

TO: All AFM Player Conferences Representatives
FROM: Jay Blumenthal, International Secretary-Treasurer
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The 101st Convention of the American Federation of Musicians of the United States and Canada will be held June 17th through 20th, 2019 at the Westgate Resort and Casino in Las Vegas, NV. Registration will be held on Sunday, June 16th from 3 p.m. – 6 p.m. and on Monday, June 17th from 8 a.m. – 11 a.m.

The Convention hotel rate will be \$99/night + \$20/night resort fee + 12% tax. Room reservations can be made online at the following link, <https://book.passkey.com/go/SAFM9R> or by calling the Westgate reservations at 1-800-635-7711 and providing the AFM special reservations code of **SAFM9R**. Please remember that in order for your designated delegate or Conference to receive the hotel reimbursement as per the AFM Bylaws, room reservations must be made using this code or web link. Reservations made in any other manner will not qualify for the reimbursement. (*NOTE: The reservations system will charge you at the appropriate room rate when making the reservation, but you will be charged for the \$20/night resort fee upon check-in at the hotel*). Additional information about the Convention will be forthcoming from this office and in the *International Musician* over the next several months. Our website (AFM.org) includes a section devoted to the AFM Convention as well, www.afm.org/convention.

We wish to remind you that all Player Conference delegates must be chosen in conformity with each Player Conference's Bylaws. For your reference, the AFM Bylaw relevant to Player Conference participation in the Convention is printed below:

Article 17, Section 12. Conferences shall be permitted to submit Resolutions to the AFM Convention. In addition, each Player Conference shall be allowed to send three nonvoting Delegates to the Convention who shall be duly elected by their Conferences and shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of other Delegates except the right to nominate candidates for office, to participate in any floor debate on nominations, and to vote in elections of Officers or on any matter presented to the Convention. Player Conference Delegates shall also be eligible to serve on Committees of the Federation as provided in Article 18, Section 11.

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If you have further questions, please contact International Secretary-Treasurer Blumenthal at 212-869-1330 (extension 1210) – or – convention2019@afm.org.

A few important final reminders:

- Resolutions from delegates, Locals or Conferences must be postmarked or electronically submitted no later than March 1st - AND – electronically submitted resolutions must also be submitted by regular mail, to the International Secretary-Treasurer, postmarked no later than the next business day [Article 18, Section 4(a)]. Resolutions must bear the signatures of all sponsoring Delegates, or the signatures of authorized officers of sponsoring Locals or Conferences.
- The Annual Report will be emailed to accredited delegates prior to the Convention, however, request for printed copies of the Annual Report must be made in writing to the International Secretary-Treasurer (postmarked or electronically transmitted) not later than March 30th of the Convention year.

As we move closer to the June Convention information will be updated on our website (www.afm.org/convention). We will endeavor to communicate by email to those with email capability. We ask that email addresses be kept current through the office of IT Manager Walter Lopez at wlopez@afm.org.