

Pacific Region Members,

I hope everyone was able to attend IMEC. I was unable due to my workload and commitments. I know how many went to New Orleans by the number of photos of Crawfish in their Bloody Mary's I received. I have spoken to many surveyors that had to pick between attending meetings or paying their mortgage. I recognize this and am trying to pick venues for the Pacific Regional that are educational, inexpensive, meet our needs and are enjoyable to attend.

I'm currently fielding about 4 calls a week on the date and whereabouts of the Pacific Regional Meeting. Planning has been underway for almost 6 months already for our Pacific Regional meeting. At this time, pencil in the **19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of February 2025** and the location for the meeting will be in the Everett Region of Washington state. The exact location is currently being negotiated. We tried to make it coinciding with the Seattle boat show but traveling for those not attending the show would be flying in on Super Bowl Sunday. That would have been a no starter for many.

If we get the venue I'm working on, it will have great hotel amenities, great restaurants, great shopping and you will be encouraged to bring your spouse. All at a reasonable price.

1. I'm working on a few activities, first being the arrival ice breaker pizza party to socialize the night before the meeting.
2. I'm going to try and arrange a spouse brunch the 19th followed by a local day trip (TBD).

There were several spouses at the last regional that just hung out at the hotel. Our spouses are an important part of our business. SAMS® is a family. Let's make it inviting to travel and attend the meetings. Rhea does a great job supporting spouses at IMEC. Why are we not doing it at Regionals? Happy spouse, happy life.

Now is your chance to let me know if there is a certain speaker, topic or event that you feel is either important to our industry or a topic that may have a specific interest to our group. Please let me know asap.

For all the SA's out there, if you plan of upgrading to AMS, let's start the discussion now. Don't wait till a week before the meeting. That's not going to benefit anyone, especially the head office and the testing VP.

SA's, I highly encourage attending at least an IMEC or a Regional meeting every year. The knowledge gained is very important to your mandatory ethic credits needed to upgrade, your professional growth and team building in the industry. If you haven't noticed so far or know me, that's a topic I like to encourage: Team Building and Networking with other surveyors and industry partners.

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