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Dear SEAAI members, guests and supporters,

The 2019 annual CME meeting is rapidly approaching and I have recently returned from my site visit to the Omni Amelia Island Plantation Resort. Many of you no doubt recall previous meetings held there. I am pleased to report that substantial renovations have transpired, most notably in the pool area which now features two large pools and a spacious deck area replete with oasis. Another pleasant finding is the doughnut wall adjacent to the lobby stocked each morning. Bon Appetit!

The meeting will commence Thursday evening with a reception at the Sunrise restaurant featuring lovely views of the beach and Atlantic Ocean. The meeting rooms, registration, product theater rooms, exhibit hall are all in very close proximity located in the 8 Flags Conference Center (named for the Flags which have flown over Florida for you history buffs). I am grateful to Tracy Douglas from the Omni for her thoughtfulness and attention to detail in making the arrangements.

The usual resort amenities are present including sun, surf, golf, bicycling, kayaking, paddle boarding, etc. Those activities notwithstanding, might I be so bold as to suggest that you spend some time nearby in the historic town of Fernandina Beach. It is lovely for strolling and is replete with watering holes, restaurants and live music. We ate at the Salty Pelican and Timoti's, both of which I would recommend. The Green Turtle has live bands on the porch and a ping pong table in the courtyard. The Palace Saloon is reported to be the oldest continuously operating such establishment in Florida. One never knows what or whom may be encountered in Fernandina – a few weeks ago Mick Jagger dined at España Tapas Restaurant.

As always, I am grateful to the members for your continued confidence, and to my friend Jean Owen for her expert guidance and assistance.

Sincerely,



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