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NASIG Site Selection Annual Report 2009-2010

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Committee Activities

The Board instructed the committee to conduct site visits with Buffalo, NY, Niagara Falls, Canada, Nashville, TN, and St. Louis, MO for the 2011 annual conference site. All three sites visits were completed by the end of August and revised bids were received from all sites. After evaluation and review, the information was distributed to the Board for review and decision. All three cities were excellent locations for the annual conference. The Board determined that the passport requirement to visit Canada might present financial and logistical problems for too many members. The Board initially selected St. Louis, MO for the site of the 2011 conference and Buffalo, NY for the 2012 conference. Negotiations were conducted for the 2011 conference, and the St Louis Hilton Ballpark, St. Louis, MO was selected for the site of the 2011 conference.

The dates of the 2011 conference are June 2-6, 2011. The room cost will be \$117.00 per night, plus tax. This will include wireless internet access in the sleeping rooms and all of the meeting rooms.

After this contract was completed, negotiations were opened with the Buffalo, NY properties. It was determined that the dates available in those properties were not a good match with our schedule. The board was consulted and it was determined that the economic conditions of a "buyers market" were offering NASIG favorable contract conditions, so we proceeded to contract with Nashville, TN for the 2012 conference. Negotiations were reopened with the Nashville properties, and the Sheraton Music City in Nashville, TN was selected as the site for the 2012 conference.

The dates of the 2012 conference will be June 7-10, 2012. The room cost will be \$129 per night plus tax. This will include wireless internet access in the sleeping rooms and all of the meeting rooms.

Questions for the Board

Do we want to look in summer 2010 for a location for the 2013 in the northeast? Buffalo, NY is still interested and other northeast locations have approached me, each with some logistical issues. Is it, perhaps, worth looking at?

Or should we wait a year before looking for the next site, as we are booked for 2011 and 2012?