

## ***TRAVEL INFORMATION***

Individuals are responsible for making their own travel arrangements. International travelers should check their visa requirements with their local embassy or consulate. We are unable to send out letters supporting visa applications prior to processing the registration.

### ***Airline Tickets***

We encourage you to use the ABA Online Travel site to receive ABA airfare discounts and to view and purchase other low fare options including web fares. Visit [www.orbitzforbusiness.net](http://www.orbitzforbusiness.net).

### ***Airports***

The JW Marriott, National Press Club, and overflow hotels are conveniently located near three major area airports. All airlines offer a full range of domestic and international flights. Detailed information and travel tips can be located on the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority site at <http://www.metwashairports.com/>

- Reagan National (DCA) - Four miles/approximately 15 minutes away
- Dulles International (IAD) - 27 miles/approximately 40 minutes away
- Baltimore-Washington Int'l (BWI) - 40 miles/approximately 45 minutes away

Please check the TSA site for updates and travel tips on <http://www.tsa.gov/>. The site also has information for travelers flying to the United States.

International travelers should check to ensure their passports and visas are current. Detailed information is available on the U.S. State Department site at <http://www.state.gov/travelandbusiness/>

Another useful site is the U.S. Customs and Border Patrol site at <http://www.cbp.gov/>.

### Traveling to the United States

All visa applicants are advised to apply for their visa as soon as travel to the United States is contemplated, and not later than three to four months in advance. This means that international attendees should **begin the visa process during October-November for the Spring Meeting.**

- Do you require a visa?  
[http://www.travel.state.gov/visa/visa\\_1750.html](http://www.travel.state.gov/visa/visa_1750.html)
- How do you apply for a visa?  
<http://www.unitedstatesvisas.gov/obtainingvisa/index.html>

## ***Local DC Travel***

### ***Metro***

The metro rail and metro bus provide safe, clean, and efficient public transportation when getting around Washington, DC and the metropolitan suburbs.

### ***Taxi Service***

Washington, DC, Virginia and Maryland taxicabs are readily available throughout Washington, DC at the airport terminals, and Union Station. Dispatchers are available at the terminal/station exits to assist passengers.

### ***Rail Travel***

Union Station is 5-10 minutes away from the JW Marriott, National Press Club and the overflow hotels. Train service is a convenient option if you reside in nearby states such as Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, or New York.

## ***ADDITIONAL INFORMATION***

### ***Attire***

Dress at the Spring Meeting is traditional business attire.

### ***Coat Check***

A coat check will be available at the JW Marriott on the Ballroom Level near the up escalator.

### ***Credit Cards***

American Express, MasterCard, and Visa will be accepted at the Registration Desk. Most hotels, large restaurants and shops will accept international credit cards, the most widely recognized being American Express, Diners Club, MasterCard, and Visa. Automatic teller machines are plentiful and situated throughout the city. One is located in the JW Marriott Hotel next to the Concierge Desk on the lobby level.

### ***Dining***

Restaurant recommendations are available on the Spring Meeting Web site. Reservations can be made through your hotel concierge or online at [www.opentable.com](http://www.opentable.com).

### ***Electricity***

The electricity used in Washington, DC is standard electricity, which is 110 volts. European appliances will require a voltage transformer.

### ***Smoking***

For the comfort and health of all attendees, smoking is not permitted at any ABA Section of Antitrust Law functions. This includes educational sessions and all hospitality functions and/or areas. Please note that DC restaurants and the guest rooms at the JW Marriott are smoke free.

### ***Tipping/Gratuities***

Tipping is voluntary; gratuities are not automatically added to the bill. Here are a few tipping guidelines: Servers are usually given 15% of the bill. For outstanding service, tip 20%. Taxi drivers usually receive 15% of the fare, and doormen, skycaps, and porters are usually tipped \$1 per bag.