Broomfield, Colorado, at the foot of the Rocky Mountains, to host the 64th Annual Meeting

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The 2007 Local Arrangements Committee extends a warm “mile-high” welcome to the membership for the 64th Annual Meeting to be held in Broomfield, Colorado. The beauty of the Colorado landscape provides a perfect backdrop to the Omni Interlocken Resort.

The Omni Interlocken Resort boasts breathtaking views of Boulder’s famous Flatirons, Long’s Peak, the Denver and Boulder valleys and the snow-capped Continental Divide. Situated at the base of the Rocky Mountains, between Denver and Boulder within the Interlocken Business Park, it is a quick 10 minute commute to downtown Boulder, 20 minutes to downtown Denver, and 35 minutes to Denver International Airport. Golf enthusiasts will find the 27-hole championship golf course challenging yet rewarding, with its striking scenery and more than 400 feet of elevation changes. The resort also has a newly remodeled spa designed to rejuvenate mind and body. To further explore the area, the hotel provides complementary bikes, helmets and trail maps for guests. FlatIron Crossing, an upscale shopping and entertainment center adjacent to the resort, offers 175 shops, services and restaurants. The 1.5 million square-foot regional mall also features a 17-acre park, complete with hiking and biking trails, lakes, streams and picnic areas, perfect for relaxing and enjoying the scenery. Whether it’s the stunning panoramic views of the mountains, the luxuries of the full-service spa and golf course or just enjoying the tranquility of the resort, you’ll be swept away in a world of natural splendor to pair with a stimulating educational program.

Come visit Colorado’s Mile-High City - Denver- a 20 minute drive from the resort. The Denver Metropolitan area has 2000 restaurants serving a variety of cuisines. The Denver Museum of Nature and Science, US Mint, the Molly Brown House, Colorado History Museum and the newly expanded and renovated Denver Art Museum will allow for some cultural enhancement outside of the meeting. Sports enthusiasts can take in a game at Coors Field, home of the Colorado Rockies and the optimists can plan to attend Denver Nugget and Colorado Avalanche playoff games at the Pepsi Center Arena. The Denver Performing Arts Complex presents everything from Broadway Musicals to dance performances to world-class local repertoire theater. Lower downtown (called “LoDo” by locals) offers a great concentration of Victorian buildings

“Breathtaking views, championship golf course, mind and body spa; a destination meeting situated at the foot of the Rocky Mountains you do not want to miss!”
and warehouses, many of which have been refurbished to house restaurants, art galleries, and shops. Downtown is also home of the Auraria Campus where three colleges and universities have over 30,000 students. For more information on things to see and do in Denver, visit www.denver.org.

Boulder, Colorado is a quick 10 minute drive from the Omni Interlocken Resort. Boulder (www.dbi.org) is home to the University of Colorado at Boulder, Celestial Seasonings Tea Company, Fiske Planetarium, and the beautiful, historic Chautauqua National Park. Stroll along Boulder’s Pearl Street Mall, a popular 4-block pedestrian mall featuring everything from casual to elegant dining, pubs, and microbreweries to quaint shops, galleries and a variety of nightlife for its buskers (street entertainers), if you’re lucky you might see the famous “Zip Code man.” University of Colorado’s Folsom Field Center Plate will be the sight of our gala, where our “teams” can come together for an evening of dining, music and fun while enjoying a most spectacular view of city lights and the Flat Iron Mountains.

The Cleft Palate Foundation’s Annual Sports Event will mark a return to our very popular Bowling Night at “Splitz.” Held Wednesday evening, this fundraiser benefits CPF’s services to families affected by facial birth defects. Register early – space is limited!

The Front Range area and adjoining foothills, provide other opportunities to experience Colorado on your extended vacation. Central City and Blackhawk, two historic mining towns from the 1870’s, have come alive with limited stakes gambling. You can also enjoy the majesty of the high mountains on the Peak to Peak Scenic and Historic Byway passes from Central City to Boulder and even explore the full 80 miles to Estes Park, home of the beautiful Rocky Mountain National Park (www.rockymountainnationalpark.com) and the infamous Stanley Hotel. In nearby Morrison, Colorado, Red Rocks Amphitheater, a natural outdoor arena carved out of huge, 500 feet high red sandstone cliffs, is a great place to take in a sunset, enjoy local cuisine, and tour the concert museum. Historic Golden, Colorado, a 20 minute drive, is home of the Coors Brewery, Colorado School of Mines, and scenic Lookout Mountain. For more information on local area attractions in Colorado search www.colorado.com.

Broomfield gets an average of 300 days of sunshine a year, yet temperatures in April can range from the 70’s to the 30’s. April is our second snowiest month, but is usually followed be a brilliant day of sunshine (think 60th annual meeting, Asheville, North Carolina!). Be prepared for anything, but most of all prepare for beautiful scenery, exciting travels, friendly people, and a meeting full of “team-building” moments!

The local arrangements committee in Denver, Colorado, looks forward to hosting the 64th Annual Meeting of the American Cleft Palate-Craniofacial Association from April 23-28, 2007. Although the air may be thin, the people are full of life! Activities and scenery are abundant, and the sun is bound to shine. So join us in Broomfield, Colorado in April 2007 and create your own -Rocky Mountain High!