

Travel and Expense Reimbursement Policy

Persons authorized to travel on official business are encouraged to exercise the same care in incurring expenses that they would if traveling on personal business at their own expense. Excessive and unnecessary travel and other expenses shall not be approved or reimbursed. Travel routes should be planned so that minimum amounts of travel and expense are involved. Participants shall be responsible for making their own travel arrangements. Expenditures for official travel are reimbursable if incurred in accordance with these guidelines.

I. Conference Registration

Cost of registration for any conference or seminar shall be paid in advance by the Fund.

II. Transportation¹

A. Air Travel

The Fund shall reimburse participants for the full cost of travel by air (if appropriate). The maximum amount reimbursable for air travel shall be the standard fare for travel commencing the day before the conference begins and end on the day after the conference ends.

B. Car Travel

The Fund shall reimburse participants for the actual costs of all tolls and parking expenses. In addition, the Fund shall reimburse members at the prevailing IRS rate of reimbursement per mile for each mile traveled.

III. Lodging²

The Fund shall reimburse participants for the cost of lodging at conference rates. The maximum amounts reimbursable for hotel accommodations shall be conference rates for evenings commencing day before the conference begins and ending the day after the conference ends. Expenses for laundry, valet, entertainment, room service, and other charges of a similar nature are considered personal charges and shall not be reimbursed.

IV. Meals

The Fund shall reimburse participants for all meals incurred during the course of travel and while attending the conference. Meal reimbursement is subject to a maximum rate per diem. Maximum per diem is \$70.00.

V. Related Expenses

The Fund shall reimburse participants for necessary incidental expenses incurred during the course of travel. These shall include airport shuttle services to and from airports; shuttle services to and from hotels to airports, portage, and parking expenses (if appropriate). The Fund will reimburse taxi expenses for transportation to and from hotels and airports and for transportation to and from conference events only in cases where shuttle services are unavailable. All other taxi expenses are considered personal charges and shall not be reimbursed.

VI. Reimbursement

Under normal conditions, persons authorized to travel on official business shall provide themselves with sufficient funds of their own to cover all current expenses. To receive reimbursement for travel related expenses, participants shall submit all receipts and other evidence of allowable expenses to the Fund's Treasurer with a completed voucher. The Treasurer shall approve all expenses in accordance with the Fund's guidelines.

¹ Maximum expenses for both transportation and hotel lodging expenses shall not exceed the combined total cost of standard airfare and lodging at conference rates.

² See ¹ above.