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Upcoming Conference News

CPC Update

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Planning for the 33rd annual NASIG conference, "Transforming the Information Community," is well underway. As CPC co-chairs, we were fortunate to be able to spend a few days at the end of September at the conference hotel, the Grand Hyatt Atlanta in Buckhead, and to visit the Buckhead area of Atlanta. The conference and guest room spaces promise to be well-suited to the needs of our attendees and programming. The area offers an extensive selection of eateries and shops within easy walking distance. The experiences of all of us in Buckhead for the Executive Board meeting was very, very positive.

Currently, we are gathering information for an opening reception on Friday evening, with plans to highlight the

rich history of Atlanta. From its beginnings as a railroad terminus, to its burning and rise from the ashes of the American Civil War, to its central role in the civil rights movement, to its recognition today as a city poised to become a tech mecca, Atlanta is indeed wrapped in a rich history.

Getting to the Grand Hyatt from the HartsfieldJackson Airport proved to be quite easy, even for those of us not well-versed in the intricacies of public transportation. The MARTA station is directly accessible from the baggage claim area of the airport and provides an easy commute to the Buckhead station just a couple of blocks from the conference hotel, and at \$3.50 each way you can't beat the cost. Uber and shared rides were also reported to be easy and affordable.

Speaking of affordable, you have hopefully seen the <u>announcement</u> that registration rates for the 2018 conference are unchanged from the previous two years and the conference hotel guest room rate is very competitive.

As NASIG continues to work toward transforming the information community, Atlanta as a city that has transformed itself, is an ideal setting. Come to learn, envision and shape the future, network with colleagues and leave with a feeling of enrichment in both your professional and personal outlook. The conference website will continue to be updated with information about local events, opportunities, and venues, so check back often. Hopefully we will see your name when early bird registration opens in late January or early February.