Capital District, Kiwanis International
Board of Trustees Meeting
May 16, 2021 - Agenda Point
2021 District Convention

Background

With the wider availability of vaccines, we are now seeing the slow progress towards the return to a new normal for in-person events.

A recent survey conducted by the District Office asked clubs to survey their membership about how many would attend an in-person DCON in August and of those who would attend in person, how many would stay overnight.

38 (27% of District) out of 141 clubs responded to the survey, but here are the results:

Total number of members reported that would attend in-person: **132** (31 of those were all from the host Roanoke club)
Total number of members that would prefer to attend online: **131**
Total number of members that didn't respond: **901**
Total Responding Clubs Size: **1164** (29% of District)

Of the 131 who indicated they would attend in-person:
Number of members who would stay 2 nights: **56**
Number of members who would stay 1 night: **24**
Number of members who would only come for the day: **55**
This would total a pickup of only 80 room nights

Independently, current and incoming district officers were asked whether or not they would attend an in-person DCON and the results were more positive (but these individuals receive reimbursement for DCON travel and registration):

2020-21 District Officers:
18 responded they would attend in person and stay 2 nights
3 responded that they would only attend virtually
6 didn't respond

2021-22 District Officers (unique from 2020-21):
7 responded they would attend in person and stay 2 nights

This would total another **50 room nights** (assuming no duplication in these numbers versus club reporting)

Virginia Executive Order 72 still limits in-person indoor meetings to a maximum of 50 people and that requires social distancing and face masks. The Hotel Roanoke has indicated that they have it on good authority that on May 15th the Governor will increase that number to 100, however, even at that size, we would be challenged to conduct a normal House of Delegates under the law. In addition, based on the poll numbers, we may not reach quorum under normal requirements to conduct business

Risk: Our contract with the Hotel Roanoke is based on a room block of 350 room nights with a contractual pickup of 80% of that (or 280 room nights) and a minimum of $20,000 of Food & Beverage.

Required Board Action

The Capital District Board of Trustees moves the adoption of one of the following three options for the disposition of the 2021 District Convention:

Option 1: Just like we did in 2020, declare an Article VI, Section 16 emergency condition and cancel the 2021 District Convention. Amend the contract with Hotel Roanoke to an agreeable weekend in 2025 (next available date) to hold the event agreed at time of contracting (September 2018) and hold an entirely **virtual event** with education and a business session for delegates-at-large only.

Option 2: Declare an Article VI, Section 16 emergency condition and cancel the 2021 District Convention. Amend the contract with Hotel Roanoke to a smaller **hybrid event** with education and a business session for delegates-at-large only. A proposal for this smaller event at $125/night follows this agenda point.

Option 3: Declare an Article VI, Section 16 emergency condition and cancel the 2021 District Convention. Amend the contract with Hotel Roanoke to an agreeable weekend in 2025 (next available date) to hold the event agreed at time of contracting (September 2018) and hold a smaller **hybrid event** with education and a business session for delegates-at-large only at a **different, more central location**. A proposal from the Hyatt Regency Reston at $104/night follows this agenda point.