

Convention Committee Reports

Report of Manager of Procedures and Handbooks, Tim Orr

A new draft of the Regional Convention handbook is in preparation. Inasmuch as no computer files of the existing handbook were available, Pam Lindenberger of the NAWCC staff scanned the existing PDF file and used OCR software to create editable text. Tim Orr, Manager of Procedures and Handbooks, and President of Chapter 16, is currently going through that text and making revisions to bring the handbook up to date. In addition, Tim is working on incorporating a set of checklists regional organizers can use to facilitate their tasks. Target for completion of the draft is January 2011.

Report of Regional Coordination Manager, Tom Noesges

Since April 2010, we have established an online Google DOC to assist in managing the scheduling of NAWCC conferences. All of our NAWCC headquarters people who need access in order to fulfill their job responsibilities (Bulletin publishing, NAWCC website "dates to remember") have read-only access. The Google DOC has worked well to keep an up-to-date and quickly accessible repository for this information. During the same time period, many conferences have been successfully scheduled without conflict. During October 2010, the Regional Coordination manager also developed a preliminary draft of a proposal for "Convention Scheduling and Conflict Resolution Guidelines." This proposal is currently under review within the Convention Committee.

Report of Convention Committee Chair, Jim Coulson

1. The 2011 and 2012 nationals are progressing well and on schedule. Details are in attachments to this report.
2. The preliminary budget for the 2013 National in Dayton, OH has just been approved by the Chair of the Convention Ken Clift and by the Chair of the Convention Committee. It is attached along with explanatory notes to this report for Board approval during their January 2011 e-meeting. A list of key players for the 2013 National is also attached. Formal contract negotiations will commence after the first of the year.
3. The site for the 2014 National has been selected, the chair selected, and key members of the steering committee organized. Initial onsite meetings have been held with the convention center, convention and visitor's bureau, and hotels. As soon as the viability of the budget is proven, an announcement will be made to the Chairman of the Board. This should be by the end of January 2011.
4. A venue for the 2015 National has been selected and the chair has been identified. Meetings at the location should take place within the next 2 months.
5. Discussions are underway with a local representative for the 2016 National.
6. Steve Humphrey called about a month ago and suggested that a forum be developed for the committee, regional chairs, national chairs, and others which would be a repository for all matters that relate to the committee. Handbooks, board rep reports, progress and final reports for nationals, etc. could be kept there. It could also be a location for a discussion forum. Membership would be limited to those directly involved in such activities. This is a great idea, and will be pursued by the committee. In the near future.
7. The committee chair is familiar with how key volunteers for the last 7 or 8 national conventions have been compensated for their efforts. It ranges from virtually nothing to as much as \$6000 for the convention chair. It is difficult from the recent final report for the York convention to see just how folks were compensated. Two things drive the need for standardization of compensation for volunteers for future national conventions - fairness and the fact that more key players will be coming from outside the immediate area as shown by the list of players for the Dayton National. This coupled with the need to show at least \$50K profit requires an NAWCC Board policy to be used for all future nationals. I will develop a proposed policy for the Board to act on in the next several months.

Jim Coulson

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