



The 2020 International Board of Directors Meeting (IBOD) is around the corner! As we embrace our 2020 Motto, of “Empower YOU,” we will once again have a speaker for this meeting. This year’s speaker will discuss “personal branding” and how that relates to both our personal and professional lives. Our focus will continue to be to provide training to our leaders at these meetings. Please plan on engaging in some fun as we learn more on our “personal brand.” Please plan on staying until Saturday morning so that you can network with fellow leaders and are able to take in all that this IBOD has to offer. Because of our continued training at the IBOD, we are encouraging you to invite your Vice President to join the meeting, too. This will be a great opportunity for them to take away skills as a leader and individually.

The official meeting will be held at the Porter Portland, Curio Collection by Hilton in Portland, Oregon and is scheduled to begin at 8:00am on Friday, April 17 with the IBOD Meeting followed by our Board dinner at 5:30pm. The IBOD meeting is scheduled from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., so please plan to stay for the full meeting and dinner, with departures on Saturday, April 18.

When booking your travel, we encourage you to make plans to come in a little early to attend the Portland Chapter Industry Dinner that will take place in conjunction with the meeting. The dinner is scheduled for Thursday, April 16 and will be held at the Porter Portland. The cost of the dinner is \$100.

If you are coming in early, come join me and other members of the Executive Board for a hike. We will leave the hotel at 9am on Thursday, April 16 and travel 45 minutes from downtown Portland into the beautiful Cascade Mountains. Once in the mountains we will hike around the mountains, amongst the amazing Douglas Fir trees and see sites like the Multnomah Falls and the Columbia River. We will hike for about 2 hours and then have lunch together at the Skamania Lodge Resort, before returning. Lunch is on your own, but AWMI will provide the transportation. We will return to the hotel by 2pm so everyone has time to get ready for the President’s meeting and Portland Chapter dinner. I hope you will join us.

I will once again host an informal gathering of President’s and Vice Presidents, during the upcoming IBOD. The get-together will take place in my suite at 3:00pm to 4:30pm on Thursday, April 16. The purpose of the get-together is to have open dialog about subjects that will help you grow as leaders. It is very causal and is an open forum. Please check the box that you will attend.

The Porter Portland is located Portland's Fountain District, with a sleek design inspired by the nearby waterside. We're at the heart of downtown, two blocks from both the Keller Auditorium and Tom McCall Waterfront Park. Unwind in our full-service Meditation Spa and fitness center and enjoy delicious bites at our rooftop restaurant. Please make your hotel reservation directly with the hotel:

**The Porter Portland**

1355 SW 2nd Ave ❖ Portland, Oregon 97201

Room Reservations: (503) 306-4800

Toll-Free: 800-446-6677

Click [HERE](#) to book your hotel reservation

When booking your hotel reservation, be sure to identify yourself as part of the “AWMI” group to secure our special room rate of \$199/night (plus applicable taxes) for single/double occupancy. The AWMI discounted room rate is offered



the dates of April 12 - April 22, 2020 - based on availability. Check-in is at 3:00 PM / Check-out is at 12:00 PM. Hotel reservations must be made before the **Sunday, March 15, 2020 deadline to receive AWMI's group rate.**

To assist us in preparing for this meeting, please register online via the link provided in the email below or you may complete the attached registration form and return it by fax to 856-423-3420, no later than March 20, 2020. Please remember to send your registration fee to AWMI Headquarters prior to the meeting.

For more detailed information regarding the hotel, schedule of events, and optional events please visit the following page of the AWMI website: <http://www.awmi.org/events/2020IBODMeeting>. You **must login to your AWMI account first** to be able to view this page, for we have moved it behind a private firewall on the website.

Board books will be distributed with the agenda and discussion materials by email prior to the meeting.

In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact myself, Haley or Arianna with any questions regarding the meeting. We look forward to welcoming you to Portland!

~ Sonya