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## Is There Life After Core?

**W**ith the theme established above, the detailed program for the 2011 Annual Membership Meeting in Washington, DC, is currently being created. Several prominent speakers have been confirmed and other activities can now be announced. The meeting begins on Sunday, September 18, with a reception/dinner on the outdoor Rooftop Terrace of the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts overlooking the Potomac River and Georgetown. Following the reception, members will attend a performance of *Shear Madness*, a comedy whodunit that is the second longest-running play in the history of American theater. The actors improvise and incorporate current events and personalities, especially Washington politicians, into their witty and zany dialogue.

On Monday, the luncheon speaker will be Gordon Brown, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom from 2007–2010. Mr. Brown will put forth his prescription for how to avoid continuing future crises created as a result of the globalization of financial markets. The Monday evening reception and dinner will be held in the grand Atrium of the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center. Locally referred to as the Reagan Building, it is the second largest federal building in America. The Atrium has become a popular venue for all manner of functions for Washington-based organizations.

On Tuesday, David Axelrod will deliver the luncheon address. Mr. Axelrod served as Senior Advisor to President Barack H. Obama, Senior Advisor to the Obama-Biden Presidential Transition and Senior Strategist to Barack Obama's campaign for the Presidency. He will discuss whether enacting health care reform, a financial industry regulatory overhaul, tax cuts and a nuclear arms treaty with Russia, among other legislative accomplishments, will help or hurt the President's reelection efforts, and what policy issues remain unfinished business for the Obama Administration.

We hope you will mark your calendars and use the form on the back of this newsletter to register for the 2011 Annual Membership Meeting. ★



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