



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

Office or Committee Name: Site Selection Committee

Officer or Chairperson Name: Charlie Hicks

Date of Preparation (include year): March 1, 2016

Committee Activities during the Year:

The committee (Charlie Hicks, Stephen Colbert, and Joe Yenish) discussed potential sites in the western US that had not been visited in recent years. The committee nominated the below sites to Phil Banks:

Denver

**Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel (\$172)
Grand Hyatt Denver (\$189)
Marriot Denver City Center (\$199)
Westin Denver Downtown (\$229)
Denver Hyatt Tech Center (\$179)**

Salt Lake City

**Sheraton Salt Lake City Hotel (\$149)
Salt Lake City Little America Hotel (\$149-179)**

Reno

**Peppermill (\$99-139)
Grand Sierra Resort Reno (\$89)**

Phil sent out several requests for proposals and recently responded to the committee with this information, “We received 5 proposals from Denver, two from Reno and two from Salt Lake City. On the spreadsheets, if a ? appears it means the proposal did not address the issue. Don't eliminate any property because of a very high Food & Beverage minimum (This is the amount that must spend on F&B before taxes). This is always negotiable. Also note that the two Reno hotels bid on the first week of March instead of our normal second week of March. I don't think that is a deal killer..”

The committee feels having nice restaurants within walking distance is important in choosing a location. Most of the Denver hotels and the Salt Lake City hotels fit this bill. The light rail system will be running in Denver by later this year, making travel downtown from the airport much easier. Both Stephen and Charlie have had recent meetings at the Denver Downtown Sheraton and recommend it for location and staff.

Of the two Salt Lake City Hotels, the Sheraton is more centrally located to restaurants, but Little America is not bad. Both Reno hotels are located far from restaurants.

Recommendations for Board Action:

None

Budget Needs:

None

Suggestions for the Future:

We will make recommendations for the 2019 site after proposals have been received and discussed with Phil Banks.

Current Committee Members:

Stephen Colbert

Joe Yenish

Charlie Hicks

Name of Person Preparing This Report:

Charlie Hicks