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Dear Members & Friends,

We have now finalized most of the details for AAPRCO's historic 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Convention and Annual meeting in Baltimore. As you know, we will be operating two special trains this year – one from Philadelphia and one from Chicago. Once in Baltimore, the cars will be parked at the B & O Railroad Museum which is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. We should have beautiful Fall weather at this time of year and I hope you will be able to join us for this milestone in the association's history.

I've enclosed a copy of the routing for both special trains. Travel on the special trains and attendance at the convention are limited to AAPRCO members and guests. Family and crew are excepted. Non-members should add \$90 to their registration fees to cover Associate AAPRCO membership through the end of the year. For those riding the special trains, Clearfield has arranged for barbecue dinners at their fairgrounds and souvenir hats and books for passengers on both trains. The costs are part of the special train charges, but we need an accurate count so please make sure you check the appropriate box on the registration form.

The convention hotel is the Radisson Plaza Hotel Baltimore Inner Harbor, 20 W. Baltimore Street, Baltimore, MD 21201, (410) 539-8400. There will be shuttle bus service provided between the hotel, museum and Inner Harbor on October 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>. AAPRCO is holding a block of rooms at the hotel at a rate of \$139 standard, or \$169 Plaza Level. All meetings and seminars will be held at the hotel. The **deadline for guaranteed hotel reservations at the AAPRCO rate is September 23<sup>rd</sup>**. A hotel reservation form is enclosed.

Convention registration includes convention pin, gift, program, meetings, seminars, two car parties, shuttle bus service and the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala (Black Tie Optional) in the museum roundhouse (one hour open bar, wine with dinner and dancing to the Zim Zemarel Orchestra). Crew registration (limited to two per car) includes convention pin, program, meetings, seminars, two car parties and shuttle bus service. AAPRCO membership is required to attend the convention (family and crew are excepted). Non-members who are not the guest of a member should include \$90 for an Associate membership through the end of 2002. During the convention, the B & O Railroad Museum will continue to be open to the public. There will be a separate security badge for convention registrants that will provide access to the museum grounds and must be worn at all times. **Personal, Crew & Vendor registration deadline is September 15<sup>th</sup>**.

There are two optional activities in Baltimore, both on October 24<sup>th</sup>. There is a tour of Amtrak's Wilmington Shops with exclusive occupancy of an Acela Regional coach to and from Wilmington and bus transportation provided to and from both stations. Anyone who does not register by mail for this trip will be responsible for their own transportation to and from Wilmington at the regular Amtrak rate. The other event on the 24<sup>th</sup> is a Floral Arrangements luncheon at the hotel. Our arranger will speak to the fine points of floral arranging and create an arrangement that will be one of the door prizes.

Enclosed are your Personal Registration Form (please fill out one per person and duplicate the form if necessary), a tentative convention schedule, special trains schedule, hotel reservation form, a Tee shirt & other items Order Form (to be sent direct to Dwight Hudson) and brochures from Baltimore. So mark your calendar, pull out your checkbook and send in your registration today!

Sincerely,

**Jack Heard, Convention Chairman**