WSWS Officer and Committee Report (Spokane Summer Meeting 2010)

Office or Committee Name: Site Selection Committee

Officer or Chairperson Name and Committee Members: Steve Orloff (Chair), Steve Wright, and John Fenderson

Date of Preparation (include year): July 2010

Activities during the Year: Business Manager Phil Banks sent an RFP to hotels and Convention and Visitor Bureaus in southern California, Phoenix, Tucson, Denver, and Colorado Springs. The committee met in person prior to the annual meeting at the Waikoloa to discuss the over 30 proposals that were received for the 2013 site. The committee recommended San Diego as the preferred site. From the long list of potential hotels, the committee narrowed the list to four (Hyatt La Jolla, the Marriott Mission Valley, the Bahia Hotel and the Catamaran Resort Hotel). Past President Jesse Richardson made a trip to San Diego and visited the hotels under consideration. Committee member Steve Wright made a follow-up visit of many of the same hotels. The Catamaran Resort Hotel was selected due to its facilities, a prime location on Mission Bay (right on the beach) and reasonable charges. There were some initial concerns about an outdoor luncheon location and a backup in case of inclement weather and the need for a deposit. Those issues were resolved to everyone's satisfaction by Business Manager Phil Banks negotiating with the hotel and discussing the situation with Board members.

The committee has since communicated via email and decided that Colorado Springs would be a desirable location for the 2014 meeting. This location is relatively easy to access, has economical facilities and provides a good rotation of locations from the previously selected sites for upcoming meetings. The quotes we reviewed last year from two hotels in Colorado Springs were very reasonable.

Future meetings are scheduled for:
Spokane for 2011
Reno for 2012
San Diego 2013
Colorado Springs 2014 (with Phoenix as second choice).

Recommendations for Board Action: Approval for Business Manager Phil Banks to send an RFP to hotels in the Colorado Springs area (and Phoenix as a back up) so the Site Selection Committee can recommend the most suitable location/hotel.

Budget Needs: None

Suggestions for the Future: Suggested Changes in Operating Guide: None

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