Attending one of the meetings hosted by your association is one of the best things you can do for your company and for yourself—and your next opportunity is coming up around the bend.

AWCI’s Academy 2003 will be held in Tampa, Fla., Jan. 31 through Feb. 1. In addition to educational seminars covering topics such as OSHA inspections, insurance site audits, AWCI’s safety software and your company’s safety program, we’re introducing a new forum for the industry’s emerging executives.

This new executive education forum, a two-day seminar, will feature an expert speaker who will provide attendees with the skills needed for success. There’s also forum for these emerging executives, who will have the chance to discuss the program with my buddy, Mikel Poellinger. Mike is a past president of AWCI and a successful business owner. He’s a great asset to this new program.

And while you’re in Tampa for Academy 2003, check out another new AWCI program—Mold Loss Prevention Program. This event runs from Jan. 29 through Jan. 30. Here is where attendees can learn about how to prevent mold damage during construction, and what you should do if you do spot a potential mold problem.

Lastly, I also have to mention that there will be some time in between all these meetings to have a little fun. The Gasparilla Pirate Fest will be held Feb. 1—it’s Tampa’s version of Mardi Gras, with a parade, entertainment, great food and fireworks.

And speaking of Mardi Gras, keep an eye out for the AWCI convention and expo information, which will start showing up in next month’s magazine. You won’t want to miss either meeting. ☝️