



Upcoming Conference News

CPC Update

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Did you know that Pittsburgh, with 731 bridges within its city limits, has the most bridges of any city in the world? So, it only makes sense if you want to build a bridge—Pittsburgh is the place to be. NASIG members will be “Building Bridges: Connecting the Information Community” at the 34th annual conference, Wednesday, June 5–Saturday, June 9, 2019, in Pittsburgh.

The conference will be held at the [Omni William Penn Hotel](#), a historic landmark and one of the city’s premier hotels for more than a century.

We are fortunate to be able to offer a very competitive rate for the hotel. Work is continuing on the selection of the opening speaker. The opening session will be held on Wednesday, June 5, in the beautiful Grand Ballroom. All the potential speakers are dynamic and well-regarded Pittsburgh history experts. Once the speaker has been confirmed examples of their presentations will be shared.

The opening reception will be held in the Ballroom and the adjacent Urban Room. By hosting the event at the hotel, we hope that this will make the end of the day more relaxing for the many attendees traveling to Pittsburgh on Wednesday. The carnival-themed reception will feature entertainers and activities. The Grand Ballroom, located on the 17th floor, offers great views of the city. The Urban Room, a 1920s ultra-modern art deco night club, was designed by Joseph Urban, the New York-based architect and set designer celebrated for his work with the Metropolitan Opera and the Ziegfeld Follies.

Planes, Trains, or Automobiles?

There are a variety of options to get to Pittsburgh—but you will have to cross a bridge or two. All domestic carriers and many of the newer budget carriers provide service to [Pittsburgh International Airport](#).

Transportation from the airport ranges from budget (\$2.75 on the Port Authority 28X Airport Flyer bus) to limousine service with everything in between. Once you are in the Golden Triangle (Downtown Pittsburgh), the light rail system, known as “the T,” is free to ride within Downtown and the North Shore. Amtrak provides service to Pittsburgh: the Pennsylvanian from the east and the Capitol Limited from the west. The Amtrak station is 3 blocks away from the conference hotel. Driving to Pittsburgh is relatively easy, and valet parking at the hotel is \$36 per day. The Mellon Square Garage directly across the street from the hotel is \$19 per day.

Pittsburgh is the City of Bridges. Bridges can connect different communities and can also strengthen and sustain existing relationships. NASIG is an organization

that strives to connect members of the information community and to support those relationships. Plan on coming to Pittsburgh to build a bridge, or shore up an existing one, while you learn, network, and have some fun. Please check back often to the conference website to learn more about local events, opportunities, and other information. Look for early-bird registration sometime after the new year.