Lodging and Transportation in Philadelphia for PSA 2015

There are numerous hotels in Philadelphia of various price ranges. Those listed here are near the PSA meeting, either walking or by public transportation (subway, Philly Phlash). The prices listed are based on a recent Google search and various travel web sites and are rough estimates only.

University City area near PSA Meeting (< 1 mile)

Hotels

Sheraton Philadelphia University City Hotel - $149. PSA has a block of rooms at the Sheraton. Use the code "PSA 2015" for the $149 rate (plus tax).
http://www.phila sheraton.com/

The Inn at Penn - Inn at Penn - $179

Boutique Hotels and B&Bs

Spruce Hill Manor - http://www.sprucehillmanor.com/
Homewood Suites University City Philadelphia - http://www.universitypennhotel.com/
Cornerstone Bed and Breakfast - http://www.cornerstonebandb.com/

Across the Schuylkill River (> 1 mile)

Near Academy of Natural Sciences

***Windsor Suites - Windsor Suites - PSA has a block of rooms at this hotel, which is 1 block from the Academy of Natural Sciences. The rate is $119 for studio suites with king beds, and $129 for those with two full beds. Tax is 15.5%. The block is named "PSA 2015" and rooms can be reserved for nights from Aug. 8-13, 2015. Call the toll free number at 877-784-8379, or locally at 215-981-8980.
Embassy Suites Philadelphia - Embassy Suites Philadelphia - $139
Sheraton Philadelphia Downtown Hotel -
http://www.sheratonphiladelphiaiadtown.com/ - $119
Sonesta Philadelphia - http://www.sonestacom/philadelphia - $159

There are many other hotels that are searchable if you Google "hotels 19104" for the Drexel meeting area, or "hotels 19103" for the area around the Academy of Natural Sciences.

Getting Around Philadelphia

The dorms are a few minutes away by foot from the PSA meeting venue at Drexel. Hotels in University City are roughly the same distance. There are many restaurants, delis, and food trucks nearby for eating.
If you're staying in Center City, it's a little over 1 mile to the Drexel campus. Walking in Philadelphia is easy and, with good weather, it is a pleasant 20-30 minute walk from many Center City hotels to the Drexel campus, with a picturesque transit of the Schuylkill River.

Public transportation is available between Center City and the meeting venue. The subway runs every 5 minutes or so, and the trip takes 5 minutes. The fare is $2.25 cash one way (discounted to $1.80 for a token, available in packs of 2 or more).

Taxis and Uber are also available (approxm. $10 and up).

Center City hotels are closer to many, but not all of the museums, in particular Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell. The Philly Phlash (http://www.visitphilly.com/tours/philadelphia/phlash/) is a public shuttle service that runs to many of the popular tourist sites from Independence Hall to the Art Museum (i.e., the Rocky Steps) and is cheap--$2 per ride, or $5 for an all-day pass.

Biking and Walking
Philadelphia is a bicycle-friendly city and was ranked #6 in the top-10 bike cities in the US, the highest ranking for a big city. There are a number of bike lanes and trails. Philly Bike Share is scheduled to begin in spring 2015 with 600 bikes at 60 locations, and it might be functioning by the time of PSA's meeting. Proposed stations include several in Center City and one on the Drexel campus.

The PSA meeting will be on the Drexel campus, which is immediately adjacent to the University of Pennsylvania. On campus there are some nice walks and the outstanding Penn Museum of Archeology. Also nearby is a river trail that runs for > 6 miles on either side of the Schuylkill River from South Street to the Philadelphia Art Museum and beyond--great for a walk, run, or bike ride. For the true bike enthusiast or marathoner, the trail runs all the way to Valley Forge National Historic Park about 21 miles northwest of Philly.

Hospitals
The Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania and Children's Hospital of Philadelphia are less than a mile away from the meeting venue. Both are ranked among the best in the nation.