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To: All SAMS® Members and Marine Professionals
From: Mr. John N. Lowe, AMS®, SAMS® President
Date: August 1, 2023
Subject: SAMS® 2023 International Meeting and Educational Conference (IMEC)

Greetings:

Hope everyone has their passport! This year's IMEC will be held at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Montréal, Québec, Canada on October 25th - October 28th. The hotel's location (1255, rue Jeanne-Mance) is great, with many attractions nearby. Old Montréal and Old Port are less than a 20 minutes' walk from the hotel, and the hotel is adjacent to Complexe Desjardins, which features an array of shops and restaurants. Also nearby is Sainte-Catherine Street, which is known for its boutiques, restaurants, and major department stores. The hotel's connection to Montréal's underground city provides access to Place-des-Arts, the Montréal Convention Center and two metro stations.

Kenneth Weinbrecht, AMS®, SAMS® Vice President of Education has once again lined up a great group of speakers that will cover a variety of subjects. Please see the Agenda included in this packet. All surveyors who attend will be eligible to accrue a total of 28 CE Credits: 4 CE Credits for Wednesday, and 8 CE Credits each for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Surveyor members attending at least two full days of the seminar will be able to meet the requirement of 1 International Meeting.

Registration will begin at 1000 on Wednesday, October 25th. **SAMS® Educational Seminars** will commence at 1300 followed by the **President's Reception** that evening. The Reception will be held in the hotel with hors d'oeuvres, cocktails, and other refreshments available. This will give you the opportunity to network with fellow surveyors you may know and a wonderful way to make new acquaintances.

Thursday evening, we will also have our Annual Gala Dinner Banquet at the hotel. Friday evening, you will be on your own to explore what Montréal has to offer. On Saturday morning, the Membership Breakfast will begin at 0700. **SAMS® General Membership Business Meeting** will begin promptly at 0800. This is always an important meeting for our membership. The Election of Officers will close the meeting and the Board of Directors meeting will follow.

The dress for all functions will be "Business Casual." (Examples: short/long sleeve shirt, sweater, khaki pants, corduroy pants, dress jeans)

SAMS® Vice President of Meetings and Conventions, Joseph B. Loble, AMS®, has worked closely with the hotel staff to ensure a safe, successful, and comfortable meeting. Along with the Board and Regional Directors, I hope you will be able to attend, and we look forward to seeing you in Montréal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John N. Lowe".

John N. Lowe, AMS®
SAMS® President