

**Minutes of the SCHC Board of Directors Special Meeting
1 July 2008**

In attendance:

Michelle Baker
Amy Breedlove
Mark Cohen
Stacie Eakin
Pam Kreis

Suzanne Matuszewski
Dave Peters
Angela Rath
Bob Skoglund
Darlene Susa-Anderson

Guests:

Doug Eisner

Regrets:

Len Hong
Bernadette Lindquist

Ann Brockhaus
Michele Sullivan

Start of Meeting:

The meeting was opened the meeting at 11 a.m. (EDT). Angela Rath was the Recording Secretary.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Discuss Hotel Arrangements for 2010 and beyond Fall Meeting

Doug Eisner was invited to participate in the meeting to provide background information and clarification on meeting costs and options. Our decision today would give him guidance for seeking meeting space in the future.

Doug noted that in his negotiations he felt the days of the "less then \$200/night" hotel room was in the past if SCHC continued the March-April and Sept-Oct meeting cycles.

The rooms rates where we currently have contracts are:

2008 Fall - Crystal Gateway \$199/night

2009 Spring - Houston \$165/nght

2009 Fall - Crystal Gateway \$209/night

He felt the rates in the Spring 2010 in Charlotte or New Orleans will be slightly less than \$200/night rate.

The Crystal Gateway has offered dates for 2010 and 2011 that are in August and November which are lower than the \$200/night rate. It was felt the times in August would not be attractive for the following reasons:

1. Having the meeting in August could make the meeting times too close. If we move to August we would need to move the Spring meeting to February or March.
2. There was discussion that traveling during the winter months could cause difficulty due to weather.
3. Others felt having the meeting in August would cause attendance to decrease and would increase the difficulty in getting speakers, especially from the EU.

There was a discussion about moving the meeting to the Baltimore area. Doug said he looked at published rates at comparable hotels in the Harbor area and they are very similar to Crystal Gateway.

There was also some discussion on subsidizing rooms. It was voiced that this could be an accounting nightmare since some guests stay only one or two night and others stay longer. This idea will not be pursued at this time.

The Board agreed to have Doug continue negotiations with the Crystal Gateway for a contract for Fall of 2010 and 2011 for the September/October timeframe with the anticipated room rates to be over \$200/night.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Rath

Acting Recording Secretary