



40th Annual ISA Conference

24-26 April 2018: Renaissance Las Vegas Hotel

Welcome back to Las Vegas, the site of the first, the 20th, and now our 40th conference! Join us as we honor our charter members and celebrate our unique history of support, friendship and financial aid for female airline pilots around the world, We've come a long way in 40 years and we hope you will join us for this incredible milestone

After our survey feedback from 2016 we are trying a late April conference this year. which should allow more members to bid a schedule allowing them to attend the conference between trips. We HOPE! That being said, Las Vegas is a very popular destination, served by many carriers, with FULL planes. Give yourselves some back-ups, be flexible, and keep your sense of humor! (Personally, I'm buying a ticket.)

April weather in Las Vegas is fabulous! Average high temperatures are 80F/27C with lows averaging 58F/14C and with sunny skies. Not too hot, not too cold—just right! Light layers are the way to go. **For our business meeting and group photo on Wednesday, remember to pack your uniform, including your jacket. Hats are not required.** If you have an ISA pin, please bring it and wear it proudly, especially when you're en route to the conference. What a lovely way to meet fellow ISA members who are also traveling to Las Vegas! For those who don't have an ISA pin, a few will be available at the business meeting. Lastly, bring your bling! The Welcome Reception on Tuesday night is a rare chance to dress up and shine. You cannot overdress; I dare you!

Karol Welling, Conference Chair



HAS IT REALLY BEEN FORTY YEARS? IT SEEMS LIKE YESTERDAY!



Please join us in Las Vegas for a wonderful trip down memory lane.

Uniforms are worn at the business meeting and for the group photo.



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THE RENAISSANCE LAS VEGAS HOTEL

The Renaissance Las Vegas Hotel, a Marriott property, is a dramatic departure from traditional Las Vegas hotels, offering a cool, boutique environment with luxurious amenities. Located blocks from the famous Las Vegas Strip and adjacent to the Convention Center, this 4 Diamond non-gaming, smoke-free hotel is the largest of its kind in the area. It has a sleek modern style, deluxe accommodations and exceptional service. **Our contracted room rate is \$199 plus the Clark County Occupancy Tax, which is 13.38% as of 1 March 2017 (\$26.63). There is an additional \$25 fee for triple or quad occupancy.** The hotel reservation link only accepts double occupancy, so anything more will need to be arranged at check-in. Hotel check-in is at 3pm and checkout at noon. The hotel will store baggage at no cost, based on availability. **Their cancellation policy requires 72 hours advance notice or you will be charged for the first night.**

Although it still appears on the reservation link, they have waived the resort fee. **Be sure that this resort charge does NOT appear on your bill when you checkout.** All rooms come with complimentary Wi-Fi, access to the pool and fitness center, and one self-park parking space, *subject to availability*. Other daily parking fees: additional vehicle on-site parking \$35, valet parking \$45, and oversized vehicles \$60. The conference room rate also includes a 10% discount at the two restaurants in the hotel, Grill 55 and ENVY The Steakhouse.

[Hotel Booking Link](#)



Room tip: If doubles are gone for a certain night, you might have to make two reservations.

Now for the bad news: The majority of the rooms are king beds so if you require double beds you must book early! (Thursday night *doubles* are already booked.) They have 12 rollout beds, which they will provide at no charge on a first-come, first-served basis. *Please reserve your rooms at the Renaissance using the link provided above and online so we get credit for your stay. We need to fill our reserved block of rooms or ISA will have to pay the difference. THANK YOU!* Conversely, if we fill our block on any one night and you need a room, please contact me krw83@comcast.net and I'll try to get a room for you at our conference rate. **The cutoff date for getting the conference rate room reservations is April 2, 2018.**

TRANSPORTATION

The Renaissance Hotel is conveniently located near the Las Vegas Monorail (www.lvmonorail.com), specifically near the **Convention Center Station**. The Monorail is a clean, safe and comfortable way to navigate the Strip and all of the world-class restaurants and attractions located there.

McCarran International Airport (LAS) is served by 30 airlines. The Renaissance Hotel is 3.6 miles NE of the airport and does NOT provide shuttle service.

Estimated one way costs:

- Taxi fare: \$18
- Uber & Lyft: \$9
- Bus service, fee: \$2
- Shuttle service (fees vary)

Notes:

- Taxi—Some taxis will not accept credit card payments. Customers should notify the attendant if they plan to use a credit card for payment. There is a \$2.00 charge on all fares originating at the airport. The maximum number of passengers allowed in any taxi is five (5), including infants and children.
- Uber & Lyft—Follow signs for “Ride-Sharing” to find the pick-up points. They are located in the parking structures near each terminal, accessible one level up from baggage claim.
- Bus—The public bus serves both terminals. The ride takes 15-20 minutes and the stop nearest the hotel is Paradise at Desert Inn, just 0.2 miles (4 minutes walking) to the hotel. **[Airport Transport Route RTC web site.](#)**



ROOM MATES

Lynn Austin is once again volunteering to be our roommate coordinator. If you would like to be paired with someone to share room costs, contact Lynn at isaroomie@hotmail.com

WHATSAPP

ISA has a group conversation under ISWAP/ISA+21 with WhatsApp. If you would like to be added, please contact Maria Haddad at lilcad@gmail.com with your cell number.

CAPTAINS CLUB: Please contact Katherine Wallace (pictured right, with Brenda Robinette on her left) if you have not received your ISA+21 plaque to celebrate your captain status!
pilotkiwi@aol.com



REGISTRATION

The registration link is open on the ISA website for current ISA members. (If you have let your membership lapse, you will need to renew to access the members-only part of the site.) Go to www.iswap.org and sign in. Under the ISA logo and right of the HOME tab is ABOUT. The first option in the ABOUT drop down menu is Conferences. Click on that and you're there! All fees are in US dollars. Your registration fee covers the Tuesday night Welcome Reception, the Wednesday breakfast buffet, and Wednesday's luncheon. For registered ISA members, also included are the photographer's fee and an 8x10" group photo.

For those who can attend only the Tuesday night Welcome Reception and **NO OTHER CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES**, at the bottom of the registration link is an option for **Welcome Reception ONLY**. Those who elect this option may **NOT** attend any other conference function, including the business meeting, the luncheon, the Wednesday evening entertainment or the Thursday day tour. Members and their guests who are paying the full registration fee are helping to pay for all of the conference costs.

We are offering an early-bird discount of \$25 off during the month of February, after which **the full registration fee for the month of March will be \$275 for members and \$260 for guests**. Late registrations, on/after April 1st, will be \$325 for both members and guests, and will be accepted on a case-by-case basis. **PLEASE register online**. While we would love to have a large turnout, last-minute walk-up registration is **NOT** being offered. Refunds will be allowed until 2 April, but they must go through me (Karol Welling) and Diane Helly.

When you arrive at the hotel, check in at the front desk to get your room, then come up to the **VIP suite**. There you will check in for the conference (**10am—4pm**) and drop off any donations. We will have name tags for all conference attendees. **Please make sure your name, your preferred nickname, and your airline are all correct in the ISA membership directory, as this is where we get the information for your name tag. While you're updating that information, please update your photo as well. It is always nice to be able to put a name to face!**

Volunteers needed! Please consider volunteering to help with either conference check in or the silent auction/raffle. This is a great opportunity to meet your fellow ISA members. Many hands make light the work. Contact me (**Karol**) krw83@comcast.net with your availability and I'll set you up.



SILENT AUCTION/RAFFLE

Mary Bardon has run the Silent Auction and Raffle at our conferences for many years now and is eager to hand over the reins. One of her predecessors in this capacity, Tiana Daugherty, has volunteered to once again run the Silent Auction and Raffle (with Mary's help), if only for this conference. Both have served the membership extremely well, raising *THOUSANDS* for the scholarship fund over the years. We are hoping that some of our newer or younger members might be interested in volunteering to help with this endeavor, *especially* members who plan to go to Australia for next year's conference. **Anyone who is willing to assist them and perhaps shadow them this time, please contact Tiana (918) 851-4727 tianad777@aol.com or Mary (206) 246-1582 marymaxb@hotmail.com**

While we appreciate all donations, this year Tiana would like to scale back on the large volume of the more inexpensive items. She's hoping for more items worth at least \$25 versus so many \$5 items. This is NOT an opportunity to unload your used things, nor is this a consignment sale. **Remember your target audience and think of quality, not quantity, and more boutique, less flea market, please.** For example, thanks to Kathy McCullough, Delta Air Lines has generously donated \$1700 worth of main cabin tickets!

So that Tiana and Mary might have sufficient time to sort*, organize, price, transport and arrange the auction vignettes, please bring your donations, noting their estimated value, to the VIP suite as early as possible but **NO LATER than 2pm on Tuesday**. All donations made after that time may go into the Raffle and NOT the Silent Auction due to processing time. (*Tiana and Mary will determine which donations will be included in the Silent Auction and which will be offered as Raffle prizes. NO ARGUMENTS, LADIES! Please respect their decisions.) Those of you wishing to donate, who may not be able to comply with that deadline, are welcome to ship your donations ahead of time. Liana Hart, who lives in nearby Henderson, has graciously volunteered to accept your shipments. Please send to: Liana Hart, 1338 Chorus Street, Henderson, NV 89052. Thanks, Liana!

You may buy Raffle tickets up until noon on Wednesday, April 25th and find your winning tickets matched with your prizes after the luncheon. Any high dollar raffle winners will be announced. While cash and checks will be accepted for buying Raffle tickets, for the Silent Auction, our Treasurer, Diane Helly, prefers that you plan to pay for your Silent Auction winnings with a credit card. This makes her bookkeeping much easier. Checks will be accepted as a backup should any problems arise.



RAFFLE HACK: *Bring some small return address labels to put on your tickets and save yourself time (& a hand cramp) from writing your name on each of them. They're guaranteed to be legible, too! Toss some in your suitcase now so you don't forget.*

WELCOME RECEPTION



Dress up in your glitziest attire and mingle with your fellow ISA members and their guests. Reminisce on past conference experiences. Share your personal and professional achievements and struggles. Get advice from those who have “been there” and marvel at their stories. Meet and welcome new members. Enjoy the cocktails at the cash bar and the delectable spread (**basically a full dinner**) while perusing the many silent auction offerings. Remember to bid high and bid often as we raise money for our scholarship fund.

(Please note: No outside food or beverages permitted.)

For those who are joining us for **Tuesday night only**, and are not participating in any other conference activity, we are offering entrance to the Welcome Reception—buffet dinner. See the bottom of the registration link to sign up for this option. Please do not abuse this, or we cannot offer it in the future. Thank you.



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES



MONDAY

Dinner at **Pizza Rock** is the first stop. Born from the creative minds of three best friends: George Karpaty, Tony Gemignani, and Trevor Hewitt, Pizza Rock combines George's nightlife expertise (Ruby Skye, San Francisco) with Tony's pizza making expertise (twelve-time World Pizza Champion). **Pizza Rock is pizza artisan meets nightlife energy.** Not your traditional pizzeria, it features gourmet pizzas in a variety of styles, 23 rotating drafts, craft cocktails, and over 60 bottled and canned beer all served up in an artistic and energetic atmosphere.



The **Fremont Street Experience** (FSE) is a pedestrian and attraction in downtown Las Vegas. The FSE occupies the westernmost five blocks of Fremont Street, including the area known for years as "**Glitter Gulch**," and portions of some other adjacent streets.

The central attraction is a barrel vault canopy, 90 feet (27 meters) high at the peak and four blocks, or approximately 1,500 feet (460 meters) in length.

While Las Vegas is known for never turning the outside casino lights off, each show begins by turning off the lights on all of the buildings, including the casinos, under the canopy. Before each show, one bidirectional street that crosses the Experience is blocked off for safety reasons.

Concerts, usually free, are also held on three stages. The venue has become a major tourist attraction for downtown Las Vegas, and is also the location of the SlotZilla zip line attraction.



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HALP OUTING

(Helpers/guests of ISA+21 members)

While this outing is not set in stone, I propose that our conference guests take a guided tour of the Neon Museum on Wednesday morning while our members are attending the business meeting. The nearly two-acre campus includes an outdoor exhibition space, known as the Boneyard, which features more than 200 signs, eleven of which are restored. The Neon Museum visitors' center is located inside the historic La Concha Motel lobby. Transportation options from the hotel are cab, buses, and Uber/Lyft. The latter is faster than the buses and more economical than a cab (15 minutes/\$10, estimated, each way).

[The Neon Museum](#)

WEDNESDAY EVENING

\$150

We will ride the Monorail over to Harrah's for dinner and show. (Monorail tickets included)

Flavors is one of the most diverse Las Vegas buffets on the Strip. Offering more tastes in one place than any other Las Vegas buffet, *Flavors* represents worldwide cuisines including Churrasco (Brazilian BBQ), sumptuous pizzas and Italian casseroles prepared in a wood-burning oven, as well as fire-roasted rotisserie chicken, succulent shrimp, mouth watering crab legs and tasty Asian selections such as hand rolled-sushi, maki rolls, and homemade wonton soup.

For dessert, *Flavors* features a gelato station with homemade sorbet, gelato, and ice cream. It doesn't get any more fun than that! Oh wait, yes it does at *Menopause The Musical!*

This joyful musical parody set to classic tunes from the '60s, '70s and '80s will have you cheering and dancing in the aisles! A sisterhood is formed as the audience relates to the characters on the stage while they share a common bond.



Texas Woman's University is showcasing our group and taking our ISA+21 archive collection public just in time for our 40th anniversary. They will be looking for ISA+21 members to participate in their oral history project at the WAI conference this year, and Sandy Anderson will be recording your history at our conference in Las Vegas. Contact Sandy for more information: archives@iswap.org

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THURSDAY DAY TOUR

\$140

Thursday morning, a bus will take us to the magnificent Hoover Dam, a National Historic Landmark and rated by the American Society of Civil Engineers as one of America's Seven Modern Civil Engineering Wonders. The Dam and Power Plant Tour offers a combination of presentations by Reclamation guides, audio and film presentations, exhibits, and other media that provide a comprehensive view of the massive dam and its operations, as well as highlight many of the unique features around the site. Anyone not interested in this particular tour may spend time in the visitor's center and gift shop.

HEALTH ADVISORY:

*The Power Plant tours are **NOT RECOMMENDED** for anyone who suffers from claustrophobia, or has a pacemaker or defibrillator. Tours are conducted in confined spaces and in a power plant with generators emitting electromagnetic frequencies. This tour is not accessible to anyone using crutches or a wheelchair.*

After the Hoover Dam, we will embark on a paddleboat cruise on Lake Mead, catered with box lunches. I opted for box lunches so that everyone can enjoy the spectacular views of Lake Mead and the breathtaking scenery surrounding it without being stuck eating at a table. Photography buffs, like our own Kathy McCullough, will love the colorful landscapes,

ever-changing skies, and unrivaled panoramic views. The breathtaking landmarks include Fortification Hill (an extinct volcano), the Arizona Paint Pots and their wonderland of color, and the magnificent Hoover Dam. We'll also be treated to a different perspective of Hoover Dam, an unforgettable sight as it soars a majestic 726 feet (221 meters) high and is an incredible 660 feet (201 meters) wide at its base.



Following our cruise, we will head back into town for one more "must see" Las Vegas guided tour. The Mob Museum presents a bold and authentic view of organized crime's impact on Las Vegas history, as well as its unique imprint on America and the world. The real stories and actual events of Mob history are revealed through interactive and engaging exhibits that tell the story about the role of organized crime in the U.S. This museum is located downtown near Fremont Street. You may wish to stay to spend your evening enjoying the Fremont Street Experience. The rest may return to the hotel on our bus.



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SIDE TRIP



Book this 3-day tour separately with Viator. (Link on page 12) Prices vary by occupancy: \$589 single, \$528 double, and \$511 triple.

Explore the Western United States' stunning desert landscapes on this 3-day tour from Las Vegas. With an expert guide, visit Zion National Park, Bryce Canyon National Park, and the Grand Canyon. See Lake Powell and other land and water formations as you travel through the beautiful deserts of Arizona and Utah. All ground transportation, two nights of accommodation, entrance fees, and some meals are included. Please let me (Karol Welling) know if you are going on this side trip and if you want to share rooms with another member. krw83@comcast.net

Itinerary

Day 1: Las Vegas–Grand Canyon–Lake Powell

Leave Las Vegas behind as you start the day traveling southeast through the scenic desert. Travel through a Navajo Indian reservation toward the south bank of the majestic Grand Canyon in Arizona. As you tour the south bank, learn from your guide how the Colorado River has been carving its way through the earth for hundreds of thousands of years. You'll be in awe of the size and grandeur of the Grand Canyon. After lunch, continue along the canyon, stopping at authentic Native American markets to browse the handmade arts and crafts. You'll also have time to leisurely shop and enjoy the unique marketplace atmosphere. Once you have finished shopping, head toward Lake Powell, one of the most beautiful lakes in America. Arrive at the lake in the late afternoon and check in at the Best Value Inn Page near the lake, where you'll stay overnight.

Overnight: Best Value Inn Page, Lake Powell



Day 2: Lake Powell–Bryce Canyon

After breakfast at the hotel, enjoy a scenic ride to Lake Powell and take a boat cruise on the water. On board, see hundreds of private coves and the famous salt pillars. You'll also get a chance to walk around the lake and view the famous red sand arches characteristic of this area. After the cruise, head west across the border and arrive at Bryce Canyon National Park in Utah. The canyon is home to some of the most amazing natural sculptures in the world. The delicately carved spires, pillars, arches and amphitheaters make the national park strikingly beautiful. Learn about the geological makeup of each of these one-of-a-kind natural sculptures. Your guided tour will take you to see amazing rock and sand sculptures honed to perfection over thousands of years of rain, wind and sunshine. Head to one of the vista points in the park to experience a stunning sunset, whose dramatically changing colors will leave you mesmerized. Spend a comfortable night in Kanab.

Overnight: Days Inn in Kanab, Utah

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Day 3: Zion Park–Las Vegas

Enjoy a continental breakfast at the hotel and then visit Zion National Park. Learn from your guide how the Virgin River was primarily responsible for slowly paring through layers of rock to sculpt Zion Canyon. Admire the awe-inspiring beauty of the high plateaus, striking towers, temples, mesas and one of the earth's tallest-known sheer sandstone walls. You'll also encounter breathtaking, picturesque sites like the Court of the Patriarchs, Angel's Landing, the Great White Throne, the Temple of Sinawava, and Weeping Rock while taking small hikes. Take time on your own to hike around and discover the natural beauty of Zion National Park. The park is truly a photographer's paradise where the vistas are stunning from every point on the compass. Enjoy a relaxing walk along the river before meeting your group at the vehicle and heading back to Las Vegas.

*Copy and paste this link into your browser for Viator side trip
Tour code: 3857WWD*

<https://www.viator.com/tours/Las-Vegas/3-Day-National-Parks-Tour-from-Las-Vegas-Grand-Canyon-Zion-and-Bryce-Canyon/d684-3857WWD>



Thank you so much, Karol Welling (above) for putting together such a great conference!
Ed. Kathy McCullough

MEMBERSHIP

With our 40th anniversary conference coming up it would be very helpful if all members updated their profiles on www.iswap.org. If you haven't signed in in a while and forgot your user name please contact Linda Wright at membership@iswap.org.

Once you are signed on just click on your name in the upper right corner and then hit profile. That brings up all your contact info. Please look over addresses, phone contact and email addresses. I am requesting that everyone look at **"Company"** and use only the correct name for the company that you are currently flying for or retired from. *Speaking of retired please put that under "Occupation/Title" and not under "Company."*

Here's why I'm requesting this. If, for example, you wish to see how many Delta pilots are ISA members, a search of Delta Air Lines brings up only the women who typed in Delta or Delta Air Lines under company in their contact info. *Not the ones who typed in DAL or Delta Airlines.* Stupid system I know, but that's what we have to work with.

Here are the correct names for most of the airlines:



- American Airlines
- Delta Air Lines
- United Airlines
- Southwest Airlines
- FedEx Express
- SkyWest Airlines
- JetBlue
- Alaska Airlines
- ExpressJet Airlines
- Envoy Air
- Endeavor Air
- Air Canada
- Republic Airline



While you are on the website if you click on your profile face you can easily download a current photo. It is so nice to put a face with a name when you haven't seen someone in a year or more.

Thank you for your cooperation! See you all in Las Vegas.
Linda Wright, Membership



ISA Conference Renaissance Las Vegas 24-26 April 2018

Monday, 23 April (20 rooms blocked – all Kings, no Doubles)

Early Registration – VIP Suite, when available

Optional: Evening on Fremont Street, Pizza Rock, SlotZilla Zipline, Free Live Entertainment, and Light Show

Tuesday, 24 April (40 rooms blocked)

1000-1600 Check In – VIP Suite
Volunteers needed

0830-1230 Board Meeting – Summit Room

1500-1800 Silent Auction Set-up – Copa Room
Volunteers needed

1800-2200 Welcome Reception and Silent Auction – Copa Room

Wednesday, 25 April (40 rooms blocked)

0730-0830 Continental Breakfast – Renaissance I

0830-1200 Business Meeting – Renaissance I (Uniforms)

Optional HALP tour – Neon Museum

1200-1300 Photographs (Uniforms, jackets YES, hats NO)

1300-1500 Luncheon – Renaissance II
(Chicken, Salmon, or Vegetarian)
Captain's Club inductees
Raffle prizes awarded

1500-1730 Board Meeting - Summit Room

Optional: Transportation – Monorail (Ticket included with payment)

1730-1900 Harrah's – Flavors Buffet dinner

1930-2100 Harrah's – "Menopause: The Musical"



Helpers of Women Airline Pilots may tour the Neon Museum while we have our business meeting, if they choose to.

Thursday, 26 April (20 rooms blocked—mostly Kings, very few Doubles)

Optional: Hoover Dam Tour
Lake Mead Cruise with Box Lunch
The Mob Museum, guided tour
Max: 55 participants

Friday-Sunday, 27-29 April (or 20-22 April)

Optional: 3-day Western Deserts Tour with Viator (\$589 single, \$528 double, \$511 triple)
Grand Canyon, Lake Powell, Bryce Canyon, Zion
Includes: transportation, tour guide, 2 nights hotel, 2 breakfasts, park admissions, cruise.

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ISA+21 is a charitable, non-profit organization of career women airline pilots whose purpose is to: celebrate camaraderie; support informational exchange and social interaction among its members in a healthy environment; provide aviation scholarship opportunities for career-seeking women; and inspire future generations of women aviators via educational outreach.

A "Qualifying Pilot" is a woman who serves as a Flight Crew Member and holds a seniority number at a FAR Part 121 or 129 Air Carrier or ICAO equivalent and possesses an Airline Transport Pilot Certificate or ICAO equivalent. This includes all pilots who are on medical leave, furloughed or retired.



Please, please go onto the ISA +21 website and update your information, especially with a picture of yourself. It makes it so much easier for admin!

FACEBOOK
We have a closed ISA+21 page: Request access using the link on the ISA homepage, or contact Maria Haddad at: lilcad@gmail.com

Don't waste your color ink printing the photo pages of the newsletter! The photos are reduced in size.



VEGAS BABY!

