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Convention Planning Committee Meeting Minutes

MCCA Offices in Augusta
10:00 am Friday, April 19, 2019

Attendance:

Linda Corliss, Owen Smith, Diana Messina, Abby Shanor, Barbara Arseneau, Charles Pray and Lauren Haven

Updates:

1. Educational Sessions

The Active Shooter session on Saturday morning has been confirmed. Jason Wing from the Maine State Police has agreed to make the presentation. Additional good news, Oxford has offered to pay for his lunch. (Thank you!)

Commissioner Fowler would like to see if we can include a session educating county employees about marijuana, its uses and benefits, pros and cons of recreation legalization, retail and distribution issues, etc. Charles will look for a speaker.

Brenda Cota of ICMA-RC is willing to serve on the retirement option panel Saturday morning. We also have NACo retirement reps. Charlie will look into someone participating from the Maine Association of Retirees.

Linda Corliss is looking into Tim and/or Gene from Libby O'Brien doing a training on how to deal with unions.

Lauren will ask Bill Dale at Jensen Baird Gardner and Henry if he would do an educational session on tax abatement and appeals which is often requested and well attended.

We're still waiting to hear back from Malcolm as to whether or not Peter Marchesi will be speaking.

Abby Shanor plans to invite Jim Frost to do a session on Hiring and Firing.

2. Entertainment

Friday night is all set. Comedian Luke Hanbury is confirmed.

Saturday night: Todd Charles is not available to facilitate a game, so we need at least one more person to help with this piece.

3. Activities

Bowling: Commissioner Fowler spoke with several vendors at the MSA conference who will be coming to our convention. They seemed interested in participating in creating a team or two for the bowling tournament. Once we have a group of vendors registered Lauren will email them about the idea.

Owen Smith is still researching the idea of a boating trip.

4. Vendors

Lauren created the vendor invitation, completed the vendor center page on the website, the paper registration form, online registration form, and online payment portal. Vendor Registration is now open. We already have two sponsors and four confirmed exhibitors. Anyone can suggest an invitation be sent to a potential vendor by emailing Lauren or submitting a name and contact information on the CPC webpage.

Abby Shanor is trying to get Bamboo to come as an exhibitor or put an ad in the program. We're also looking into Bangor Savings and Trinity Services Group. Waldo county folks will see if local vendors might be willing to donate attendee bags and/or donate items to fill them.

5. Event Schedule

Lauren will continue to revise the draft of the schedule. She will update the document with decisions from this meeting and post it on the CPC webpage.

6. Next Steps

We will try to get commitments from presenters for the educational sessions in the next month or so, to be ready to open attendee registration sometime in June.

7. Schedule Next Meeting

The next Convention Planning Committee meeting will occur on May 24th at 10:00 am at the MCCA offices.