

Executive Directors News Digest Note

Here is the latest real-time information for our upcoming gathering:

1) Didn't book your room at the per diem conference rate by this past Monday? **Sadly, nothing that I or the rest of the team can do for you.** The good news is that there are several downtown hotels near the Courtyard and most will offer the per diem rate of \$115. **You may want to try the SpringHill Suites, the Courtyard's sister hotel,** which also has a shuttle that could get you to the hotel. Their phone number is 803-978-2333, and the address is 511 Lady Street, Columbia, SC 29201.

2) **You can still book your registration packet.** Keynote: It also is your food package as well! **My recommendation is to buy the total package which is what I did- it is just easier to do that.** The cutoff date is 24 July.

3) When you are doing your registration, you will see some Frequently Asked Questions. One of them is if it possible to walk up and do a "real time" registration. That has a two-part answer: **Yes, you can attend the event, however as it would be after the 7 day cutoff for the food and beverage contract, you will be able to start your weight loss program you have put off previously. Don't delay, register today!**

4) When we met in Columbia two years ago, **we had excellent support for kosher meals** and that will be repeated this year, and **we are also able to offer halal meals as well.** At this point I am aware of exactly one kosher meal request. If you would like a kosher or halal meal you need to contact me to coordinate that for you. **I can't read minds so please let me know soonest if that is a request that you have as these options are not offered through the hotel catering service**

