



COMPANION PROGRAM
50TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & CONFERENCE
APRIL 18 - 21, 2012

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18	
5:00 - 5:15 pm	Depart for Welcoming Reception; guides will accompany you on a 5-minute walk from the Westin hotel to Ottawa City Hall.
5:30 – 7:00 pm	Welcoming Reception Hosted by City of Ottawa Mayor Jim Watson Ottawa City Hall
7:00 – 9:00 pm	<p style="text-align: center;">Dine-Around Program</p> Visit one of downtown Ottawa’s many great restaurants and enjoy discounts with the Ottawa Delegate Insider Badge that each delegate will receive.
THURSDAY, APRIL 19	
7:30 – 8:30 am	Hot Buffet Breakfast
8:30 – 9:30 am	Official Opening Ceremonies
9:30 am	<p style="text-align: center;">Bus departs Westin Hotel for Rideau Hall, residence of the Governor General of Canada</p> Rideau Hall, built in 1838, has been the official residence and workplace of the Queen's representative to Canada since 1867. Participants will enjoy a 45-minute guided tour of the residence and will have some time at the end to visit the gardens if they wish (optional and weather permitting). <i>Note: There will be a short walk from the bus to the residence; all visitors must go through a metal detector and bags will be visually searched by a security agent. It is recommended that visitors leave backpacks or personal effects on the bus. Cameras, video recorders, backpacks and large bags are not permitted in the residence.</i>
11:15 am	<p style="text-align: center;">Guided bus tour of Rockcliffe Park</p> The “Village of Rockcliffe Park Heritage Conservation District” in the City of Ottawa received heritage designation in 1998 and is home to Stornoway, residence of the Leader of Canada’s Official Opposition, as well as many embassies and beautiful private homes.
12:00 pm	<p style="text-align: center;">Lunch at Signatures Restaurant, Le Cordon Bleu Paris</p> Located in historic Munross mansion just steps from the Rideau River, Le Cordon Bleu Bistro @ Signatures offers exceptional cuisine in a unique setting, showcasing local seasonal ingredients with bold creativity and artistic presentations. Le Cordon Bleu Ottawa Culinary Arts Institute is the only Canadian campus of Le Cordon Bleu Paris cooking school.
2:00 pm	<p style="text-align: center;">Tour of Parliament Building</p> After traveling by bus from lunch to the Parliament Buildings of Canada, you will have a 45-minute guided tour. <i>Note: You will need proper photo identification to go through security.</i>
3:00 pm	Walk 5 minutes back to the Westin Hotel



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5:15 – 5:45 pm	Buses depart Westin Hotel for Canadian War Museum
6:00 – 9:30 pm	<p style="text-align: center;">Host Board Night - Evening at the Canadian War Museum</p> Delegates and companions will have an opportunity to self-tour some of the exhibits in Canada's national War Museum, followed by dinner and entertainment.
9:30 pm	Buses return to Westin Hotel
FRIDAY, APRIL 20	
8:00 – 9:00 am	Hot Buffet Breakfast
9:15 am	Bus departs Westin Hotel
10:00 am	<p style="text-align: center;">Tour of the Diefenbunker Cold War Museum</p> The Diefenbunker has been named Canada's most significant Cold War site. This National Historic Site of Canada is an underground nuclear bunker built in secrecy during the height of the Cold War between 1959 and 1961, to house the top officials of the government and military during the risk of nuclear attack. You will have a 60-minute guided tour of the entire facility, four stories underground, including the Prime Minister's suite, the War Cabinet Room, the CBC Radio studio, the Bank of Canada vault, and the Emergency Government Situation Centre.
11:30 am	<p style="text-align: center;">Lunch at Restaurant International</p> Restaurant International is the Algonquin College School of Hospitality's teaching restaurant. Menus are created by culinary students and service is delivered by students of the hospitality program.
1:00 pm	<p style="text-align: center;">Visit to the OPS Professional Development Centre</p> Algonquin College is also home to the Ottawa Police Service's training centre. Your visit will include demonstrations and a tour of the more interesting areas of the Professional Development.
2:30 pm	Return by bus to the Westin Hotel
5:30 – 6:00 pm	OAPSB President's Reception
6:00 – 11:00 pm	OAPSB President's Gala Banquet Dinner & Dance
SATURDAY, APRIL 21	
8:00 – 9:00 am	Continental Breakfast

*** PLEASE NOTE:** There is a **55 person limit** for the Companion Program, so please register early to ensure your spot in the program (first come, first served).