

SEFA 35th Annual Meeting

The Omni ChampionsGate, Orlando, Florida
November 1-3, 2023

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October Newsletter

SEFA was very active at ArabLab 2023 with two presentations and great attendance. We had over 100 members at the SEFA Networking Reception. (I must admit, I have never felt 120 degrees Fahrenheit before and it wasn't a dry heat either!) Now it is time to get ready for our Annual Meeting in Orlando November 1 - 3.

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Attached you will find both the official Notice of our Annual Meeting and the Nominating Committee Report. The business meeting takes place on Friday, November 3rd from 8 - 9 AM. Congratulations to Adhiraj Patel, the CEO for GD Waldner on being selected by the Board to fill the vacant seat. GD Waldner has been a long-time member of SEFA and fully supports the SEFA standards testing requirements. He is our first Board member from the Asian region and he will provide his unique perspective in that large and growing marketplace.

The big deadline (**October 2nd**) to make your reservations at the Omni Hotel is fast approaching, so don't delay as we cannot guarantee the favorable room rate or availability after that date at this beautiful location. We have attached the current attendee list which is comprised of those people who have registered for the meeting with Barbara and/or have hotel reservations at the Omni. Please check this attendee list to make sure your name appears. If not, send Barbara an email at barbara@sefalabs.com to add your name and finalize your arrangements.

SEFA Lab of the Year Finalists

This past Friday the judges met at Columbia University in New York City to review the projects that were submitted for Lab of the Year consideration. The judges have selected the Sarafan ChEM H building at Stanford University and the Promega - Kornberg Center in Madison, Wisconsin as the two finalists. Architects from Ennead Architects, LLP (Sarafan) and SmithGroup (Kornberg) have been invited to make presentations at our Annual Meeting on Nov. 2nd from 11 AM - 12 PM. After these presentations are made the judges will announce the winner of Lab of the Year with the other project receiving the High Honors award. All SEFA members involved in these projects will also be honored with awards so it is an event you will not want to miss.

SEFA Golf Outing

I have reserved spots for 40 golfers and we are almost at capacity so don't delay in signing up. There will be a cocktail reception for golfers on Tuesday night at the Pro-Shop with a 7 AM breakfast followed by a shot-gun start at 8 AM on Wednesday morning. Prizes will be awarded for first and second place teams, closest to the pin as well as longest and most accurate drives. All of those awards and the attendant bragging rights will take place at the Thursday night dinner where we will also honor Dana Dahlgren with our Lifetime Achievement Award.

We are all looking forward to seeing our members and colleagues in Orlando and without those 120 degree temps!