

# GET TO KNOW ...

Director of  
Meetings

## Cliff Reis

**Hometown:**  
Old Town, Alexandria, VA

**Family Members:**  
Wendi (wife)

**What do you do to relax?** I enjoy watching sporting events. My wife would not say I'm relaxed when I'm watching LSU beating Auburn or UGA, but it's very enjoyable. Since we moved to the D.C. area, if we need to relax and get some exercise after a long, stressful day, we will walk the Woodrow Wilson bridge over the Potomac River. We start out in Old Town Alexandria, Virginia crosses state lines into D.C. and then into Maryland, and we return back to the Virginia side. It's great exercise and a good view along the way.

**What is your favorite childhood memory?** My favorite childhood memory is attending any sporting event with my father. My Dad was my best friend, and I gained the same love for sports—especially all LSU sports and the New York Yankees. We attended many events together, from the College World Series to MLB games to numerous college football bowl games. He shared his knowledge of the game and love of sports with me.



**What is your favorite meal?** Seafood—fried seafood, to be specific -fried shrimp. Being from New Orleans and starting my career in associations with the Louisiana Restaurant Association, I got the chance to visit many restaurants and try a lot of great meals. For my last meal, I would eat from Mike Anderson's Seafood Restaurant in Baton Rouge—the fried seafood platter (crab cake, shrimp, catfish, oysters, soft shell crab, hush puppies, onion rings, stuff shrimp, and coleslaw). Hopefully my former friends and members who own restaurants in Louisiana do not see my pick, because it's all very good.

**Are you a movie buff?** Yes, I'm a movie buff. My wife and I love to go to the movies on the weekends. We joined the AMC "A List" so it's easy to go to the movies multiple times each week. I enjoy movies with

good editing, lighting, camera angles that tells a great scripted story.

**What is your favorite movie?** My favorite movie has to be the early James Bond movies with Sean Connery- From Russia with Love.

**If you could choose to do anything for a day, what would it be?** On top of my bucket list is to travel one day with the President of United States. I have always been fascinated with all of the behind-the-scenes work in moving the President around. It's not only the security, but details on itineraries, set ups, staging and welcomes. Flying on Marine One helicopter then Airforce One plane would be very exciting. Living in D.C. and seeing a lot of this happen each day probably has added to my desire. My last association's office was located one block from the White House. I would be known to head toward the windows to look out when I heard the President's helicopters flying overhead.