

# ODE TO MEETING PLANNERS

This rhyme is for you,  
And please let's be plain.  
You're planning a conference  
So you must be insane.  
Perhaps you're a newbie  
And if that is so  
Allow me to tell you  
What the rest of us know.

You'll visit the venue  
And be treated top notch  
They'll ply you with sturgeon  
And single malt scotch  
But once you've a contract  
You soon comprehend  
The itemized prices  
Are without an end.

"Five dollars for coffee?"  
You'll probably shout.  
About the A/V fees  
You'll certainly pout.  
But then comes the fun part,  
The best part of all!  
The moment attendees  
First enter the hall.

"THE ROOMS ARE TOO HOT HERE!"  
"THE ROOMS ARE TOO COLD!"  
"THERE'S NOT ENOUGH CHARGERS!"  
"THIS HOTEL SEEMS OLD!"  
"A SALAD FOR LUNCHTIME?  
IS THAT ALL THEY'VE GOT?"  
"THE WIFI IS SLOW HERE!  
IMPRESSIVE IT'S NOT!"

AND ONCE IT'S ALL OVER  
YOU'LL FINALLY GRIN  
AND IN TWO OR THREE WEEKS  
YOU'LL START IT AGAIN!  
YOU PUNISH YOURSELF SO  
BUT FOR A GOOD CAUSE  
SO PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT  
TO HEAR THE APPLAUSE.

WITHOUT YOU WE'D NEVER  
BE LEAVING OUR HOMES  
WITHOUT YOU WE'D ALWAYS  
BE STUCK ON OUR PHONES.  
SO THANK YOU, O THANK YOU  
FOR ALL THAT YOU DO.  
YOU KEEP US ALL LEARNING,  
THAT'S CERTAINLY TRUE!