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Committee Updates

Site Selection Committee

November, 2010

Committee Members:

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At their meeting in June, the Executive Board made the decision to pursue a contract for the 2013 conference since prices are still lower than usual due to the poor economy. They also voted to change Joyce Tenney's charge to extend into negotiating and coordinating the 2013 conference.

During the summer, Joyce received proposals from various sites in the northeast, which had been targeted for 2013, and weeded out the ones that did not meet NASIG's requirements due to price, size, etc. In mid-August, the committee members had a conference call to review the proposals, and they narrowed selections down to three locations in the northeast. A fourth city is also under consideration, but each member of the committee has visited that location recently enough that a trip was not necessary. The committee visited all three locations in the first week in November and is currently compiling data to present to the board at their fall meeting in St. Louis, Missouri. It will be a difficult decision, as each of the four locations has advantages and disadvantages, but the committee firmly feels that

we should take advantage of fire sale prices in order to hold the conference in the northeast. NASIG has not had a conference in that region since Brown University in 1993.

Action(s) Required by Board

Review presentation by committee and help make a selection for the 2013 site.

Questions for Board

None

Recommendations to Board

Since we feel this will be a difficult decision, consider the possibility of getting feedback from the membership. A brief survey might ask something like, "If all things were equal (price, ease of transportation, etc.), which location would you prefer: W, X, Y or Z?"

Submitted by

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