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Our Executive Council and committee meetings come to Naples on November 13-16 and we are at the beautiful Naples Grande Beach Resort (formerly the Waldorf-Astoria). This is a great facility, with beautiful guest rooms, terrific meeting space and amenities. There are three pools available. Two are right below the lobby area of the hotel. One of these is for adults only and the other is for families. The family pool has a great waterslide. A third pool (and less known to the average hotel visitor and therefore, even more quiet) is a lap pool and is a short walk across the street near the entrance to the hotel, in the middle of rental units operated by the hotel. The hotel staff in the lobby will be glad to show you where that pool is situated.

By all means check out the beach. Don't be deterred by the fact that the beach is accessible by a boardwalk or tram ride through a 200-acre protected Mangrove Estuary. It is a beautiful walk of a little less than one mile, but it is through the middle of the estuary. Trams run every couple of minutes to and from the hotel to the beach, as well. At the beach, you will enjoy a beautiful Gulf beach, professionally managed, with lounges, umbrellas and the usual beach equipment. There are also food and drinks available at the Rhodes End beach bar, the cost of which can be charged to your hotel room.

We have negotiated spa discounts at the fantastic facilities at the Grande and the information is attached.

Running Reptiles—Mike Bedke will again be leading our runners and walkers for early morning excursions. Meet in the lobby of the hotel on Friday at 6:30 and on Saturday at 6:00.

Thursday committee meetings begin in earnest at noon. Beginning at 6:15 p.m., we will board buses for a reception, including "heavy" hors d'oeuvres at the fantastic Collier Auto Collection, located at The Revs Institute. Docents will be available to explain each gallery. Whether or not you are a car expert, this is a fascinating facility, tailored not only for the expert but for the less-informed auto enthusiast. We will return to the Grande around 9:30 and the hospitality suite will be open from about 9:30-11:30.

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Friday committee meetings will last until 6:00 p.m. A continental breakfast and buffet lunch will be available for a small charge. Please note that the division roundtables will be conducted on *Friday afternoon*, from 3:00-5:00.

I am very happy to announce that by happy circumstance, the National College of Probate Judges will be conducting its fall meeting at the Grande, the same week we will be there. We have arranged for our reception on Friday evening to be a joint one with the National College. This will afford us an opportunity to meet each other in an informal setting and exchange thoughts about common issues. A word to the real property practitioners: we all know the range of real property issues that can arise during the course of a probate estate. Join in the discussion! The location of this reception in the Grande is yet to be finalized.

We are also invited to sit in on the educational portions of the National College's meeting and I have included a summary of topics and days/times. Similarly, we have invited the judges to sit in on our committee meetings.

This special reception will be followed by our own dinner at the Grande. Lori and I have had the difficult job (but someone had to do it) of sampling different menus and wines and we think you will be really pleased with both the quality of the food and its presentation. After dinner, join us in the hospitality suite from about 9:30-11:30.

Saturday morning, will start with a full breakfast for both Executive Council members, spouses and guests. There is a fee for breakfast for spouses and guests. The Executive Council meeting will begin at 9:00. The first part of the meeting will include a remembrance of John Arthur Jones and spouses and guests are invited to attend.

Saturday evening, we have made arrangements for a group dinner with M Waterfront Grille, just a few minutes from the Grande. Again, Lori and I had the tough task of food tasting, but we arrived at a menu which will each guest to select from several options for appetizers, entrée and dessert. Wine is included in the price of the event. Because of the proximity to the hotel, we are not ordering buses for this event and we will arrange to meet in the lobby of the hotel so that get everyone's transportation needs are met.

We are looking forward to great committee and Executive Council meetings and to wonderful opportunities to interact with each other and others, at a beautiful facility. We are also looking forward to *cooooooool* Florida weather kicking in! See you there.

Mike