



See How Pittsburgh's Gone Green

NCARB's 89th Annual Meeting and Conference will be held in Pittsburgh, PA, on June 25-28, 2008. Once the leader of the industrial revolution, Pittsburgh has reinvented itself into a leader in the green building movement. Ranked as one of the ten cleanest cities in the world by *Forbes*, delegates from the Council's 54 Members Boards will be able to see for themselves how Pittsburgh has made one of the most dramatic environmental transformations in American history.

This year's Annual Meeting and Conference will be held at the historic Omni William Penn Hotel in the heart of Pittsburgh's downtown. Built in 1916 and expanded in 1929, the hotel was commissioned by industrialist Henry Clay Frick. The building is known for its "Old World" elegance, coffered ceilings and crystal chandeliers. The hotel's 17th floor features the famed "Urban Room," designed by architect Joseph Urban, with black cararra glass walls and beautifully hand-painted murals that define Art Deco.

OLD AND NEW

Within walking distance of the hotel are two of Pittsburgh's oldest and most celebrated buildings: the Allegheny County Courthouse and Jail Complex. Designed in 1883 by architect Henry Hobson Richardson, the buildings are known for their interesting towers, many arches, stunning brickwork, and granite detailing.

This year's Icebreaker event will take place a few blocks north of the hotel at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center. The convention center is the first Gold LEED-certified convention center and largest green building in the world. The building opened in 2003 and has been called the cornerstone of Pittsburgh's transformation.

ACROSS THE RIVERS

Pittsburgh was built on land surrounding the confluence of the Allegheny and Monongahela Rivers, where they merge to form the Ohio River. Across the Allegheny River from downtown is the North Shore neighborhood, which is home to the Andy Warhol Museum and the Children's Museum of Pittsburgh.

The Andy Warhol Museum has the most comprehensive collection of the Pittsburgh native's work in the world. The museum has become a primary resource for those "seeking insights into contemporary art and popular culture."

The Children's Museum of Pittsburgh is more than just a fun place for the whole family to explore and learn, it is meant to inspire joy, creativity, and curiosity. The building itself will be of interest to delegates as it is Silver LEED-certified and received the 2006 American Institute of Architects Honor Award for Architecture.

Across the Monongahela River from downtown is Mt. Washington, which overlooks one of the world's great cityscapes. Visitor can ride the historic Monongahela and Duquesne Inclines and experience one of the "most beautiful views in America" as rated by *USA Today*.

FALLINGWATER

Just outside Pittsburgh is Fallingwater, one of Frank Lloyd Wright's best-known and celebrated buildings. Completed in 1939 for the family of businessman Edgar J. Kaufman of the Kaufman Department Stores, the family used Fallingwater as a vacation home until 1963 when Kaufman's son gave it to the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy. It is the only Frank Lloyd Wright house open to the public that includes all of the original furnishings.

A must see for any architecture lover, NCARB is offering a post-conference tour of Fallingwater for delegates and guests on the morning of Sunday, June 29. The tour will include transportation to and from the site. Those participating can plan to return in time for delegates to catch a 4 p.m. flight.

There is so much more to see and do in and around Pittsburgh. Member Board Members and Executives, their guests, collateral representatives, and international guests attending NCARB's 2008 Annual Meeting and Conference are invited to explore all of the sites and sounds the city has to offer. They will also learn, discuss, and debate the issues vital to the Council's mission and responsibilities. For more information about the 2008 Annual Meeting and Conference, visit the Members' Only section of the web site (www.ncarb.org).

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