PSA Meeting General Information
(updated 13 July 2015--check for future updates at)

This information is correct at the time of posting (see date above). For up-to-the-minute changes and more details, check the website:
http://www.psaalgae.org/meetings/2015/8/8/2015-psa-annual-meeting
You may also email Rick McCourt at rmm45@drexel.edu.

Getting to the meeting
Flights:
•  Philadelphia International airport (~ 8 miles to Drexel University, Center of Campus is at 3141 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104). Addresses of the dorm and hotels are below.
•  Newark, NJ (~90 miles to Drexel University).

From Philadelphia airport:
•  Trains run ~ every 30 minutes to 30th Street Station, Philadelphia’s main train station. Train platforms at the airport are near baggage claim area, clearly marked. From 30th Street Station it’s a short taxi ride or 5-10 minute walk to Drexel University, 3141 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104. The dorm is a few minutes further. See address below.
•  Airport Taxi: About $28.00 plus tip, one way to University City. Pickup is outside baggage claim.

Driving from the airport and other places:
•  See driving directions on Drexel’s web page.
•  Or, check Google maps, and follow directions to Drexel University or Race Street Residences, addresses below.
•  Parking: The Drexel Parking Garage (Lot G) is at 34th and Market Street. Parking Map showing Garage (G). Note: If you need parking and have not signed up on the meeting registration site, please contact Rick McCourt prior to arrival, rmm45@drexel.edu.

Dormitory and Event Locations

Campus Map
See attached page, and online at Drexel University City Campus Map

Dormitory
The dormitory is the Race Street Residences, also called Race Street Hall.
3300 Race Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104
Front Desk: 215-571-3103
http://www.drexel.edu/dbs/universityHousing/undergraduate-housing/residence-halls/raceStreet/

Workshops, August 8, 2015
The microscopy workshop and Cyanobacteria workshop will both be held at the Academy of Natural Sciences. **Preregistration is required.** You will be sent details by email.

**Pre-Meeting Field Trips, Sunday, August 9, 2015.**
**Reregistration is required for the two trips.** Details will be provided by email.

**Plenary Lectures and Presented Talks**
Sessions will be in the Creese Student Center in Behrakis Grand Hall, or in the Mandell Theater. Though technically these are in two different buildings, they are close by each other and the buildings are connected.

- **Creese Student Center:** 3141 Chestnut St, Philadelphia, PA 19104  
  [http://www.drexel.edu/dbs/studentCenters/creeseCenter/](http://www.drexel.edu/dbs/studentCenters/creeseCenter/)
- **Mandell Theater:** 33rd and Chestnut, in a building connected to Creese Student Center.  
  [http://www.drexel.edu/westphal/resources/MandellTheater/](http://www.drexel.edu/westphal/resources/MandellTheater/)

**Poster Session and Auction, Monday evening, August 10, 6-9 pm**
Location TBA in program.  
Poster setup will be from 4-6 pm. Easels and poster boards provided, size 30 in. x 40 in.

**Film Showing: "Beneath the Tide." Tuesday, August 11, 2015, 5-6 pm.**
This will be shown in the Mandell Theater.

**Career Workshop.** Led by Dr. Steven Murray, Provost of Cal State Los Angeles.  
Location TBA in program.

**Banquet Wednesday evening, August 12, 2015, 6:30-9:30 pm.**
Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel  
1900 Benjamin Franklin Parkway  
Philadelphia, PA 19118  
Beginning at 6:00 pm buses will transport attendees from Drexel to the Academy, about 1 mile away. Attendees may choose to walk there (approxm. 25 minutes).  
Return bus service will begin at 9:00 pm.
Food

Philadelphia is foodie heaven. There are many guides, online and off. The food section of the Philadelphia Inquirer is excellent, and Craig Laban, is very good and has many recommendations online. If you don't gain weight during your visit, you're just not trying.

You will be in the heart of two urban campuses (Drexel and the University of Pennsylvania, or Penn), so food and drink are not a problem. There are so many places of various cuisines and prices to eat well in Philly that it's hard to recommend some with the risk of you missing something you’d love. That said, there are a few nearby the dorm and meeting venues that are worth noting. I'll also mention a couple a bit further away that might be worth a taxi or Uber ride.

_Sabrina’s_ - http://sabrinascafe.com/
227 N 34th St, Philadelphia, PA 19104
(215) 222-1022
Breakfast and Lunch.
Several restaurants by this name, but it’s not a chain. This one is very close to the Race Street Hall, slightly upscale, a place to sit down and stuff yourself. Themed breakfast and lunch menus are quite entertaining and change weekly. For vegans, vegetarians, omnivores, and carnivores.

_Food Trucks_ - Google "University City Food Trucks" or click [here](#).
These are parked all over, on 34th, 33rd, and on streets around the meeting venue and dorms. Virtually any cuisine, for any diet--from all fruit to Halal to vegan to more meat kebabs and exotic tacos. Open from breakfast through late night. Inexpensive and tasty.

_Sansom Street_ - Between 35th and 36th street, near the Penn bookstore
This is a mini-restaurant row worth checking out. You won't go wrong, from Baby Blues BBQ to the foodie classic White Dog Cafe, Doc Magrogan's Oyster House, and the New Deck Tavern. A little further away is the upscale Pod, which looks something like the milk bar from Clockwork Orange--amazing sushi and Asian fusion in a unique space-age setting.

.Miscellaneous:
_Han Dynasty_
_Viet Nam Cafe_
_Marigold Kitchen_
_Zavino's (next door to the meeting)_

_Center City_
You’ll want to take a taxi or Uber over and back from Drexel, but there are some great places across the Schuylkill River (pronounced "Skoo-kil"). The best are
inaccessible without reservations months in advance (Laurel, Townsend, Vetri, Zahav), and will max out your credit card, but there are others worthwhile. Percy Street Barbecue is worth a visit for carnivores and beer lovers, and is right on South Street so you can find many places nearby. The Reading Street Terminal is in a revamped huge train station, accessible by subway and has dozens of places for authentic Philly food. Try the Bassett’s Ice Cream for dessert (40% of your daily recommended dose of saturated fat).

Cheesesteaks
For those with excessively healthy cholesterol levels, we can take care of that in Philly with just one of these items. Gino's, Pats, Jim’s - if the name has one person's first name in it, it's probably good. Everyone has a favorite, so Google "Philly Cheesesteak" and go for it. The big decision is whether you want it with onions and cheez-whiz or Provalone. Most places have in-house defibrillators.