

Conference Call Minutes
SEPTEMBER 17, 2003

Attendees: Bertha Simpson, Barry Silva, Chip Yarborough, Bev Slocum, John Bush, Pat Layton

Review of the 2002, 2003 conference budget. The upcoming dates are January 19-23, 2004.

JAN 19 - BAG STUFFING

JAN 20 - PRE CONFERENCE CLASSES AND GOLF TOURNAMENT

JAN 21-22 - CONFERENCE/CLASSES

JAN 22 - DINNER MEETING

JAN 23 - BOARD REVIEW WITH HOTEL

The Hyatt advised that there is no problem with a Thursday night dinner reception. We are under contract for the food. The price will probably be higher than past years. We are to advise Christine Randle of the Hyatt on our decisions.

B. Silva to handle the flyer. Attendees can email registration to Barry or Cev Chan. It will include information on upcoming nominations for offices: 2nd Vice President, Secretary, and Southern Regional Vice President. Nomination forms can be accessed on the website. Barry to update on his future career position.

Successfully secured both guest speakers Senator J. Dunn (Orange County) and D. Alpert. No fees are involved except possibly comp rooms, and possibly airfare.

Relief for registration is still under discussion. Tabled until the October meeting. Possibly we need to check with local PSAP's for relief at registration. Diane Maus agreed to have the bags and t-shirts shipped to Long Beach PD. Bertha will check on shipping.

Chip has 4 responses on call for papers for classes.

The vendor letter was completed and reviewed. Approved to go. Banquet discussion was tabled.

Previously there have been some complaints from vendors on the expense of the booths, but the point was made that expenses have increased and that vendors get many leads. It was noted that part of the amount will go toward the banquet. Unanimous agreement to increase the vendor booth from \$600 to \$750 due to rising costs.

Discussion of raising the registration amount from \$150 to \$165, and late registration from \$175 to \$190. Bertha to check with Daphne Rhoe on the possible increase. Unanimous agreement to increase the amounts if approved by the State.

Under Nick Warner's contract, his salary will increase on November 1, 2003 from \$2000 to \$2500 for his final year of the current contract.

There generally needs to be three weeks for the printers to produce the brochure. It would be best to have information to the printer by the end of November, 2003.

General discussion of cost increase in 2003 on food, audio and visual equipment, and the mandated use of sign language interpretation. The cost of guest speaker will be greatly reduced this year. John Bush made the point that the highlights of the conference should be education and vendor access.