

Southeast Region of the WOCN Society
Board Zoom Meeting Minutes
February 25, 2021, 5:30-6pm EST

Call to order: Zoom board meeting convened at 5:30pm with President Glenda Brunette presiding and serving as secretary.

Attendees: Glenda Brunette, Angela Graham, Angela Dye, Amy Armstrong, Martha Davidson, Cordelia Lucas-Sherrod, Sharon McCarthy, Megan Chipman, Nancy Scott, Bernie Haberer, and David Dipuma

Glenda requested David review 2021 contract renegotiations with Rosen. David Dipuma presented renegotiation with Rosen which decreased room night obligation to 200 (400 prior), 100% obligation to room nights (i.e. we pay for any nights not reserved), food & beverage budget decreased from 30K to 18K, release of the executive ballroom.

Megan Chipman reported most speakers confirmed, report sent to Sharon McCarthy earlier today.

Board voted to approve renegotiation as above with Rosen and hold conference in August as planned. Amy Armstrong made motion to approve with second by Angela Graham.

Next Steps:

Bernie: will move forward with 8x8 booths; price per booth to remain the same; will need logistical info re: symposia/room turn-around time for clean-up/set-up.

Per David, hotel requesting an hour to turn-over room after symposia – he's working on that, will follow up. Discussed buffet vs pre-packaged meals. Will plan on pre-packaged as more "COVID-friendly". Menu options pending info from Rosen per David.

Sharon McCarthy to meet with Megan Chipman to work on agenda/times/breaks and will get revision to Bernie. Bernie suggested 15 minutes between session, may need to decrease sessions accordingly to accommodate.

Conference 2022: Birmingham, ALA

Angela Graham asked David re: plans for 2022. David has a proposal from Birmingham Sheraton but needs to revise numbers (may base on 2021 Rosen #s) and suggested waiting to gauge attendance at 2021 SER conference in Orlando. Also, as Birmingham is not a "tier 1 location", may be able to negotiate better room rates d/t more availability than with cities like Orlando. David will start working on Birmingham revisions/proposal.

Follow up Items:

David will follow up with the Rosen and will email the board with updates. Bernie will follow up with Sharon for file sharing.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:59pm.