

*SEJ attendees are cordially invited to*  
**Independent Hospitality Events**  
Omni Austin Hotel Downtown, Thursday, September 29

**First Floor:**

**Bracewell & Giuliani**

**Room: Chambers**

Bracewell & Giuliani and its strategic communications team are proud to welcome SEJ members to one of our hometowns — Austin, Texas. Please join us in The Chambers room Thursday night for some traditional Texas hospitality. It will be a Texas-Sized supply of food, drink and fun.

B&G is a law and government relations firm that largely focuses on energy and the environment. Unlike others, B&G developed a Strategic Communications group that blends media relations and issues advocacy into a seamless function. It is here where we often join paths with SEJ members for the common goal of hard-hitting, fair environmental journalism. We are proud of our long-term relationship with SEJ, its members and environmental journalists across the country. We hope you will join us and meet our team.

**National Wildlife Federation**

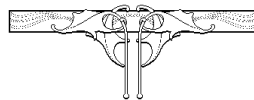
**Room: Cellar**

Take a walk on the WILD side and join National Wildlife Federation staff at our hospitality suite. We will have complimentary beer and wine as well as light hors d'oeuvres for hungry SEJ members. Come and talk to our policy experts and the staff from our Austin office to learn about what we do nationally and locally to protect wildlife, wildlife habitat and water resources from global warming, pollution, invasive species, development and other threats. SEJ members, be sure to enter our free raffle to win door prizes! The National Wildlife Federation's mission is to inspire Americans to protect wildlife for our children's future

**Green Car Group**

**Room: Bouquets**

The MEDIADRIVE 05 reception offers an opportunity for conference attendees to talk one-on-one with auto industry executives about their efforts in bringing low emission, high fuel economy, and advanced technology vehicles to today's showrooms. Come enjoy our array of hot hors d'oeuvres, antipasto station, and tasty treats. You'll also want to enjoy our innovative martini bar that chills your flavored selections through a luge running through an automobile ice carving. Wine, beer, and soft drinks also served. Located at the Bouquets Room on the Omni's main lobby level. Follow the sounds of the acoustic guitars and you'll be there.



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## **Second Floor**

### **Environment Canada**

#### **Room: Austin**

#### **CANADA WELCOMES YOU!**

- **Hey!** Drop by for a beer and “grignotines” and find out about the biggest environmental conference of the year, the United Nations Conference on Climate Change, taking place in Montreal from November 28 to December 9, 2005. [www.montreal2005.gc.ca](http://www.montreal2005.gc.ca)

### **British Consulate General-Houston**

#### **Room: Senate**

The Science & Technology Section of the British Consulate-General in Houston is a part of a global network of attaches charged with promoting UK science & technology initiatives and ensuring the UK contribution to international efforts to improve the global environment. Addressing climate change is a key priority for the UK which will require a sustained global effort to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases through clean energy, transport, and other changes in technology and behaviour. The UK is committed to scientific, rational, and market-based approaches that will mitigate the effect on humans on the natural environment.

Find out more about us at our CLIMATE CHANGE PUB! Have a pint of British Beer! Sample British Food with a Texas twist! Listen to music from Cool Britannia! And don't miss our photographic exhibition, “A 360° View of Climate Change!”

### **Sand County Foundation**

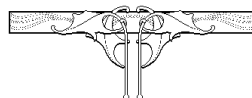
#### **Room: Congress**

Sand County Foundation's mission is to advance the use of ethical and scientifically sound land management practices and partnerships for the benefit of people and the ecological landscape.

We are achieving our mission by:

- Providing financial, technical and organizational support to private individuals and communities as primary agents of long term landscape scale conservation
- Rewarding responsible stewards and providing public recognition of outstanding private conservation leadership to inspire others by their example
- Serving as a conduit and catalyst for the exchange of conservation information between and among private individuals, scientists, funders and policymakers
- Removing regulatory barriers and creating positive incentives for conservation landholders

Our programs are innovative, influential, and results oriented.



**Second Floor**  
**National Association of State Public Interest Research Groups (PIRGs)**

**Room: Justice**

*Looking for Environmental Progress? Look outside the beltway.*

Red or blue, real progress on environmental protection is taking place in the states. Learn about the State PIRGs' recent successes including renewable energy in Colorado, energy efficiency in Arizona, and cleaner cars in New Jersey. Join us for margaritas and more!

The State PIRGs have a 30+ year record of practical problem solving and real-world results in all 50 states. By using investigative research, public education, legislative advocacy, grassroots organizing, and litigation, we have made progress on behalf of our environment and the public interest that has led to tangible improvements in the quality of life for millions of Americans. [www.pirg.org](http://www.pirg.org)

**Conservation International**

**Room: Representative**

Conservation International (CI) will be hosting a reception highlighting its new book "Transboundary Conservation: A New Vision For Protected Areas". Stunningly illustrated, the book represents the work of 50 conservationists, scientists, and professional photographers, and focuses on 29 transboundary parks around the world. Everyone attending the CI reception will receive a **FREE** copy of the book.

CI applies innovations in science, economics, policy and community participation to protect the Earth's richest regions of plant and animal diversity in the biodiversity hotspots, high-biodiversity wilderness areas and key marine ecosystems. With headquarters in Washington, D.C., CI works in more than 40 countries on four continents. For more information about CI, visit [www.conservation.org](http://www.conservation.org).

**Duke University**

**Nicholas School of the Environment and Earth Sciences**

**Room: Liberty Room**

*Good food. Good wine. Great contacts.* Duke University has just launched the Nicholas Institute for Environmental Policy Solutions. Come meet its founding director, Tim Profeta – former environmental counsel to Sen. Joseph Lieberman – and William Schlesinger, dean of Duke's Nicholas School of the Environment and Earth Sciences. They're coming to SEJ to introduce the new institute, and to hear your ideas for how it, and the Nicholas School, can become useful resources for environmental journalists.

**The Issues are BIGGER than Texas.... Meet the Advocates Reception**

**Room: Executive**

Public Citizen, and our partners at the Sierra Club, Texas Campaign for the Environment/Public Research Works, SEED, Refinery Reform Campaign, Clear the Air, and the Save our Springs Alliance, want you to join us for some good ol' Texas fun as we discuss the issues that are Bigger than Texas.

While each of our groups follows a different mission, we have one common goal that is to better the environment for Texans and our neighboring states. These groups, like many around the nation, are faced with growing global warming problems, working to find ways to protect water and watersheds, fighting toxic emissions, leaders in how to deal with electronic waste and helping to find ways to solve a few of our problems through emerging renewable technology.

Local advocates will be on hand to talk with you over about the issues and solutions folks across the U.S. face. Please join us as we applaud excellence in journalism by featuring the best of many of your writings from around the country!