

June 22, 2022: 10:00am on Zoom

Topic: Proposal for the Fall 2023 SCASFAA Conference

Those present:

Nicole Brownlow
Adam Ghiloni
Melanie Gillespie
Holly Gilliam (voting)
Regina Hailey Smith (voting)
Samantha Hicks (voting)
Shannon Jones
Melissa Perry (voting)
Danielle Rymer
Carolyn Sparks (voting)
Traci Singleton (voting)
Kyle Wade
Jennifer Williams

Voting members not present: Michelle Upchurch and Michelle Jacobson

From an email by Jennifer Williams, Chair of the 2021-22 Site Selection Committee, date June 16, 2022:

The recommendation from the Site Selection Committee is to return to the Marina Inn at Grande Dunes. The food and beverage minimum at the Marina Inn is reasonable and meeting room rentals are waived by hitting the minimum. The room rate is also reasonable for our members and includes the resort fee that is separate at some other options. There are multiple date ranges to choose from where SCASFAA is 1st option (meaning no other group has requested those dates). The S-W format seems to be working well, so no recommendation to divert from that. Our recommended dates would be: Oct 8-11 or Oct 15-18.

Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 10:02. 7 officers and quorum called.

Jennifer Williams:

Recommendation to contract at Marina Dunes. Received 5 bids from hotels (Mt. Pleasant, Hilton Head, Myrtle Beach). Sheraton had high food and beverage minimum. Room rates in Mt.

Pleasant \$180. Double Tree and Sonesta were high, which was a complaint from previous conference evaluations.

The Marina Inn at Grand Dunes in Myrtle Beach, SC will waive meeting room rentals, but the proposal includes only one breakfast per room. If the board is happy with everything else with the Marina Inn, the Site Selection Committee will renegotiate about breakfast. Breakfast was not included in other proposals.

Carolyn Sparks

If breakfast is not included, options for participants are limited.

Melanie Gillespie

Confirmed past contract with Marina Inn included breakfast for all people sharing a room for an increased room rate, which will be the same for 2022 Conference. Believes we will be able to negotiate Marina Inn to agree to the same contract for Fall 2023 Conference as well. Reasoning was per diem offered to participants from their schools. Agrees with Carolyn: where else would people eat breakfast on per diem and would not get reimbursed for a \$15-20 breakfast in hotel restaurant

Traci Singleton

Agrees with Melanie

Carolyn Sparks

Agrees Marina Inn at Grand Dunes is the best deal

Jennifer Williams:

Suggests the board picks a date (October 8-11 or October 29-31) and then go back to hotel for renegotiation about breakfast. Asks board which dates work.

Carolyn Sparks

Doesn't have a preference.

Missy Perry

Points out that the Fall 2022 Conference has one event outside and that it might be better to hold the conference earlier in the month due to the weather.

Holly Gilliam (in chat)

Points out the October 29-31 would include Halloween and people with small children may choose not to attend to be with their children

Jennifer Williams:

Agrees about Halloween

Melanie Gillespie

Personally prefers for later in the month due to set up at her school for upcoming academic year

Kyle Wade

Agrees with later in the month due to midterms at his school

Carolyn Sparks

Calls for a vote for the date and hotel

Motion: Sign the contract with Marina Inn at Grand Dunes in Myrtle Beach for October 8-11, 2023 if they include breakfast for each conference participants who are staying at the hotel.

Vote yes: Carolyn Sparks, Missy Perry, Holly Gilliam, Samantha Hicks, Regina Hailey Smith, and Traci Singleton

Vote no: none

Motion passed.

Meeting ended at 10:16