

WSWS Officer and Committee Report Annual Board Meeting – March 9, 2015

Office or Committee Name: Site Selection Committee

Officer or Chairperson Name: Stephen Colbert

Date of Preparation (include year): March 3, 2015

Committee Activities during the Year:

The committee (Stephen Colbert, Peter Forster, Charlie Hicks) discussed potential sites based on the Boards desire to have the 2018 meeting in California or Las Vegas. The committee nominated the below sites to Phil Banks:

San Diego

Hyatt Regency LaJolla Westin Gaslamp Quarter Town and Country Catamaran Resort

Santa Barbara

Fess Parker

Sacramento

Hyatt Regency Downtown Holiday Inn Capitol Plaza Embassy Suites Riverfront (may be too small)

Las Vegas

Venetian Bellagio New York New York

Phil sent out several requests for proposals and recently responded to the committee with this information, "We received proposals from the following: San Diego Catamaran and Bahia hotels (both owned and operated by the same company), San Diego Hyatt Regency Mission Bay, Orange County Hyatt Regency (same hotel we used the last time), Las Vegas Tropicana (a Doubletree property), Las Vegas Flamingo Hotel. We also sent RFP to Sacramento and I expect one or two proposals from them this week. We are summarizing the proposals and I hope to get this to you (soon). One thing that has happened since last year is that many hotels told me that they either could not or would not bid on contracts that far out mainly due to their perception that the economy was improving and they did not want to lock in something too low. I also think that with our

current lower meeting attendance, many hotels look at us as being too small for their property, ie not big enough to occupy the entire hotel meeting and room space."
Recommendations for Board Action: None
Budget Needs: None
Suggestions for the Future: We will make recommendations for the 2018 site after proposals have been received and discussed with Phil Banks.
Current Committee Members: Stephen Colbert Peter Forster Charlie Hicks

Name of Person Preparing This Report:

Stephen Colbert