



Coordinator's Corner

Ahoy there!!!!

Time to “Catch the Wave” to Convention

This issue of the Newsletter includes the Convention Registration Form. Please take time to read it carefully. There are a few items on it that are different from previous convention registrations.

The registration fee covers all convention events –

- Opening Ceremonies
- Business Meetings
- Training Sessions
- Preliminary Speech Contests
- Installation and Officers’ Reception
- Plenary Session

Non-members who do not wish to attend any of the above do not have to pay the registration fee. However, if they do wish to attend the Plenary Session they will be required to pay the \$25 fee and will need to fill in the registration form. All members, non-members and guests are invited to attend the Final Speech Contest at no charge.

Also, remember that all meals and gratuities are included in the cruise price for all members and non-members.

Please read Comptroller Joan Gordon’s article about the Registration Form as it also points out how to order Convention Pins and other options.

“Catch the Wave” Cruise Information

You will find an article from Susan Hajek, Cruise Liaison, with more vital information. Also, we have been matching up roommates and are still working on them so if you require one, do not despair, you will have one. Some time ago I emailed a number of you for roommate assignments and did not hear back. If you are still looking for a roommate, please email me directly so I won’t miss any of you.

“Catch the Wave” for training challenges

Lyn Policha has a reminder and challenge for many of you talented members. Look for it!

“Catch the Wave” of participation

In the next issue of the newsletter, various committees will invite you to participate as a volunteer. You gain so much more from a convention when you are a part of it. Watch for requests for Program Leaders (comperes), hosts, pages, speech contest workers, and more. You can send your choice to the “Volunteer” section on the Convention website. This is also a great opportunity to receive Accreditation credit.

Doris Ginther, Convention Coordinator

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Over the next few weeks, you will be receiving an updated Invoice from Expedia Cruise Ship Centers reflecting cabin assignments and your Category (cabin-type) confirmation.

There are now close to 400 members and/or guests registered and Category assignments are being processed in alphabetical order. Royal Caribbean has made every effort to accommodate all requests and Categories were filled on a first come first serve basis. Anyone wait-listed for their requested Category will be accommodated based on the date their Cruise Registration Form was received.

There are still a number of members who have not indicated who their cabin mate is; this needs to be resolved by October 1, 2008, as at that time the 200% single rate supplement and an increase of deposit to \$500.00 will need to be made for anyone wishing not to share. Please contact me or Doris Ginther to check if there is anyone in your Category also looking to share.

Anyone wishing to make interim payments before the final payment is due can do so by filling out the Interim Payment Authorization Form (see next page) and faxing it to this office.

There are still some cabins available in Category E2, H and N and these will be available at the current price until October 1, 2008.

Susan Hajek

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Introducing...YOU!



Those of you who have been putting off submitting your application to present a workshop or training session at the 2009 Convention are reminded that September 30th—the deadline for applications—fast approacheth. Quit procrastinating! Sit yourself down and complete the application form (available on the convention website at www.powertalkconvention.com/) NOW!

Those of you with great workshops under your belt who haven't really thought about presenting at Convention are reminded that members all over the world could benefit from your knowledge and expertise. I know from the International Board that there are many of you around. I urge you to take the plunge and complete your applications as well. Just think of the cachet of having your accreditation book signed for presenting a workshop at International!

And those of you who haven't given a thought to presenting at an international event are reminded why you joined ITC in the first place. You wanted to learn public speaking skills, gain confidence, and practice your presentation skills—this is your opportunity! Remember, nothing ventured, nothing gained. Be brave. You'll be glad you did.

Members, I'm waiting for you to fill my mailbox with your applications. Please don't disappoint me!

Lyn Policha, Program Chair

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INTERIM PAYMENT AUTHORIZATION FORM



POWERtalk – International Training in Communication

2009 CONVENTION – AT – SEA

Royal Caribbean Serenade of the Seas
Vancouver, BC to Alaska Round Trip
July 18 to 25, 2009

Last Name	First and Middle	Booking Number (found on your Invoice)	Amount To Be Charged USD
1.			
2.			

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY:

Charge to Name of Card: Visa ___ MasterCard ___ Amex ___ OTHER ___ (JCB not accepted)

Credit Card No. ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ Exp ___ / ___

Your Name as it appears on the Credit Card _____

Signature _____



Fax your form to: Fax: 604-299-7407
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CONVENTION REGISTRATION

In 2009 we will "Catch the Wave"

Register now and you will save

By now you will have received notice from your CLO with the 2009 POWERtalk Convention Registration form. You will also find it posted on the Convention website at www.powertalkconvention.com and the International website at www.powertalkinternational.com.

For your convenience, the **2009 POWERtalk Convention Registration form** is included in this newsletter issue (see next page). There are a number of things I would like to point out to assist you in completing the form.

FORM COMPLETION ASSISTANCE

Name:

First and foremost - when registering kindly put your legal name in the first section and then enter your name as you would like it on your name badge together with a designation (accreditation and/or fellow), if you wish to have it on the name badge.

Plenary Session:

If your guest(s) wants to attend the Plenary Session only, you should fill out a registration form for them also, and just mark "Plenary Session only."

Convention Pins:

You will notice there is a spot for the Convention pins. These pins are only available by ordering them through the registration form and will not be available for purchase on the cruise ship. Please indicate the number of pins you wish and include with your registration payment. Your order will be included with all your other materials when you check in at Convention Registration either at the Delta Hotel or on the ship.

Welcome Party:

Your cruise guests are invited to the Welcome Party at the Delta Airport Hotel. It is very important to the committee to ascertain the number of members and their cruise guests who will be attending the Welcome Party so that plans may be finalized at the hotel. You don't want to miss the fun and the camaraderie that is on the eve of our first-ever Convention cruise.

Bus Service from the Delta Airport Hotel to the Pier:

If you wish use the bus service from the Delta Airport Hotel to the pier, please indicate and include in your payment. If you were to take a taxi or some other means to the pier, the price would be in the neighborhood of \$25 minimum.

Payment:

And finally, **and very, very important** --- **all payments must be remitted in Canadian funds only.**

If you have any questions, please contact the Comptroller, Joan Gordon, at comptroller@powertalkconvention.com

Joan Gordon, Comptroller





2009 CONVENTION REGISTRATION
July 18 – 25, 2009 – “Catch the Wave”

Please print clearly

Name: (include accreditation and/or fellow designation)
Name on Badge (if different): (include accreditation and/or fellow designation if desired)
Street:
City, State, Zip/PC:
Country:
Tel. No: (include country code)
Fax No:
Email:
Club:
Region:
Division:

Arrival Date & Time (if known):
Will you stay at the Delta Vancouver Airport Hotel prior to the cruise? Yes No If Yes, # of days
Will you stay at the Delta Vancouver Airport Hotel after the cruise? Yes No If Yes, # of days
Will you attend the Friday evening, July 17th Welcome Party at the hotel?
Will you bring cruise guests? # of guests

Please indicate if you are a:
First Timer: Life Member: International Past President: Non-Member:
International Standing Committee Chair: Incoming Region President:

REGISTRATION INFORMATION: All payments in Canadian funds only.

- Member Convention fee by November 30, 2008 \$ 125.00
Non-member Convention fee by November 30, 2008 \$ 150.00
Member Convention fee after December 1, 2008 \$ 150.00
Non-member Convention fee after December 1, 2008 \$ 175.00
Non-member attending Plenary Session only \$ 25.00
Non-member attending Speech Contest only (Open to public) No Cost

TOTAL REGISTRATION CANADIAN FUNDS ONLY \$

- Convention Pins: # @ \$8.00 each or 3 for \$20.00 (Will be included in your packet)
Bus from Delta Airport Hotel to Pier: # people @ \$15.00 (Included in packet)

TOTAL ENCLOSED CANADIAN FUNDS ONLY \$

PLEASE NOTE: Registration deadline April 30, 2009. Registrations after April 30 will depend upon cruise line room/cabin availability

Make check, money order or bank draft payable to ITC 2009 Convention
(Please note: A penalty of Canadian \$20.00 will be charged if a check is returned for NSF)
The banks charge for any “Not Sufficient Funds – NSF” checks

Please mail COMPLETED FORM WITH PAYMENT TO:

Joan Gordon, Comptroller,
#23 – 7475 Garnet Drive, Chilliwack, B. C. V2R 5W7, Canada
Phone: (604) 858-5626

Email: comptroller@powertalkconvention.com

Advise Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines of food allergies when you check in on-line. They will deal directly with you at the dinner tables.
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: Receipt of registration will be acknowledged electronically if an email address is provided. Receipts will be included in your packet





Convention Hotel is Now Taking Reservations

Starting to make some travel plans for the 2009 Convention? The Delta Vancouver Airport Hotel, where many members will be staying before the cruise, has recently designed two web pages specifically for taking our reservations.

For reserving nights prior to the cruise, primarily July 15-17, the appropriate page to visit is: <http://www.deltahotels.com/groups/online/DVA/seitc1.php> Some rooms have also been blocked at the POWERtalk rate for the nights of July 12-14.

For reserving nights immediately following the cruise (or after a tour following the cruise), primarily July 25-27, the appropriate page to visit is: <http://www.deltahotels.com/groups/online/DVA/seitc2.php>.

Before booking a room, here are some factors to keep in mind.

- (1) **Tours – Tours – Tours.** If you want to take a pre-Convention or post-Convention tour – or more than one – please wait to receive the tour information which will be sent out through CLO's and posted on the website very shortly. It will also appear in the next *Catch the Wave* Newsletter.
- (2) The **Welcome Party** will be held at this hotel the evening of Friday, July 17th.
- (3) We expect to be **boarding** the ship starting in late morning, Saturday, July 18
- (4) The **scheduling of your transportation** to Vancouver is a consideration. When would your flight arrive, etc?

PLEASE NOTE: We encourage members to arrive **at least the day before** so if there are travel delays, you won't miss the ship's departure!

What's coming?

The next issue of *Catch the Wave* Newsletter will include information about volunteering and information about pre- and post-cruise tours.

For now, information about the Icy Strait Point (photo on right) gives you a glimpse into one of the things you will see and can visit.



The city of Hoonah is located just over a mile from the port and welcomes all of the visitors to come and explore the local shops and attractions. There are excellent opportunities to see eagles and on occasion, whales and other sea life from the shoreline along the road between the port and town. On good weather days, it is a beautiful walk.

The site of the old salmon cannery at Hoonah very near the port has been transformed into one of the most unique and special destinations available to Alaskan cruisers. The old cannery has been restored and a working line is available for visitors to watch the canning process as it was in the salmon heyday.

A magnificent, new cultural center, seafood restaurants, shopping complex and nature trail system have been added to the original cannery buildings. Numerous ship and shore activities are available affording visitors immediate access to the rich waters of Icy Strait and the beautiful Tongass National Forest on Chichagof Island.

