



State Bar of Georgia

Why State Bar Annual Meetings are Held Outside of Georgia

Some people have questioned why the State Bar of Georgia holds its Annual Meeting outside of Georgia. It is not that the officers just want to take the meetings out of state; rather, there are several practical reasons for this decision.

The three primary factors are:

1. The required number of hotel rooms (425+) and amount of meeting space (50,000+ square feet)
2. Members' preference for a beach location
3. Members' preference to stay at the host hotel as opposed to multiple hotels

Many hotels in Atlanta can meet factors 1 and 3. Since most attendees commute to meetings in Atlanta, our challenge is the meeting space and hotel charges rather than the number of sleeping rooms. We are not an attractive group to those hotels due to the small number of rooms we use.

The only non-metro Atlanta hotel that can come close to meeting all three factors is the Westin in Savannah. It has 403 rooms and 35,000 square feet of meeting space. The adjoining Savannah International Trade & Convention Center adds 250,000 square feet, but presents contract challenges because it is not owned by the Westin. The two owners have conflicting needs and we cannot meet both.

Other Georgia properties that can accommodate Board of Governors' and smaller meetings are:

Smaller Hotels (Under 200 rooms)

- Barnsley Gardens | Adairsville | Guest Rooms—87 | Total Meeting Space—8,000 sq. ft.
- Brasstown Valley Resort | Young Harris | Guest Rooms—135 | Total Meeting Space—14,298 sq. ft.
- Hilton Garden Inn | Athens | Guest Rooms—185 | Total Meeting Space—4,100 sq. ft
- Hyatt Place Athens | Guest Rooms—190 | Total Meeting Space—14,298 sq. ft.
- Jekyll Island Club Hotel | Guest Rooms—157 | Total Meeting Space—15,000 sq. ft.
- King & Prince | St. Simons Island | Guest Rooms—198 | Total Meeting Space—10,000 sq. ft
- Marietta Hotel & Convention Center | Guest Rooms—198 | Total Meeting Space—26,000 sq. ft
- The Candler Hotel Atlanta | Guest Rooms—265 | Total Meeting Space—6,000 sq. ft.
- The Cloister | St. Simons Island | Guest Rooms—175 | Total Meeting Space—17,000 sq. ft
- The Ridges Resort on Lake Chatuge | Young Harris | Guest Rooms—66 | Total Meeting Space—8,000 sq. ft.

Larger Hotels (200 rooms or more and more than 10,000 sq. ft. of meeting space)

- Atlanta Airport Marriott Gateway | Guest Rooms—403 | Total Meeting Space—31,964 sq. ft.
- Atlanta Evergreen Lakeside Resort | Guest Rooms—336 | Total Meeting Space—64,302 sq. ft.
- Atlanta Marriott Alpharetta | Guest Rooms—318 | Total Meeting Space—10,642 sq. ft.
- Atlanta Marriott Buckhead Hotel & Conference Center | Guest Rooms—352 | Total Meeting Space—28,266 sq. ft.
- Atlanta Marriott Marquis | 1,663 Guest Rooms— | Total Meeting Space—162,526 sq. ft.
- Atlanta Marriott Northeast/Emory Area | Guest Rooms—294 | Total Meeting Space—18,877 sq. ft.
- Atlanta Marriott Northwest at Galleria | Guest Rooms—400 | Total Meeting Space—23,437 sq. ft.
- Atlanta Marriott Perimeter Center | Guest Rooms—344 | Total Meeting Space—19,837 sq. ft.
- Chateau Elan Winery & Resort | Guest Rooms—300 | Total Meeting Space—50,000 sq. ft.
- Cloudland at McLeMores Resort | Curio Collection by Hilton | Guest Rooms—245 | Total Meeting Space—20,000 sq. ft.
- Courtland Grand Hotel | Trademark Collection by Wyndham | 763 sleeping rooms | 99,760 sq. ft. meeting space:
- Crowne Plaza Atlanta Midtown | Guest Rooms—360 | Total Meeting Space—31,000 sq. ft.
- Crowne Plaza Atlanta Perimeter at Ravinia | Guest Rooms—495 | Total Meeting Space—32,000 sq. ft.
- Crowne Plaza Atlanta SW - Peachtree City | Guest Rooms—236 | Total Meeting Space—57,000 sq. ft.
- Emory Conference Center Hotel | Guest Rooms—325 | Total Meeting Space—32,000 sq. ft.
- Four Seasons Hotel Atlanta | Guest Rooms—244 | Total Meeting Space—17,436 sq. ft.
- Georgia Tech Hotel & Conference Center | Guest Rooms—252 | Total Meeting Space—21,000 sq. ft.
- Grand Hyatt Atlanta Inn Buckhead | 439 sleeping rooms | 42,000 sq. ft. meeting space:
- Hilton Atlanta Airport | Guest Rooms—510 | Total Meeting Space—34,000 sq. ft.
- Hilton Atlanta Northeast | Guest Rooms—271 | Total Meeting Space—20,000 sq. ft.
- Hilton Atlanta | Guest Rooms—1,249 | Total Meeting Space—131,730 sq. ft.
- Hilton Atlanta/Marietta Hotel & Conference Center | Guest Rooms—200 | Total Meeting Space—25,000 sq. ft.
- Hilton Peachtree City Atlanta Hotel & Conference Center | Guest Rooms—250 | Total Meeting Space—31,431 sq. ft.
- Hotel Colee | Atlanta Buckhead | Guest Rooms—291 | Total Meeting Space—13,249 sq. ft.
- Hotel Indigo Atlanta Downtown | Guest Rooms—206 | Total Meeting Space—50,000 sq. ft.
- Hyatt Regency Atlanta | Guest Rooms—1,260 | Total Meeting Space—181,173 sq. ft.
- InterContinental Buckhead Atlanta | Guest Rooms—422 | Total Meeting Space—35,000 sq. ft.

- JW Marriott Atlanta Buckhead | Guest Rooms—371 | Total Meeting Space—28,610 sq. ft.
- Lanier Islands Legacy Lodge | Guest Rooms—282 | Total Meeting Space—25,000 sq. ft.
- Le Meridien Atlanta Perimeter | Guest Rooms—275 | Total Meeting Space—10,379 sq. ft.
- Loews Atlanta Hotel | Guest Rooms—414 | Total Meeting Space—44,800 sq. ft.
- Omni Atlanta Hotel at Centennial Park | Guest Rooms—1,067 | Total Meeting Space—120,000 sq. ft.
- Omni Hotel at The Battery Atlanta | Guest Rooms—264 | Total Meeting Space—21,487 sq. ft.
- Renaissance Atlanta Airport Gateway Hotel | Guest Rooms—204 | Total Meeting Space—12,801 sq. ft.
- Renaissance Atlanta Waverly Hotel & Convention Center | Guest Rooms—522 | Total Meeting Space—65,964 sq. ft.
- Renaissance Concourse Atlanta Airport Hotel | Guest Rooms—387 | Total Meeting Space—34,839 sq. ft.
- Signia by Hilton Atlanta Georgia World Congress Center | Guest Rooms—976 | Total Meeting Space—130,000 sq. ft.
- Sonesta Atlanta Airport North | Guest Rooms—378 | Total Meeting Space—18,000 sq. ft.
- Sonesta Atlanta Northwest Galleria | Guest Rooms—300 | Total Meeting Space—12,000 sq. ft.
- Sonesta ES Suites Gwinnett Place Atlanta | Guest Rooms—300 | Total Meeting Space—22,000 sq. ft.
- Sonesta Gwinnett Place Atlanta | Guest Rooms—300 | Total Meeting Space—20,000 sq. ft.
- The Georgian Terrace Hotel | Guest Rooms—326 | Total Meeting Space—16,000 sq. ft.
- The Hotel at Avalon | Autograph Collection | Guest Rooms—330 | Total Meeting Space—35,139 sq. ft.
- The Ritz-Carlton | Atlanta | Guest Rooms—444 | Total Meeting Space—18,076 sq. ft.
- The Ritz Carlton at Lake Oconee | Greensboro | Guest Rooms—251 | Total Meeting Space—15,000 sq. ft.
- The Starling Atlanta Midtown | Guest Rooms—466 | Total Meeting Space—43,869 sq. ft.
- The Westin Atlanta Airport | Guest Rooms—500 | Total Meeting Space—25,000 sq. ft.
- The Westin Atlanta Gwinnett | Guest Rooms—348 | Total Meeting Space—17,657 sq. ft.
- The Westin Atlanta Perimeter North | Guest Rooms—372 | Total Meeting Space—20,000 sq. ft.
- The Westin Buckhead Atlanta | Guest Rooms—365 | Total Meeting Space—33,276 sq. ft.
- The Westin Peachtree Plaza | Atlanta Guest Rooms—1,073 | Total Meeting Space—84,179 sq. ft.
- The Westin Savannah Harbor Golf Resort & Spa | Guest Rooms—403 | Total Meeting Space—136,816 sq. ft.
- The Whitley | A Marriott Luxury Collection Hotel | Atlanta Buckhead | Guest Rooms—507 | Total Meeting Space—28,340 sq. ft.
- W Atlanta – Downtown | Guest Rooms—237 | Total Meeting Space—11,553 sq. ft.

While the State Bar's Midyear Meeting is typically held in Atlanta or Savannah, we hope that new development in the future will offer us a good **Georgia** location for our Annual Meeting that is favored by our members.