



NAAE 2012 Convention

This year the national convention will be from April 22 - 25 at the Hampton Inn and Suites in the Historic District in Savannah, GA. We are planning an excellent convention with opportunities to meet with management, learn some new things and have a great time.

The convention starts on Sunday the 22th with internal Union business and other topics and will end on Wednesday the 25th. On Monday the 23rd and the morning of Tuesday the 24th we will have a day and a half of joint Labor Management Relations training with Kim Mann, NAAE General Counsel, and a Labor Relations Specialist. On Tuesday afternoon there will be a consultation with members of the PPQ Executive Team followed by a Q&A session.

Tentative Agenda:

Sunday 10:00 Registration-- Internal Union Business Session

Sunday Evening – Mixer – Jazz'd Tapas Bar, 52 Barnard St, at 6:30 pm or whenever you arrive!

Monday - LMR Training provided by NAAE Counsel and PPQ Labor Relations

Monday Evening – Possible trip for dinner to The Lady & Sons restaurant owned by Paula Deen

Tuesday AM Session –Continue LMR training jointly with Labor Relations

Tuesday PM Session- Open Forum with PPQ Management

Tuesday Evening – Banquet at [Churchill's Pub and Restaurant](#)

Wednesday Session- DOL considerations and reporting requirements

National Safety and Health Update provided by Mark Segall, NAAE Safety Representative

Local Problem Solving

Green Book

Evaluation of the convention

Information Regarding Annual Leave/ Official Time:

If you're planning to attend, considering it, or on the fence, request your annual leave now. While initially you must request annual leave, following the Convention, NAAE will forward the names and attendees to management, requesting that they all be granted official time for their attendance at the meeting. Traditionally, within the pay period, management will determine the number of hours of official time granted to all identified attendees which will be applied to the T&A. In past years, management has granted official time for most of the time spent (normal working hours) at the Convention. All time used not credited as official time will be charged to annual leave. Official Union business – not classifiable as "official time" -- is considered on the opening Sunday. The balance should be "official time." Keep in mind your travel time won't be included in the official time or given as travel comp time. Please let an Executive Committee member know early by e-mail or phone as to your desires and intentions to come to the Convention. It will also help us get you an information packet once details have been firmed up.

Compensation for Local Reps:

NAAE will compensate travel expenses (airfare, gas, etc) up to \$600 for one PPQ representative from each local. [Please call an NAAE Executive Committee member if your airfare/expense will exceed \$600. We will make some exceptions to the \$600 rule—**We will get you there!**] If you are a

member without a local branch or an additional representative from a branch and would like to attend, please contact us, we will find a way to get you there. Contact an NAAE Executive Committee member to get more information. The Union will be reimbursing the hotel fee for those wishing to come on Saturday April 21st.

Please DO NOT USE GOVTRIP or THE GOVERNMENT ISSUED CREDIT CARD to make your reservations. You DO NOT need travel authorization from management other than Annual Leave approval from your supervisor. Attendees will be reimbursed for their travel expenses at the convention; you are responsible for making your own reservations.

The Hotel:



Savannah, GA is a traditional and eclectic southern city steeped in history, charm and warm hospitality. Nestled under giant live oaks hung with Spanish moss, Savannah, GA offers its visitors elegant architecture, ornate ironworks, fountains and lush green squares. Savannah's natural beauty is rivaled only by the city's hospitable reputation, creating one of the country's most popular vacation spots in Savannah's [historic district](#). Step right outside of our doors to find horse-drawn carriages, historic cobblestone streets and the merriment of the Savannah Georgia's River Walk.

Historic Savannah's newest Hampton Inn and Suites embraces all of the appeal and elegance associated with the Old South. Located in Downtown Savannah's Historic District, just blocks from River Street, City Market, Broughton Street [shopping and dining](#), SCAD and the Civic Center, our downtown Savannah Hotel couples old world charm with the sophisticated amenities of today!

From the moment you approach the front doors of our downtown Savannah hotel, our staff will remind you that you have arrived in the south. The Hampton Inn and Suites' unique brand of hospitality is unrivaled while the warmth of the decor is unmatched. Find all the beauty, style and culture of Savannah, GA reflected in the period reproduction furniture and tastefully elegant ornamentation.

The rich hardwood floors carry you to the grand staircase and elegant seating area. The aroma of fresh baked cookies brings you home. Immerse yourself in all that is Savannah, Georgia.



For more information on the hotel visit <http://www.hamptonssavannah.com/>

The Deluxe Rooms:



From the moment you arrive at the doors of the [Hampton Inn and Suites](#) Savannah Historic District, you discover that our lodging accommodations and design aesthetic embodies the [historic city in Georgia](#) we call home. Incorporating Savannah's tradition of warmth and southern comfort, our entire hotel is reminiscent of an elegant bed and breakfast or lodging at a stately Southern residence complete with fireplace, crown molding, leather chairs, chandeliers, and greenery.

Open the door to one of our 154 guest rooms and suites and make yourself comfortable in our Savannah accommodations. The warm color palette of gold and brown is immediately calming while the artwork depicting Southern landscapes invites relaxation

There are two Hampton Inns in the Savannah Historic District, ours is a Hampton Inn and Suites and is located at 201 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Make sure you go to the right one! We have negotiated a room rate of \$95 per night for dual occupancy. This does not include 13% tax and other fees. There is an \$8 per day parking fee if you bring a vehicle. The deluxe rooms are comfortable, elegant with southern charm, reminiscent of an elegant bed and breakfast or a stately southern residence. The rooms come equipped with a desk, comfortable chair and entertainment center and complimentary high speed Internet access. Each room is loaded with features that simplify your stay; mini-fridge, microwave, coffee maker, iron and ironing board and more! Available with one king or two queen beds.

There are 2 ways to make your reservation:

- ✓ **Preferred option:** Online: Visit http://hamptoninn.hilton.com/en/hp/groups/personalized/S/SAVHSHX-NAA-20120421/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG and make your reservations online.
- ✓ Phone: Call Hampton Inn Savannah reservations at 1-912-721-1600. Our group will be listed as **National Association of Agricultural Employees.**

Cutoff Date for Reservations is **March 22, 2012**, so make your reservations now! Rooms at the \$95 rate are limited and we cannot guarantee we will be able to get more rooms at that rate.

Transportation:

Savannah Bus and Shuttle Service

Chatham Area Transit

[Chatham Area Transit \(CAT \)](#) (912) 233-5767 provides a daily bus route to and from the airport servicing many locations in Savannah. CAT also offers a free on and off shuttle service within the historic district.

B & B Shuttle (912) 964-1411 offers point-to-point transportation to and from the airport to the Savannah area.

Savannah Taxi Cabs

For information on the local taxi fare system, [click here](#).
All cabs listed below service the airport.

Adam Cab Company (912) 927-7466
Bay City Cab Company (912) 232-7668
Beta Cab Company (912) 323-7478
Dependable Taxi (912) 596-9127
Executive Taxi (912) 660-5840
Historic City Cab (912) 925-3738
Just Whistle (912) 313-1166
Moon River Taxi (912) 224-2022
Scotts Taxi (912) 659-1719
Shamrock Cab (912) 272-0971
Sunshine Cab (912) 920-9827
Taxi Service of Savannah (912) 656-1305
Taxi World (912) 655-5407
Yellow Cab Company (912) 236-1133