

Here's an example of PDI-POA networking at its best. Last month in Washington, D.C., PDI-POA member Tom Corcoran, Visit Liaison Officer for the Australian Embassy in Washington D.C., was the local lead for the second international conference of the International Commission on Nuclear Nonproliferation and Disarmament (ICNND), held at the Willard Intercontinental Hotel. Formed in 2008, ICNND is co-chaired by the governments of Australia and Japan and is comprised of current and former senior government officials from 15 nations and advisors from around the world.

Utilizing his PDI-POA network, Tom turned to fellow PDI-POA member, Harlan Lee (Harlan Lee & Associates LLC) and his staff to provide conference support for the multiple-day event. Harlan in turn, brought on board another PDI-POA member, Kathleen Ryan to round out the team. It was indeed a successful conference and demonstrated great networking between PDI-POA members!



(photo courtesy of Kathleen Ryan)

L to R back row:

Kathleen Ryan, Harlan Lee, Peggy Jordan and Gil Donahue (all from Harlan Lee & Associates)

L to R front row:

Hal Meinheit, Tom Corcoran (Australian Embassy), Louise Holgate (Australian Secretariat), and Sandra Vinzce (Harlan Lee & Associates)

One of the unique and valuable benefits of being a member of PDI-POA is the access you gain to over 200 protocol professionals around the world for consultation and networking. In order to enhance this member benefit and increase the ease with which you can identify and contact fellow PDI-POA members, we are pleased to announce that PDI-POA now has its own group on LinkedIn. For those of you not familiar with LinkedIn, it is a business-oriented networking Web site designed to promote professional connections.

To join the PDI-POA group on LinkedIn, just follow this URL link:

<http://www.linkedin.com/e/vgh/1898020/>

To begin using this feature, complete a LinkedIn member profile. You can put as much or little as you wish. Access to the PDI-POA group is free, completely optional, and is a benefit available only to *current* members of PDI-POA. As time goes on, please share any success stories you experienced using this new feature!