

Midwest Sociological Society
Annual Meeting Committee Report
Spring 2017

Prepared by Laurie Linhart, Annual Meeting Committee Chair

Committee Members

Name	Position	Term expires
Laurie Linhart	Chair, 2015-2018	2018
Eve Blobaum	Interim Exhibits Dir.	2016
David Boden	2015-16 Local Arr	2017
Celeste Campos-Castillo	2016-17 Local Arr	2018
Hui Wilcox	2017-18 Local Arr	2019
Meggan Lee	2018-19 Local Arr	2020
Mia Hardy	At-large member	2019
Elaine McDuff	At-large member	2018
Kathleen Westman	At-large member	2018
Phyllis Baker	Ex-officio	2017
Erin Hoekstra	Ex-officio	2017
Jessica Hausauer	Ex-officio	2019
Tim Pippert	Ex-officio	2018
Geoff Harkness	Ex-officio as appropriate	2018

Future sites:

Laurie Linhart solicited proposals for the 2022 meeting from hotels in Chicago. Unfortunately the only hotel that is viable is the Chicago Hyatt Regency.

Summary of current contracts:

2018: Hyatt Regency Minneapolis. Thu March 22- Sun March 25

Room rate: \$129 per night

2019: Chicago Hyatt Regency: Wed March 17 – Sat March 20

Room rate: \$129 per night for single and double occupancy

\$154 per night for triples occupancy

\$179 for quadruple occupancy

2020: Hilton Omaha: Thu April 2 – Sunday April 5

Room rate: \$129 per night for single, double, triple and quad occupancy

2021: Downtown Des Moines Marriott: Thu March 18 – Sunday March 21

Room rates: \$133 per night for single, double, triple and quad occupancy

Exhibits/Commons

Eve Blobaum reported the traffic in the Commons as light and sporadic. We are looking at many different options for revising the space.

2017 Meeting Evaluation:

We will conduct another on-line meeting evaluation. Linhart will report results of the evaluation at Board Meeting II. The report will also be shared with MSS committee chairs and posted on the MSS webpage.

Long-range Strategic Plan:

Strategic Direction 2: Ensure Utility & Vitality of Meetings

Objective 2: Review policies & practices ensuring the quality of sessions

This is in process. Within one month from the conclusion of the Annual Meeting, an evaluation will be sent out to all members assessing the meeting.

Strategic Direction 5: Provide & Facilitate Professional Development Across MSS Membership

Objective 2a: Survey members (via annual mtg. survey) about professional development needs.

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