

# Social Events for the AFS 2010 Meeting

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Pittsburgh and the Three-Rivers Area will provide a memorable setting for the AFS 2010 Meeting. Throughout your visit you will find numerous opportunities to catch-up with old friends and develop new acquaintances at the various planned events. The AFS 2010 Planning Committee is arranging a diverse array of gatherings.

## **Welcome Social**

The *Welcome Social* on **Sunday**, September 12<sup>th</sup> will be held in the David L. Lawrence Convention Center. This facility is the first “green” convention center in the world and has been awarded the Gold LEED® Certification by the U.S. Green Building Council. You will find the facility and gracious staff dedicated to “green first” by reducing waste and recycling in the operation and administration of the building. Overlooking the Allegheny River, the Convention Center provides surroundings aligned with the meeting theme of “Merging our Deeper Currents” as well as serving as a comfortable environment for participants to partake of food and beverages.



Photo: David L. Lawrence Convention Center

## **Trade Show**

The hospitality continues on **Monday** evening where we invite you to join us for the Trade Show in the Exhibit Hall of the Convention Center. Here you will have plenty of time to peruse the many posters and exhibits, talk with vendors, and enjoy great food, beer and wine.



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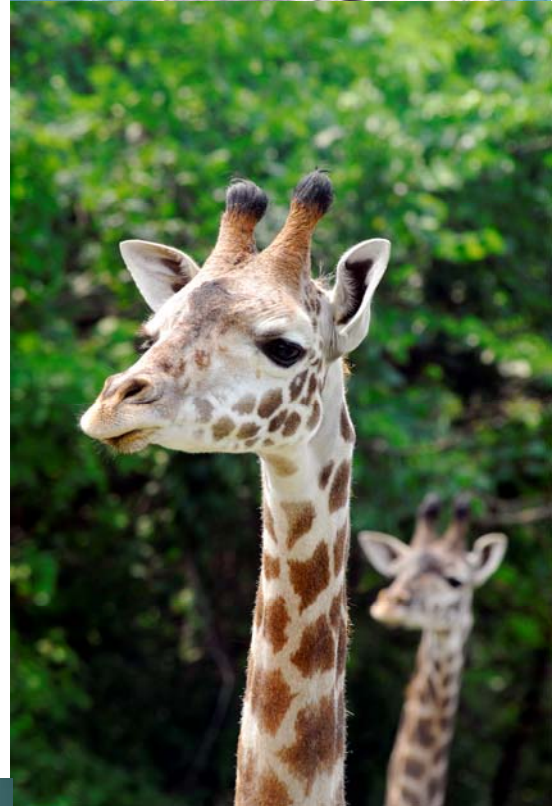
## **Student Social**

Students represent an important aspect of the Society’s future and we are by providing a great setting for the student-only social on **Tuesday** evening. Students will have an opportunity to visit while plying the waters of the Allegheny River on a boat from the Gateway Clipper fleet. For non-students, Tuesday evening is open to explore the many sites and sounds “in and around” the city.

## **Grand Social**

Then, on **Wednesday** evening you will be taken by motorcoach from the Convention Center to the *Pittsburgh Zoo and PPG Aquarium*. This 77-acre facility, with over 4000 species of fish and wildlife, is a leader in conservation and green initiatives, not only in Pittsburgh, but around the world. You will be provided a wonderful setting to visit with friends and colleagues, view diverse wildlife, and enjoy an incredible selection of food provided by the facilities caterer “Taste of the Wild”.

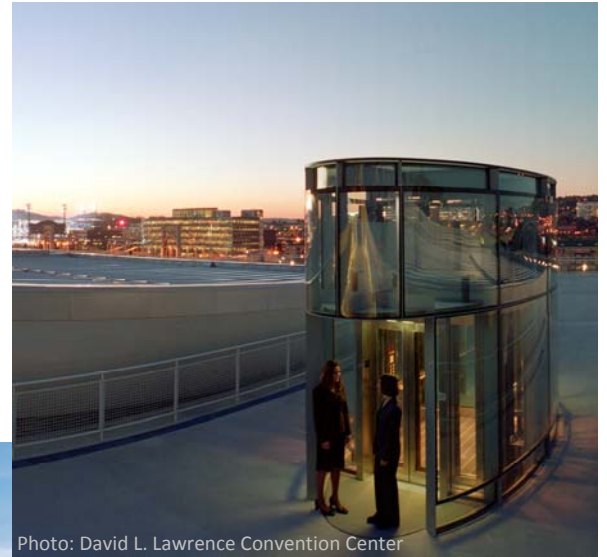
NOTE: Participants should please note that this is an outdoor event and local weather conditions can be variable at this time of year. Walking will also be involved, so participants should wear comfortable shoes. For those requesting assistance, wheel chairs and other transportation will be available during the event.



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## **Farewell Social**

Thursday evening's festivities to close-out the meeting will be on the Convention Center Terrace overlooking the city (pending favorable weather). This exhilarating setting will allow attendees to relax, recount the events of the week, and make plans for 2011 in Seattle.



### **For more information:**

David L. Lawrence Convention Center: <http://www.pittsburghcc.com/cc/history.html>

Pittsburgh Zoo and PPG Aquarium: <http://www.pittsburghzoo.com/AnimalsandExhibits>