

Welcome to the Beach and the 2023 Chesapeake Associated Press Broadcasters Association Convention

The Board of Directors and I hope you enjoy your stay at The Ashore Resort & Beach Club. It's our first year hosting the convention at this location. We hope you have a great weekend and enjoy what Ocean City has to offer as we honor hard-working journalists as well as our scholarship winner.

If you have attended past conventions, there is one big change for 2023. Friday Night's Crab Feast and Silent Auction will be held off site at Hooper's Crab House located at 12913 Ocean Gateway in West Ocean City. The event kicks off at 7pm. With Friday traffic along Coastal Highway, give yourself about 20 minutes to get to the restaurant. Once you arrive, enjoy all-you-can-eat steamed crabs, steamed shrimp, fried chicken, corn on the cob and hush puppies. During dinner we hope you bid on some great auction items as all proceeds benefit the annual \$3000 Bob Shilling Memorial Scholarship.

Silent Auction tickets are three for \$1 for many prizes Friday night. We also have premium items at \$5 per ticket, such as \$100 restaurant gift cards, sports memorabilia, theater and sporting event tickets. These will be raffled off at Saturday night's Awards Banquet. AUCTION TICKETS ARE CASH/CHECK ONLY. AND PLEASE BE SURE TO WRITE YOUR NAME ON THE BACK OF EACH TICKET before dropping them into the cups.

Our LIVE AUCTION will also take place at the Banquet and some of those amazing items include:

- Private plane tour over the Bay with CNN Correspondent and Pilot Pete Muntean
- Your message on a digital billboard for 4 weeks in the Philly metro area
- Luxury hotel getaway at The Greenbrier Resort in West Virginia
- Baseball ticket packages for the Nationals and the Orioles
- Autographed Washington Caps jersey signed by the Team

On Saturday morning, grab something from the continental breakfast buffet at 8:30a.m. in Conference Room 2. Then join us for the Annual Business Meeting and Seminar that starts at 9am in Conference Room 3. This year's Seminar speaker is CBS News Congressional Correspondent Scott MacFarlane, who will lead our discussion, "Investigative Reporting Lessons From the Capitol Riots." Scott will share some of the techniques he's used in covering the riots and their aftermath as they play out in the courtroom so you can apply them to investigative reporting in your own newsrooms.

After the Seminar, you'll have time to enjoy the beach or do whatever you want in Ocean City. At 6pm, join us for cocktails and hors d'oeuvres in the First Floor Lobby. The Awards Banquet starts at 7pm in the Grand Ballroom. You'll meet our scholarship winner and awards will be presented as we honor many hard-working and dedicated journalists. Make sure you stop by our Hospitality Suite in Room 1611 for beer, soda, snacks and time to catch up with your colleagues after the Awards and throughout the weekend!

It will be time to say good-bye on Sunday at 11am, but before you go, head back to Conference Room 2 and 3 for a bite of breakfast between 8am-10:30am.

Thanks for joining us at the 2023 Convention. We hope you enjoy the beach!

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President, Chesapeake Associated Press Broadcasters Association