Dear Space Grant Colleagues, following is a reminder and additional information about the upcoming Mid-Atlantic Regional Space Grant Meeting:

**Dates**

* Sunday, August 25, 4-6 pm, Meet and Greet.
* Monday, August 26, 9 am - 4:30 pm, Presentations and discussions; 6:00-7:30 pm Reception (cash bar).
* Tuesday, August 27, 9 am – Presentations and discussions. End of meeting will depend on the number of talks.
* We are envisioning 30 min., 45 min., or 60 min. presentations and/or discussion sessions. Please let us know how long you would like your consortium’s presentation to be.
* We are hoping that each consortium will make at least two to three presentations.

**Conference Registration**

* <https://spacegrant.org/registration/space-grant-mid-atlantic-regional-meeting-2024/>
* The link in red on the second line of the registration page will take you to the hotel reservation page.
* To go to the hotel reservation page directly, please visit <https://book.passkey.com/go/GRNA24Z>, Group Code: GRNA24Z.
* Deadline for registration and hotel room block is August 5.

**Venue**

* Hard Rock Hotel and Casino, 1000 Boardwalk, Atlantic City.
* We reserved a room block for the nights of Sunday, Aug 25, Monday, Aug 26, and Tuesday, Aug 27. Room rate is $109 plus applicable fees and taxes.
* We also have room block reserved for Saturday night, Aug. 24, but the hotel rate is $479~~.~~
* On-site parking is available. You can choose between self-parking and valet service.

**Getting There**

* **By plane:** Atlantic City International Airport is 12 miles away, about a 20-minute car ride. Please visit <https://www.rome2rio.com/s/Atlantic-City-Airport-ACY/Hard-Rock-Hotel-Casino-Atlantic-City> for transportation options from airport to hotel.
* **By train:** NJ Transit trains from Philadelphia 30th Street Station to Atlantic City. About a two-hour ride. Philadelphia is on the Amtrak Northeast Corridor. For more information, please visit <https://www.njtransit.com/acrl> Free shuttle bus from train station to hotels.
* **By bus:** Buses are available from Philadelphia or Trenton or from several locations in New Jersey.
* **Driving:** Easiest (but with tolls) is the Atlantic City Expressway. For colleagues in Delaware and Virginia, the Cape May-Lewes Ferry, while not very fast (85 minutes), is a very direct route. Please be mindful of motion sickness if taking the ferry. Reservations required. Please visit <https://www.cmlf.com/>

**Convenience and Safety**

* Atlantic City is a major tourist destination and there is a wide variety of restaurants, gambling venues, and entertainment. The web site [https://www.atlanticcitynj.com/](https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.atlanticcitynj.com%2F&data=05%7C02%7Cbaruh%40soe.rutgers.edu%7C96f63a9c8ff243b4471808dc80af895b%7Cb92d2b234d35447093ff69aca6632ffe%7C1%7C0%7C638526738652957773%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=B3fEwnq4bTiqQ6g8NIJmdr62pjTi1VY0aGUm3C05RNw%3D&reserved=0) provides details on local activities.
* We will have a slight advantage because Atlantic City is not very busy during the week.
* Atlantic City is generally safe during the day; however, we do not recommend walking alone in the streets nor the Boardwalk at nighttime. All Atlantic City hotels by the Boardwalk have doors that open into the Boardwalk.