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### 2009 Meeting Information Central Plant Board 85th Annual Meeting March 1-5, 2009 • Des Moines, Iowa

#### Registration:

- Registration fee is \$150 if registered before February 18, and \$175 February 19<sup>th</sup> and after. Please PRE-REGISTER before the February 18 deadline, to assist the planning committee gauge attendance and fill the hotel contract. If the contract cannot be filled, the host state may have to request that the contract be renegotiated... help us avoid that sticky situation!
- Please pay cash or make checks payable to **Central Plant Board**. Credit cards not accepted.
- Single day (\$35) registration and banquet-only (\$25) options are available for those who cannot attend the entire meeting.

#### Accommodations:

- Please request the **2009 Annual Central Plant Board Meeting** group block when reserving your hotel room.
- Hotel room block cutoff is Friday, February 6, 2009.
- Room rate is \$79/night + 12% tax.
- <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/dsmwd-west-des-moines-marriott/> [Recently discovered HINT: Don't use the website to attempt to reserve your room – you WILL have struggle and never overcome.]

#### Hotel Transportation:

The hotel provides a courtesy shuttle to, and from, the airport.

#### Banquet:

The Machine Shed Restaurant! <http://www.machineshed.com>. The restaurant's five-word constitution says it all: "*Dedicated to the American Farmer*". The speaker is Dr. Paul Lasley, Iowa State University Professor and Chair of Departments of Sociology and Anthropology. Dr. Lasley's sharp wit and breadth of knowledge makes you forget you're learning something while you're laughing. <http://www.las.iastate.edu/newnews/lasley1021.shtml>

#### Tour:

We are touring the USDA-APHIS-NADC (*National Animal Disease Center*)/VS (*Veterinary Services*), in Ames, Iowa. When it comes to containment, these folks wrote the book! The new ultra-containment facility \*may\* be open by then, allowing participants to see the latest in containment safeguards.

#### Door Prizes:

Spread the joy with donations of door prizes from your state or agency!

#### Typical Weather:

High temperatures are in the mid-40's and lows in the upper 20's. Random blizzards as well as sunny days are common.