**San Antonio, Site of the 2000 Annual Meeting**

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Bienvenidos a San Antonio—Welcome to San Antonio, a city of history and cultural traditions deep in the heart of Texas.

The history of San Antonio is a complex mixture of the Spanish missionaries, the native people living here, the people that came to be known as Tejanos, and the European-American settlers. This history is best understood by visiting the missions, exploring the Alamo and seeing one of the several media presentations recounting the famous battle that occurred there, and touring the Institute of Texan Cultures.

The history of San Antonio is also seen in the various cultural traditions of the city. We have a rodeo in the winter and a fiesta in the spring; around the time of the CSE annual meeting we will be celebrating Cinco de Mayo, and there will be festivities in the downtown area as part of the celebration.

Of course, no culture is complete without its special food. Here in San Antonio that food is Tex-Mex. From the headquarters hotel, it is a short walk to Casa Rio along the river or a short trolley ride to Rosario’s to let your taste buds try this wonderful food. Barbecue is also part of the Texas food culture and the County Line, along the River Walk, is a good place to get a taste of real Texas barbecue. But no matter what type of food you enjoy, you will find something along the river to please your palate!

While you are walking along the river you will see the river barges floating by. Be sure to make time for one of their tours; the guides offer lots of tidbits of knowledge about the city and its development. It is also a relaxing and peaceful way to see the city.

For those with a car, there is SeaWorld San Antonio with some very good exhibits for young children; there is Fiesta Texas, with its famous roller coaster; and there are the Zoological Gardens and Aquarium and Botanical Gardens, both a short drive from the hotel.

For those without a car or those who don’t what to face the challenge of driving in San Antonio, the central city is served by a trolley system that costs only 50 cents each way. Try taking the trolley from the headquarters hotel to the Market Square, El Mercado. This is the old Mexican market section and you can get wonderful bargains on goods imported from Mexico. You can also get good Tex-Mex food here at La Margarita or at Mi Tierra, a 24-hour bakery.

Adiós for now—We hope to see you in May!