AESE annual meeting set in Tulsa October 10–13

It's not too late to register for the 47th annual meeting of the Association of Earth Science Editors, **"Native Resources: Building on the Bedrock of Geoscience Editing,"** which will be held October 10–13, 2013, in Tulsa, Oklahoma. AESE will meet in the top-rated Courtyard by Marriott Tulsa Downtown, 415 South Boston Avenue, the recently renovated historic Atlas Life Insurance building in the Art Deco District of "America's Most Beautiful City." Tulsa was the "Oil Capital of the World" for several decades and a center of development for petroleum geoscience.

The meeting will include an opening reception, technical sessions, field trips, freelancers' breakfast, survey editors' breakfast, business luncheon, awards dinner with entertainment, and optional free-time activities.

Hop on the free Tulsa Downtown Trolley, which stops at the Courtyard Marriott on its route through the Art Deco District, the Brady Arts District, and the Blue Dome District every Friday and Saturday night. Explore Tulsa's system of tunnels connecting downtown buildings. Consider a tour of Tulsa's haunted sites. Enjoy the gorgeous architecture, the geothermal Guthrie Green urban garden and performance space, the new Woody Guthrie Center, and other arts venues, clubs, and restaurants in Tulsa's revitalized downtown. Delve into Oklahoma's rich American Indian heritage of arts, language, education, publishing, and tribal government. And if you want to visit a casino, take your choice of Cherokee, Creek, or Osage.

The 47th annual meeting of AESE

The opening reception of the AESE annual meeting will be held October 10 in the Tulsa Press Club on the first floor of the hotel building. The club, founded in 1906 and housed in different locations during the years, has a colourful history and is one of the few remaining press clubs in the nation.

Technical sessions will be held in the Courtyard Marriott on October 11 and the morning of October 12. Session topics (with several talks in each session) include Web and Wiki editing, presenting geoscience to the public, what GIS really does, exploring and preserving history through geoscience, geographic and geologic naming, and geoscience editing in today's world.

The three field trips (a short walking tour, a half-day bus tour, and a full-day bus tour), led by Dr. Norman J. Hyne of the University of Tulsa, will focus on **"Exploring our Black Gold Legacy: The Geology, Art, and Architecture of Oklahoma Oil Men."** Sites to be visited include the Art Deco District and Tulsa Geoscience Center on October 10; Gilcrease Museum and Philbrook Museum of Art on October 11; Chandler Park, an oil well, Woolaroc Museum and Wildlife Preserve in the Osage Hills, a printing museum, a fossil site, and drive-by sightings of the "Golden Driller" and the University of Tulsa (if time allows) on October 12.

The AESE board will meet at 1 p.m. October 10 and 9 a.m. October 14.

Carole L. Ziegler, AESE president, will host an open house in the Atlas Suite on the seventh floor of the hotel on October 11.

The Courtyard by Marriott Tulsa Downtown

The smoke-free Courtyard Marriott ("where old meets new"), housed in the 1922 Atlas Life Insurance Building, has been thoroughly renovated to include 119 guestrooms but retains its famous Atlas sign and original ground-floor lobby and arcades. AESE attendees are staying in the Atlas Suite and 10 "historic king" rooms on the seventh floor, which has modern rooms and a hallway with original terrazzo floors, marble walls, brass mail slots, and Atlas doorknobs. The rooms have walk-in showers, refrigerators, coffeemakers, iPod docking stations, individual climate control, HBO, flat-screen LCD/HDTV, wired and wireless Internet, versatile office space, and telephones with message lights and data ports.

The hotel building has three food venues: the Bistro bar and lounge, second floor; the venerable and locally famous Atlas Grill, first floor; and Tulsa Press Club, first floor (open weekdays until 8 p.m. for hotel guests). Numerous restaurants and clubs are within walking distance.

A microwave is available in the "Market," a 24-hour self-serve pantry on the second floor of the Courtyard Marriott. The hotel offers Starbucks coffee 24 hours a day. It also has a fitness center, library, and business center.

If you are driving….

The Courtyard Marriott is in the heart of downtown Tulsa and does not have its own parking lot or garage. Valet parking is available for $8 per day. Drive to the front door, and a hotel staff member will take your vehicle to a nearby covered parking garage where the hotel rents space.

Public parking lots and street parking are also available. Metered spaces on the street are free after 5 p.m. and on weekends.

Local attendees: After having read the information above, you might want to car-pool.

If you are flying….

Tulsa International Airport is eight miles from the Courtyard Marriott. The hotel has free shuttle service to and from the airport between 6 a.m. and 10 p.m. Call the hotel at **918-508-7400** as soon as you land and can use your cell phone. It might take about 25 minutes for the shuttle to pick you up. ***Be sure you are calling the Courtyard Marriott***

Downtown, 415 South Boston Avenue, and not the other Courtyard Marriott in a different part of Tulsa.

Tulsa Transit bus number 203 runs between the airport and downtown Tulsa on Monday through Saturday, ending in early evening. No bus service is available on Sunday.

A taxi ride between the airport and the hotel will cost approximately $20 to $25 (plus luggage tips) for one or two people.

More information

AESE members are involved in editing and publication of material pertaining to the earth sciences. AESE provides a forum for the interchange of ideas for more effective dissemination of earth-science information to the scientific community, educators and students, and the public.

For details about the meeting in Tulsa on October 10–13, see the attached registration form. For more information, contact Rowena Mills, host chair, hrmills777@yahoo.com, or visit www.aese.org.