

**Some Things you Might Not Know About Why We Have MSHA Conferences
Where We Do
And MSHA Conference in 2020: Your Questions and Answers**

Thanks to all of you who responded to our recent email survey about hosting the 2020 MSHA Conference at the *MotorCity Hotel* in Detroit. We received about a 25% response from our members and some really good questions were asked. The majority of you said YES to meeting in Detroit in 2020 and we are negotiating now, so thank you!

Here are some of your questions which are not only about the 2020 conference, but about MSHA conferences in general.

Q: Will we have discounted sleeping room rates at this hotel?

A: *Yes! We always have discounted rates for our guests at the hotels we choose for MSHA Conferences. Your individual room cost at MotorCity Hotel will be \$149.00, which is very close to what we pay at other hotels. And we negotiate reduced rental space by agreeing to fill our block of hotel rooms, which is why it is always preferable that our members stay on site. If we don't fill our block, then we get charged higher costs for meeting room rentals.*

Q: Parking availability and cost are important to me. What are our options?

A: *Free valet and self-parking for all those who attend the 2020 MSHA Conference at MotorCity, regardless of whether you are staying at the hotel. Vehicles are stored onsite in a secure parking garage. MotorCity is easy to drive to and easy to park at.*

Q: What about the Wifi Rates?

A: *Free at MotorCity for all MSHA Conference attendees regardless of whether they're staying at the hotel.*

Q: Why don't we go to upper Michigan for MSHA, like Grand Traverse Resort?

A: *We have found that MSHA members will not drive to northern parts of Michigan in March. We would not have a large enough attendance to justify the expense of the MSHA Conference, as in meeting room costs, AV, food, and all the costs associated with a MSHA Conference.*

Q: Why don't you meet more often in Grand Rapids?

A: *The costs of hosting in Grand Rapids are simply too high. We met there in 2016 and though we had a wonderful conference, it was very expensive for our members. A big complaint from our attendees was the cost of parking at \$27/day We will continue to look at hotels in Grand Rapids for future conferences to find better deals because it is such a wonderful city.*

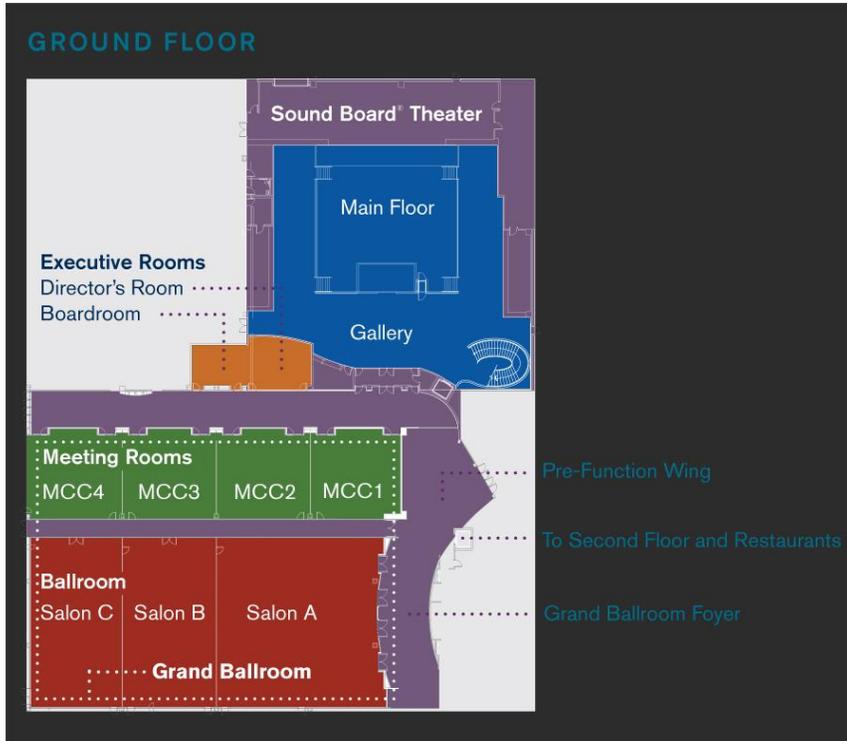
Q: Why don't we meet in Macomb or Oakland County? What about Ann Arbor?

A: *Macomb County has no hotel that could accommodate us, and we did meet at the Troy Marriott in 2017. We may go back though we were very crowded there in our meeting rooms. We have also looked at hotels in Dearborn but we were very crowded last time we met at The Henry Hotel. There is no hotel in Ann Arbor that can accommodate our meeting space needs. Hotel costs are much higher in downtown Detroit, but MotorCity is offering some great options for us which is why we are considering it for 2020.*

Q: I am concerned about second-hand smoke at MotorCity.

A: *At our site visit there last week, we were impressed with how clean the air was. In addition to their new air filtration technology, the smoke free conference center as well as the smoke free hotel rooms are located on different*

floors than the casino. For MotorCity, you could drive in, park your car, walk straight into the hotel and/or convention center, for the MSHA Conference, and not be near the casino or smell smoke. Please see layout below.



Q: Will we have good places to eat during the day if we don't go to the MSHA Luncheons? And what about at night?

A: *Yes there are so many dining options at MotorCity and they are reasonably priced. Conveniently located One floor above the convention center you'll find offerings such as the award-winning Assembly Line Buffet, Grand River Deli & Burgers, The Lodge Diner (open 24 hours), Little Caesars and Sweet Ride Coffee. And if you do want to venture out, the city of Detroit is experiencing an amazing transformation and great restaurants are everywhere! We always work with the local CVB (Convention and Visitor Bureau) to make it easy for our members to know what the local options are. And we've arranged shuttle buses too so that our members can easily get out and about when they may not want to drive. That feature was a big hit at the Troy Marriott.*