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Convention Planning Committee Meeting Agenda

MCCA Offices in Augusta

10:00 am Friday, November 16, 2018

1. Attendance: Barbara Arseneau, Lynn Patten, Michelle Wadsworth, Owen Smith, Betsy Fitzgerald, Charles Pray, Lauren Haven
2. 2018 Convention Wrap Up

The group looked at the Profit and Loss report. All agreed the circumstances were rare and unlikely to repeat. The projected revenue and expenses were relatively conservative. Lauren said the Budget and Finance Committee was willing to recommend the same numbers in 2019 as in the 2018 budget. One immediate advantage is that MCCA has already paid \$5,000 towards the 2019 convention.

3. Ideas for Educational Sessions

The committee talked about the format of the trainings and debated different structures of full day, half day, or many concurrent sessions. The host county might propose to bring in a keynote speaker for all of Friday afternoon, but this would mean additional funding beyond the budgetary limitations would be needed.

Content would largely depend on whether or not a keynote speaker was scheduled, but some ideas were financial planning and retirement options with a panel of representatives from Social Security, MainePERS, Association of Retirees and the Camden Agency.

4. Ideas for Entertainment

Some ideas for entertainment included Justin McKinney or Luke Hanberry, or an illusionist.

5. Ideas for Activities

There are a couple of golf courses in the area, specifically Northport Golf Club is popular and only ten minutes away. Owen Smith is looking into a potential boat tour attendees enjoyed during a previous event. There could also be a wine tour. Bowling is a definite as we were able to negotiate the rental in the contract. Hiking and site seeing are free and independent options for those who don't want to participate in a group activity as well as a pretty extensive fitness center, rock wall, basketball, squash, racquetball, outdoor tennis and track, gymnasium, billiards, and ping pong. There won't be a lack of activities!

6. Keynote Speaker

Some ideas to research were Gordon Graham, Black Hawk Downs, and Travis Mills. If this was arranged, there could still be a couple of concurrent sessions for those who didn't choose to see the featured speaker.

7. Theme or No Theme

The group decided to have this discussion further into the planning process.

8. Discuss Target Dates

The committee is ahead of schedule at this time, having already completed the site visit and walk-through. It looks like there may not be a food tasting offered by the venue. However, the group was confident the food would be good.

9. Next Steps

Lauren mentioned the MCCA Board of Directors asked if Point Lookout would give us a proposal for 2020. It was likely they would give us similar pricing to 2019 if we do this early.

10. Schedule December Meeting

Due to the upcoming holiday events and end-of-year activities, the group set the next meeting date for December 7th at 10:00 am at the MCCA offices.