



Dear Angle Members, Affiliates, Candidates, Guests and Families,

I'm pleased to announce that the **2017 Angle Midwest Meeting Registration** is now open. You may register for the meeting online at [www.anglemidwest.org](http://www.anglemidwest.org).

The location of the meeting is the beautiful Westin Mission Hills Golf Resort & Spa in the Palm Springs desert community of Rancho Mirage, California. The meeting begins Saturday February 4<sup>th</sup> and ends Wednesday February 8<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting is a week later than usual to take advantage of the sunny and pleasant desert temperatures in February. We will have our Welcome Reception Saturday evening on the beautiful outdoor Master's Plaza under the desert skyline. Join us for a Super Bowl Party Sunday afternoon and evening (3:30 PM kickoff!). This will also be our reception to meet and get to know our newer attendees – new members, affiliates, candidates and guests.



After you've taken a thoroughly entertaining tour of the Celebrity Homes and History of Palm Springs, you will attend The Banquet held Monday evening in the Ambassador Ballroom. Tuesday afternoon, take a tour in a Jeep (the only way to do it!) through the San Andreas Fault canyons to see some breath taking landscapes. You will find more detailed information and photos for these tours at the 2017 Meeting Information page on the Angle Midwest website. Our doctors, of course, will enjoy four mornings of outstanding presentations and view case displays! For a schedule of the meeting, choose [Angle Midwest 2017 Meeting Schedule of Events](#).

In addition to registering for the meeting, please make your room reservations with the Westin as soon as possible if you have not already done so. Hotel Reservations can be made by telephone at 1-877-253-0041. Please mention that you are booking with our group "Angle Midwest" when making your reservation to insure your group rate and our credit toward our room guarantee with the hotel. Refer to our [Room Selection Guide](#) for more information about the available room types.

Hotel reservations can also be made via the internet using the following link: [Angle Midwest](#) or, copy and paste the following link into a web browser:

<https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/events/start.action?id=1607181011&key=19343477>

Please use this link to insure your group rate and our credit toward our room guarantee with the hotel. The internet link to the hotel is also available on our website: [www.anglemidwest.org](http://www.anglemidwest.org)

Our room block rate of \$219 per night for traditional rooms and \$239 for Deluxe View rooms is available from January 31 to February 8 for those who wish to extend their stay to enjoy the many activities in and around the Palm Springs area. In addition, a daily resort fee of \$9 (negotiated down from \$29 per day) and 13.25% taxes will be added by the Westin.

We know that some of you may want to get a morning flight back east on Wednesday so you don't have to take a red-eye flight. Please don't! Stay the extra day and enjoy the Palm Springs area. Attend the rest of the meeting to hear every one of the outstanding presentations that Program Chair Tony Puntillo has arranged. Have I made you feel guilty enough? Affiliates, Candidates and Guests need to arrive Friday so you can be at the required meetings Saturday morning.

The Palm Springs Airport ([PSP](#)) is the closest and most convenient to the Westin as it is only 7 miles (15 minute drive) away and was named one of the Top 10 U.S. "Most Stress Free Airports." Additionally, there are four other major airports in Southern California that offer convenient access to Greater Palm Springs:

[ONT](#): Ontario International Airport (1 hour 15 minute drive)

[SNA](#): John Wayne Airport – Orange County (1 hour 30 minute drive)

[LAX](#): Los Angeles International Airport (2 hour drive)

[SAN](#): San Diego International Airport (2 hour 15 minute drive)

Two other major airports in the southwest to destination cities:

[LAS](#): Las Vegas McCarran International Airport (4 hour drive)

[PHX](#): Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport (4 hour drive)

You may have noticed an increase in the registrations fees. This increase was made after consultation with the Board of Directors and others who have planned meetings in the past. We all believe that it is the best option at this point in time. Overall, the market prices for many key factors (room rates, taxes, labor, food and beverage, audio visual) have increased in recent years, particularly in our preferred locations. We have tried to carefully calculate all the expenses that will be incurred in this meeting and barring any unforeseen circumstances, these fees will just cover our expenses.

While the meeting processes are well underway for the next couple of years, our meeting standards, expectations and costs will be one of the discussion topics for the Board of Directors and we welcome your input.

Look for future e-mails on additional activities, hotel and meeting updates. We are looking forward to another outstanding meeting in another outstanding location!

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