architecture-foundation-river-cruise-aboard-chicagos-first-lady-cruises/>). We have arranged to get meeting registrants a coupon for \$10 off the purchase price of each ticket between Monday and Thursday (not including the weekend). Worth a revisit if you have already done the cruise, as the landscape is ever-changing. While neighborhood local comedy and theater abound (Second City, Steppenwolf, Royal George, Apollo), Hamilton will still be playing at the PrivateBank Theater, which is also within walking distance from the Fairmont. We understand that you can get tickets, if you are willing to pay the price! If you check out <http://www.hamiltonchicago.org/>, and click on Buy Tickets, it will send you to a resale site for availability.



Of course, Chicago offers lots of good food as well as great sites. Everyone who registers for the meeting will receive an invitation to the President's dinner, first-come first-served, until the room capacity is filled. Apropos of continuing the Cubs victory celebration, the venue for this Tuesday night (May 23) dinner is the original Harry Caray's on Kinzie, a short walk from the hotel. Who can forget Harry's rendition of 'Take Me Out to the Ballgame' during the 7th inning stretch at Wrigley during his last years as sportscaster for the Cubs. Bill Murray's Daffy Duck rendition during the World Series did not do him justice!

Jackie Zimmerman and Steve Bierig have agreed to continue the great tradition of organizing the Dine Around, which will take place on Thursday night. The selection and sign up for restaurants will be available, along with all other meeting materials, on the Academy website ([www.naarb.org](http://www.naarb.org)). There will be some great choices, and we encourage new members to participate as a way to get to know your colleagues in a less formal setting, and have a great meal. For those of you planning your own dinners, Rocky Perkovich's Chicago Restaurant Guide, updated by Barry Simon, as well as Barry's insight into How to Eat Like A Chicagoan, will appear on the website and be available in your registration packet. What a great way to explore one of Chicago's many neighborhoods - through its food!!!!

This year, our Friday night dinner entertainment will feature a special treat before dancing to the tunes we love played by a DJ from Bizar Entertainment. Our group will participate in a customized performance by Mentalist Jason Suran, who comes to us from NYC. Check him out at [www.jasonsuran.com](http://www.jasonsuran.com). Fred Dichter will again be organizing a group to attend the Saturday night (May 27) performance of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, with a program that includes Gershwin's Piano Concerto in F and Dvorak's Symphony No. 6.

So much to do, so little time! (Not to mention the great program being offered by Liz Neumeier's program committee). So plan to come early and/or stay late. Chicago is lovely in May! If you have any questions about the city or want additional information, visit [www.choosechicago.com](http://www.choosechicago.com) or feel free to contact Margo Newman at [mnewmanarb@naarb.org](mailto:mnewmanarb@naarb.org). Looking forward to seeing you all in Chicago in the Spring!

### **2017 Annual Meeting Host Committee**

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