



Dear Neurosurgical Society of Alabama Members,

I am pleased to announce that we have selected a site and date for our 2013 Annual Meeting. The meeting will **be held Friday, May 31 – Sunday, June 2, 2013 at Portofino Island Resort** (<http://www.portofinoisland.com/>) on Pensacola Beach. Portofino Island is situated on 28 beautiful acres in Pensacola Beach between the Gulf of Mexico and Santa Rosa Sound. It is Pensacola's premier resort destination. Here are a few things of note:



Accommodations:

The resort features more than 300 two and three bedroom luxurious condos. Each are equipped with a full kitchen, spacious bedrooms with their own baths, washer and dryer, outdoor grill, complimentary wifi, and a balcony with views of the water.



Resort Activities:

The resort also offers an array of beach and water activities (kayaks, paddleboards, wave runners, boogie boards, etc), 6 tennis courts, Spa-Portofino, 2 on site restaurants, beach volleyball, an outdoor and indoor pool, fitness center, and much more. **All attendees of the NSA meeting will enjoy the benefits of a premier guest which include:** complimentary beach chairs and umbrella set up daily per condo, complimentary daily fitness center access to all group attendees, one complimentary round of golf at any of the four Emerald Coast golf trail courses each day per condo, complimentary use of non-motorized sports (kayaks, paddle boards, bicycles, etc), complimentary dolphin and sunset cruises, and 15% off food and beverage at the resort, adventure beach, and select restaurants on the boardwalk, and much more.



Scientific Meeting:

This resort has beautiful yet *unconventional* meeting space. Please come to the meeting in casual comfortable attire (khaki shorts, golf shirts, etc.). While this may not be your traditional conference center, we assure you that it will be conducive to learning.



NSA Social Events:

We are planning some exciting social events for all meeting attendees and their families. We will kick off the meeting on Friday evening with a Welcome Reception in our exhibit hall. Saturday night we are planning a great party! We will start off with a sunset cruise to the Pensacola Boardwalk followed by a private dinner at Laguna's Bar & Grill. Again, this will be appropriate for all family members to attend and is sure to be the social highlight of the weekend.

As we start to get the planning under way, I will update everyone on a more specific agenda, registration fees, and plans. The NSA Board of Directors has a goal to make this our best meeting to date and move forward to many years of successful meetings. **Please mark your calendars now and make plans to attend.**

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