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## **National Telephone Retiree Association Selects Atlantic City to Host Annual Convention**

Atlantic City, New Jersey will host the 2014 annual meeting of one of the largest retiree advocacy organizations in the United States.

The 128,000 member Association of BellTel Retirees Inc., representing telephone industry retirees, will host its 18<sup>th</sup> Annual National Membership Meetings at Harrah's Resort at 777 Harrah's Blvd on April 29 and April 30.

The Association has previously hosted member gathering meetings in Atlantic City, New Jersey, in 2011, 2001 and 1999, with each attracting upwards of 500 attendees.

Founded in 1996, the Association of BellTel Retirees is a non-profit advocacy group working for the protection of retirees' pensions and benefits. Its members include retirees from the old ***Bell System*** including ***NYNEX, New York Telephone, New Jersey Bell and Bell Atlantic, Bell of Pennsylvania, C & P, Diamond State, New England Telephone, MCI and GTE***, as well as the Verizon spin-off ***IDEARC/SuperMedia***.

Jack Brennan of New Jersey, who is also Chairman of the Association said, "This is an important annual gathering for our retirees. We have always had a strong showing in Atlantic City and with current and future retirees facing loss of healthcare and pension protections, our mission is more important than ever."

The group was originally founded by NYNEX retirees as their former employer began to waiver about honoring long time pension and earned retiree benefit commitments made to the company's retirees in their working years.

For more information about the Association of BellTel Retirees or to attend, call toll-free (800) 261-9222 or visit online at [www.BellTelRetirees.org](http://www.BellTelRetirees.org).

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