

Multi-zonal Service Symposium Workgroup Skype Notes Thurs 10-3-13, 8:00pm central

Opened with moment of silence and serenity prayer. 9 members eventually made it on the call. Amanda M. (Iowa), Daniel C. (Mid-America), Pat P. (Arkansas), Stacy M. (Greater Illinois), Matt F. (Arkansas), Barry B. (Iowa), Charles C. (Ohio), Cindi B. (OK) and Brian F. (Ohio)

Old Business

- **Communications** – Still attempting to complete contact with all regions. One region had their RSC cancelled and they will be letting us know when it is rescheduled. We had incorrect contact information for one region and new contacts were given and contact will be made before next meeting. Several regions will be meeting in the next two weeks. Currently there are 11 regions that have sent a response. Discussion that zonal support and/or contributions could not be given until all regions have replied. Possibility that by next meeting, enough regions may have sent their decisions and enough votes might be obtained to have decision to move forward with event or not.

- **Hospitality** - St. Louis hotel contract reviewed. Main concerns were the room blocks (75/120/120), and the Food/Beverage Fees (\$8500) which included a breakfast, lunch and banquet dinner. Another concern was no prices for coffee. Pat P. will contact hotel and other pricing for room blocks of 50/100/100, other options for Food/Beverage and types of meals and coffee prices estimates. No information on Indianapolis hotel at this time.

- **Finances** – much discussion on Virtual Banking options. PayPal seems to be the best option with cost of fee for registration around \$1 depending on price of registration. Need of a “real” bank for deposits of contributions and PayPal payments. Discussion of some initial needs if proposal passes would be a treasurer(s) and processes in place to be able to move forward with banking requirements, hotel contract and deposit, etc. immediately as contract will need to be signed to secure facility. Decision made to bring nominations for Treasurer and Co-Treasurer to next meeting. We would be requesting attendance on the next call and a service resume to review. If decision by regions has been made to move forward with event, we will then be ready to receive other nominations for other positions such as registration, programming, etc. Encouragement to get other interested members on next call.

New Business

- **Guidelines** – Discussion that we needed to be reviewing WSLD or other conference guidelines so discussion could continue on requirements, needs, etc. if event is approved.

Barry B. and Daniel C. volunteered to research more banking options. They will also review other types of conference call/meeting applications as the group is outgrowing Skype capabilities for good communications.

Stacy, Charles and Pat volunteered to try to make contact with remainder of regions who have not submitted their decision. Cindi B. will contact one region with whom she has made previous contact.

Next Skype meeting: Thursday, October 17, 2013 8 p.m. C.S.T.