



**2011 ASSM Annual Meeting
Philadelphia Sofitel
120 South 17th Street, Philadelphia
April 20-23, 2012**

Nuts and Bolts

Who is invited to attend? All members of the Association of State Supervisors of Mathematics.

What is the cost? Members pay a small membership fee and a conference fee, in addition to their travel and lodging at the conference hotel .

Where are the meetings? All events/meetings will be at the Philadelphia Sofitel.

When can we register? Registration is from 4:00-5:00 pm on Friday, April 20 and will reopen at 8:00 am on Saturday.

What if I'm a new member? An orientation for newcomers is scheduled from 2:30-4:00 on Friday. This is a terrific opportunity for new members to learn about the organization, meet the ASSM Board, and begin networking prior to the start of the Annual Meeting. New members are highly encouraged to make travel arrangements to arrive at the hotel by early afternoon.

When do we attend ASSM? All members should plan to participate in all events. The meeting will begin with a keynote speaker on Friday, April 20, followed by a networking reception where heavy hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be provided. Breakfast begins each day at 7:30 am. Sessions start upon conclusion of breakfast and end around 4:45 pm. Dinner starts at 6:30 pm each day. Our agenda ends with lunch at noon on Monday. Please note that the breakfast, lunch, and dinner are provided by our sponsors and often include a speaker on a topic of interest to members and are considered part of the meeting agenda. Many ASSM members stay for the annual meetings of NCSM, the NCTM Research Pre-Session, and/or NCTM that same week.

What do we wear?

Attire is anything from business casual to suits. We do a great deal of sitting, so comfortable is encouraged. Many take the opportunity to dress up a little more for the dinners or dress down when using the workout facilities or going for walks and/or sightseeing. You may wish to pack an umbrella.

What does it mean that the meals are sponsored by various companies?

In doing our job, we frequently interact with a variety of publishing companies as well as companies that provide the tools of our trade. Many of these companies take the opportunity to provide a meal or break to us as thanks for the relationships built and as a chance to let us know of new products. These are not sales meetings with a captured audience.

What do we need to bring with us?

A notebook may be helpful. Internet access will be available in the hotel rooms and limited access will be available in the meeting rooms. Throughout the sessions books and materials are given, so extra space in the suitcase to get it all home is very helpful!