

To: WRS GC Members and Guests
From: Rick Bearden, WRS GC Arrangements Chair, rick.bearden@mts.com, (952) 649-1119
Subject: WRS GC Spring 2020 Test and Measurements Meeting Invitation and Registration Information
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On behalf of the Executive Board, I would like to cordially invite you to attend the Spring 2020 Western Regional Strain Gage Committee Conference to be held March 30 – April 1, 2020 at the [Hyatt Regency Valencia, California](#). The hotel is located in Valencia, approximately 40 miles (1 hour, very much traffic-dependent) north of the [Los Angeles International Airport \(LAX\)](#) and 23 miles (30 mins) northwest of the [Hollywood Burbank Airport in Burbank](#). The hotel is within 0.5 miles of both the Westfield Valencia Town Center and Valencia Marketplace, where you can find a host of restaurant and retail store options.

We will continue the tradition of hosting the tour on Tuesday afternoon, allowing attendees a little flexibility in making their travel plans on Wednesday evening. We will also host for a second time, a 90-minute “Social Hour” at around 5 PM, following the Tuesday afternoon tour. This will be a great opportunity for you to engage fellow attendees and discuss their presentations, possible projects, help needed, and continue to build those relationships that make this organization great! The board will be providing appetizers in the outside seating area, and drinks will be available from the hotel bar.

!! Listen Up Sponsors !! Instead of being limited to 10-minute Sponsor presentations, we are trying something new this time. We will be allocating 2 hours on Wednesday morning for Sponsor show-and-tell. Each sponsor will have a ~10’ tabletop space on which to display brochures, videos, and demo articles. This way, attendees will be able to circulate around the tables and can specifically approach the Sponsor(s) that they are particularly interested in finding out more information from.

Here is an overview of the conference schedule:

Monday, March 30th: Executive Board meeting, starting at 1:30 PM, followed by the Executive Board dinner at 6:30 PM. Dinner details will be provided once finalized. Meal cost is waived for current board members and attendees who will be presenting papers at the conference.

Tuesday, March 31st: The program will include welcoming statements from the Chair and Host, several technical paper presentations, and an afternoon tour of Northrop Grumman Corporation’s testing facilities in Palmdale. The main facility tour will be closed to foreign national guests. We will be arranging a special tour for those individuals, the details of which will be communicated separately. Breakfast and lunch will be provided as part of the meeting. After lunch, we will board a shuttle for a group tour of the NGC facilities, which is about a 1-hour drive from the hotel. The day will end with a “Social Hour” back at the hotel.

Wednesday, April 1st: The morning program will include Sponsor show-and-tell as well as a continuation of technical paper presentations. The afternoon program will continue with the General Business Meeting and the Hostile Environments workshop. Breakfast and lunch will be provided as part of the meeting.

Final program details will be provided in a subsequent email.

Meeting Registration: The WRS GC conference fee is \$300; the fee is waived for attendees giving formal presentations at the meeting. Please use Paypal to pay your fee, in advance, at the following website (see boxed Paypal payment option on webpage) <https://wrs gc.org/index.php/conferences/>. If you prefer, the conference fee may be paid at the registration table starting at around 7:30 AM on Tuesday, March 31st. Checks payable to “WRS GC”, cash, and credit cards will be accepted.

Hotel Information

Hyatt Regency Valencia
24500 Town Center Drive
Valencia, CA 91355
+1-661-799-1234

For Room Reservations:**Web reservations:**

<https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/VALEN/G-WRSG>

Booking By Phone:

Contact reservations at +1-661-799-1234 or +1-800-233-1234 and use the group code: **G-WRSG**

The WRSGC has arranged a special conference rate of \$169 per night. You can receive this special rate by registering as noted above. Complimentary Wi-fi is available in the guest rooms. **The final cutoff date for obtaining the guaranteed conference rate is Friday, March 6th, 2020.** Note that WRSGC is under contract to meet a minimum daily room reservation commitment of 70 room nights for the week. **Please act promptly and register ahead of the cutoff date so that the board can start to relax about the financial commitment the organization makes each time we sign one of these conference hotel contracts.** Make sure to include your hotel plans (nights staying at the hotel) with your conference registration email.

AIRPORTS

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GROUND TRANSPORTATION

The hotel does **NOT** provide a complimentary shuttle service to and from the airport. You will need to make other arrangements. For those who need or want to rent cars, there is a reduced \$10/night parking fee for the hotel lot.