Office or Committee Name: Site Selection Committee

Officer or Chairperson Name: Joe Yenish

Date of Preparation (include year): March 13, 2017

Committee Activities during the Year: The committee (Joe Yenish, Steve Eskelsen, and Charlie Hicks) discussed potential host cities that had not been visited in recent years. The committee recommended to Phil Banks to solicit bids from hotel/convention centers for the 2020 WSWS Annual Meeting within the following Metropolitan areas:

Portland, OR
Seattle, WA
Spokane, WA/Coeur d'Alene, ID

In discussions between the chair, Joe Yenish, and the Business Manager, Phil Banks, it was decided to delay soliciting bids from hotels/convention centers in these cities until after IMI has taken the responsibilities as Business Manager. The primary rational for this decision was so that the outgoing Business Manager can work with IMI as the latter learns the needs of WSWS in selecting facilities which best meets the needs of Society. It is recommended that bids be solicited and reviewed in a timely manner so that a final site can be selected before or during the WSWS Summer Board Meeting in July/August of 2017. It is recognized that committee bid review and recommendation along with WSWS Board approval may need to be conducted via conference calls and email voting. While this represents a change of procedure, it is not expected to compromise the quality of the site ultimately selected. The main reason is that we have a substantial history with holding meetings in two of the three recommended sites and have high familiarity with the third site.

Recommendations for Board Action: Prepare to review Site Selection Committee's recommendation in a timely and thorough manner.

Budget Needs: None

Suggestions for the Future: We will make a specific recommendation for a specific site for the 2020 WSWS Annual Meeting after proposals have been received, reviewed, and discussed by the Committee and discussed with IMI.

Current Committee Members:
Joe Yenish
Charlie Hicks
Steve Eskelsen

Name of Person Preparing This Report: Joe Yenish