

# COME JOIN THE **NIA** IN OCTOBER FOR A **SWEET** CONVENTION!

October 13-16, 2019

There will be business, there will be networking & lots of chocolate (of course!)



# **2019 NIA ANNUAL CONVENTION SCHEDULE**

THE HOTEL HERSHEY - HERSHEY, PA

SUNDAT, OCTOBER 13, 2019	
2:30pm – 5:00pm	<b>Board of Directors Meeting</b>

2:30pm – 5:00pm Supplier Set Up

5:00pm – 6:30pm Registration

5:30pm – 8:30pm Welcome reception/hors d'oeuvres with Suppliers

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2019

8:00am – 8:45am	Breakfast with Suppliers	
8:45am – 9:30am	Supplier Presentations	
9:30am – 10:00am	Annual Business Meeting	
10:00am – 10:15am	Break	
10:15am – 11:45am	Education Session/Q&A	
	Safety, Ammonia, and Your Ice Plant – Larry Aleksandrich, Ammonia Safety Engineer	
Afternoon	Free to enjoy the sights of Hershey PA	
5:00pm – 7:00pm	Happy hour at Tröegs Craft Brewery** additional fee applies	
Evening	Open	

# TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2019

7:30am – 8:30am	Breakfast with Suppliers
8:45am – 10:20am	Bus transportation to Ice Museum
10:30am – 12:30pm	Pete Stack's Antique Ice Tool Museum Tour
12:30pm – 1:30pm	Lunch at Ice Museum
1:30pm – 2:00pm	Wrap up Tour of Ice Museum
2:15pm – 3:45pm	Bus transportation to hotel from Ice Museum
4:00pm – 6:30pm	Open
6:30pm – 9:30pm	Annual Farewell Dinner

#### **EDUCATION SESSIONS**

Larry Aleksandrich, an ammonia safety engineer, will be joining us to speak in an interactive session about safety, ammonia, chemicals, and your ice plant. He is an expert on this topic and has testified before Congress as well as helped many ice plant owners with challenges related to these issues. Please bring your questions, as he is a great resource on this topic.

### **EXHIBITORS/SUPPLIERS**

The NIA convention gives attendees several opportunities to network with industry members and suppliers.

The Supplier presentations session will also give attendees the opportunity to hear about the latest technologies and equipment in the ice industries.

## **SPECIAL EVENTS**

#### HAPPY HOUR AT TRÖEGS BREWERY

**Monday, October 14, 2019** 5:00PM – 7:00PM

This year we will be visiting
Tröegs Brewery in place
of the pub crawl. We will
tour the unique brewhouse
which includes a 5,000
square foot tasting room
and beer garden. We will
be able to observe the
brewing process firsthand,
sample craft beers and enjoy
light hors d'oeuvres and snacks.



This tour is optional - additional \$45.00 per person applies.

## PETE STACK'S ANTIQUE ICE TOOL MUSEUM TOUR

Tuesday, October 15, 2019

8:45am – 3:45pm (includes bus transportation & lunch) www.antiqueicetoolmuseum.org

Inside the Antique Ice Tool Museum, you will discover the fascinating history behind the natural ice trade. Step back in time as you walk in the footsteps of the iceman. Follow history from the harvest to the delivery of ice

#### PETE STACK'S ANTIQUE ICE TOOL MUSEUM TOUR (CONT)



and learn about the rise
and eventual decline of
an industry that had a
profound effect on the way
we live.

This one-of-a-kind museum is housed in a completely renovated 1834 stone bank barn and is dedicated to the

preservation of the natural ice trade.

The museum houses the largest private collection of antique ice tools and memorabilia in the United States.

This tour is included in convention registration, with complimentary lunch and bus transportation.

#### **HOTEL INFORMATION**

The Hotel Hershey offers a truly "sweet" setting for this year's NIA convention! One of the "Historic Hotels of America," this hotel offers deluxe accommodations, an expansive recreation complex, a collection of boutiques, and authentic culinary experiences. Enjoy access to (3) distinctive golf



courses, indulge in spa services and treatments at "The Chocolate Spa", and explore the beautiful surroundings with (3) paved nature trails that wind through a wonderful woodland setting.

**SLEEPING ROOM RATE:** Our special NIA rate is \$179 per night plus tax. Upgrades are available for an additional cost based on the type of room and location.

For more information go to www.northeasternice.com/convention or contact Suncoast Meetings at nia@suncoastmeetings.com or (813) 852-1977

**RESERVATIONS CUTOFF DATE:** We have a **hotel cutoff date of Friday, September 13, 2019 or until our room block fills up**. Please be sure to book your hotel room early! After this date (or if the room block is full), the special NIA rate may no longer be available.

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration is being handled by Suncoast Meetings and Events

All hotel rooms need to be booked through the NIA sleeping room block/link as the Association has financial commitment with the hotel that depend on us filling our room block.



Please Register Online at www.northeasternice.com/convention (online registration will be available June 7th, 2019) Company Name Attendee Name Attendee Spouse (from the same company) Company Address City/State/Zip Email Office Cell Phone Phone **Early Bird Registration** Regular Registration (September 14, 2019 or after) **REGISTRATION FEE** (on or before September 13, 2019) **Industry/Supplier (or Spouse)** \$375 \$450 ☐ Supplier/Exhibitor Fee of \$150 This fee of \$150 per company includes a 6-foot draped exhibit table and helps to cover the costs for the Welcome Reception and (2) Breakfasts with Suppliers. Suppliers attending must pay the Supplier fee if they want to attend the convention. The Supplier/Exhibitor is responsible for any additional cost, if bringing in special equipment. **SPECIAL EVENTS** (RSVP Required) (please indicate quantity of people attending) Antique Ice Museum Tour - Tuesday, October 15, 2019 Happy Hour at Troegs Brewery - \$45.00 per person. \*\*additional fees apply HOTEL INFORMATION NIA members will be contacting The Hotel Hershey directly to make reservations. We have a limited room block so we recommend making reservations ASAP. Our special NIA rate per night is \$179. Room rate does not include state/local taxes, to include 6% PA State Hotel Tax and 5% Dauphin County Hotel Room Rental Tax. To make online hotel reservations, please go to the hotel reservations link at www.northeasternice.com/convention. To call the hotel directly for reservations, call (855) 729-3108 and reference Northeast Ice Association. HOTEL CANCELLATION POLICY: Any cancellation occurring less than 72 hours prior to arrival will be charged one night's room and tax. PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS \_ # people registered for the convention (\$375 each) \_\_ # of people registered for the optional Happy Hour at Tröegs Brewery (\$45 each) Supplier/Exhibitor fee (\$150 per company) TOTAL DUE

Check Payments: Please make checks payable to Northeastern Ice Association and mail to: NIA • 290 Richmond Rd • Putnam, CT 06260

**CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS:** Please contact Suncoast Meetings & Events directly if you need to do a credit card payment at **nia@suncoastmeetings.com** or **(813) 852-1977**. There is a 4% handling fee added to the invoice of those choosing to pay by credit card.

**NIA CONVENTION CANCELLATION POLICY:** The first day of the Convention is defined as Sunday, October 13, 2019. A refund of registration fees will be granted if the request is made 30 days prior to the opening registration day of the convention minus a \$50 process fee. There is no charge for substitutions or name changes. For a cancellation within 8 – 29 days, there will be a \$100 processing fee deducted from the refund. No refunds within 7 days of the beginning of the convention (October 6, 2019).

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