



SMOKE FREE MEETINGS POLICY

WHEREAS the Surgeon General has found that tobacco smoke is a major contributor to indoor air pollution, and that breathing secondhand smoke (also known as environmental tobacco smoke) is a cause of disease in healthy nonsmokers, including heart disease, stroke, respiratory disease, and lung cancer;

WHEREAS the Surgeon General also found that secondhand smoke was responsible for the early deaths of nearly 50,000 Americans in 2005;

WHEREAS the Public Health Service's National Toxicology Program has listed secondhand smoke as a known carcinogen (U.S. DHHS, 2000, citing Cal. EPA, 1997);

WHEREAS secondhand smoke is particularly hazardous to individuals with cardiovascular disease, and individuals with impaired respiratory function, including asthmatics and those with obstructive airway disease;

WHEREAS children exposed to secondhand smoke have an increased risk of asthma, respiratory infections, sudden infant death syndrome, developmental abnormalities, and lower level of lung function during childhood;

WHEREAS the Surgeon General has determined that air cleaning and mechanical air exchange cannot eliminate the exposure of nonsmokers to secondhand smoke;

WHEREAS local, city, and state governments throughout the country have passed smokefree air laws to protect people against the harmful effects of secondhand smoke;

WHEREAS studies have shown that smoke-free policies and regulations do not have an adverse economic impact on the hospitality industry;

WHEREAS localities, cities and states that have adopted smokefree air laws should be rewarded with increased convention and tourism business; and

WHEREAS the American Legacy Foundation should use its market clout and expend its financial resources in localities, cities and states that have adopted smokefree air laws;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the American Legacy Foundation will hold all Foundation meetings in smokefree localities, cities or states to the extent practicable and, to the extent that this is not practicable, will only hold Foundation meetings in smokefree meeting facilities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the American Legacy Foundation will, to the extent practicable, only attend meetings that are held in smokefree localities, cities or states.