

MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 4, 2005

TO: Mary McDonald

FROM: NASSS Site Selection Committee 2005 (Rita Liberti, Billy Hawkins, Richard Southall, Cathy Van Ingen).

RE: Site Selection Committee Report

We have identified three cities that might host the NASSS conference for each of the following years (2008, 2009, 2010) as well as lodging, airport, and a small amount of other information about the locations that we hope is useful. Where possible we have included potential site coordinators in each of the cities. The cities are not offered up in any priority order.

NASSS – 2008**Memphis, Tennessee (U.S.)**

AIRPORT: Memphis International Airport is approximately 8 miles (12 kilometers) southeast of downtown Memphis. Approximate cost of a taxi from the airport to the downtown area is \$23.

LODGING: Of the nearly one-dozen downtown area lodging options, costs range from between \$100-200 U.S. dollars per night. For example the newly opened Hampton Inn & Suites Memphis-Peabody Place costs \$140 per night (U.S.).

POTENTIAL SITE COORDINATOR: Richard Southall (southall@memphis.edu)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/POINTS OF INTEREST: City population: 650,000. Trolley service in the downtown area provides transportation between and among downtown attractions. The city is home to the National Civil Rights Museum, as well as home to LeMoyne-Owen College (a small liberal arts historically Black institution).

Austin, Texas (U.S.)

AIRPORT: Austin-Bergstrom International Airport is 7 miles from the city's downtown. Super shuttle service to the airport from the downtown area is approximately \$10 (U.S.), taxi \$20 (U.S.)

LODGING: A number of lodging opportunities in the Downtown/University area ranging from \$100-150 (U.S. dollars). For example, the Hyatt Regency is \$159 per night; Crowne Plaza is \$119 per night. The Doubletree Club (new hotel) near the university seems especially reasonable, tech. ready, and close to a number of attractions – between \$80-120 per night.

POTENTIAL SITE COORDINATOR: Ben Carrington (bcarrington@soc.utexas.edu)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/POINTS OF INTEREST: City's population: 560,000. The University of Texas is home to a number of attractions. Free downtown trolley service runs during the day and evening.

St. Louis, Missouri (U.S.)

AIRPORT: The Lambert-St. Louis Airport is approximately 20-30 minutes from the downtown area or about 14 miles. Shuttle service is approximately \$13 one way. The airport offers non-stop service from dozens of locations in the U.S. and Toronto, Canada.

LODGING: Dozens of hotels in the downtown area whose costs range \$100-200 U.S. dollars per night, however hotels in downtown St. Louis appear to be a bit more costly than either Austin or Memphis.

Examples: the range at the Holiday Inn downtown is \$101 - \$179. The Omni Majestic Hotel is \$144 per night.

POTENTIAL SITE COORDINATOR: Brenda L. Bredemeier, University of Missouri-St. Louis

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/POINTS OF INTEREST: Population: 350,000. Attractions: International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame and St. Louis Cardinals Hall of Fame. The Gateway Arch/National Park Monument and dozens of others gardens, parks, attractions in the downtown area.

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Toronto, Ontario (Canada)

AIRPORT: Toronto airport is approximately 20 miles from the downtown area.

LODGING: In the downtown area there are a wide range of hotels and prices. More affordable options include places like: The Courtyard Downtown Toronto at \$131 a night (Canadian) and the Holiday Inn Midtown (across from the University of Toronto) about \$110 a night (Canadian).

POTENTIAL SITE COORDINATORS:
Bruce Kidd (bruce.kidd@utoronto.ca)
Peter Donnelly (peter.donnelly@utoronto.ca)
Margaret MacNeill (margaret.macneill@utoronto.ca)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/POINTS OF INTEREST: One of the most diverse cities in the world.

Ottawa, Ontario (Canada)

AIRPORT: The airport is approximately 10 miles away from the downtown area.

LODGING: There appear to be several affordable options in the city, including the Embassy Hotel and Suites - \$86 a night (Canadian), Holiday Inn Plaza la Chaudiere Gatineau-Ottawa at approximately \$100 a night (Canadian).

POTENTIAL SITE COORDINATOR:
Geneviève Rail (genrail@uottawa.ca); Jean Harvey (jharvey@uottawa.ca); Christine Dallaire (cdallair@uottawa.ca)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/POINTS OF INTEREST: Several museums, including the National Gallery of Canada. The Casino Du Lac-Leamy is nearby for those interested in testing their luck.

Quebec City, Quebec (Canada)

AIRPORT: The Jean Lesage International Airport is approximately 12 miles from the downtown district.

LODGING: There are affordable options in the city; the Courtyard (\$114 Canadian); The Best Western City Centre (\$100 Canadian).

POTENTIAL SITE COORDINATOR: Geneviève Rail (genrail@uottawa.ca);

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/POINTS OF INTEREST: A beautiful city!

NASSS – 2010**Oakland, California (U.S.)**

AIRPORT: The Oakland International Airport is approximately 7 miles from downtown Oakland. Other close airport options include San Francisco International – SFO (Bay Area Rapid Transit – BART to downtown Oakland – costs approximately \$5); otherwise a shuttle from SFO to downtown Oakland is available for approximately \$25. The San Jose Mineta International is about a one-hour away from Oakland’s downtown.

LODGING: Oakland Marriott City Center provides one of the best locations in the downtown. It’s located adjacent to Oakland’s “Chinatown” (more a pan-Asian area) and nearby to the city’s old town. Close by is Jack London Square – which includes Jazz Clubs and waterside restaurants. The BART has a stop within one block of the hotel, providing transportation to many Bay Area communities.

POTENTIAL SITE COORDINATOR: Rita Liberti (rita.liberti@csueastbay.edu) or Carl Stempel (carl.stempel@csueastbay.edu).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/POINTS OF INTEREST: City size: approximately 400,000. Oakland is one of the most ethnically diverse cities in the United States, with a variety of museums, music, restaurants, etc., reflecting that diversity.

Denver, Colorado (U.S.)

AIRPORT: The Denver airport is a hub for United Airlines. The airport is located 24 miles from the downtown area. An airport shuttle service from the airport to the downtown ranges from \$17-22 (U.S.)

LODGING: There do seem to be affordable lodging options in the city’s center. For example, the downtown Embassy Suites is listed as \$109 per night. The downtown Comfort Inn is in the \$130 range as well.

POTENTIAL SITE COORDINATOR: ?

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/POINTS OF INTEREST: City population: 550,000. There is a free downtown shuttle that runs every ten minutes until 11pm and plenty of historic/scenic walking tours in the downtown area. The Black American West Museum is located in Denver.

Portland, Oregon (U.S.)

AIRPORT: From the downtown area the Portland airport is approximately 20-40 minutes away. The shuttle from the airport to the downtown area is \$13 one-way.

LODGING: There appear to be a fair number of hotels in the downtown area in the \$125-\$150 range.

POTENTIAL SITE COORDINATOR: ??

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/POINTS OF INTEREST: City population: 525,000. Powell’s City of Books, one of the largest independent booksellers in the world, is located in Portland. There are many unique neighborhoods throughout city. The Pacific Ocean is approximately 90-120 minutes to the west. Alongside the Columbia River Highway, just east of the city, some of the tallest waterfalls in the world can be seen from the roadway.

MEXICO

The committee did not have the chance to discuss the possibility of a NASSS conference in Mexico, however Richard offered up the following:

As far as cities in Mexico: I would suggest Cancun, Merida, or Tampico (on the Gulf of Mexico/Yucatan) - in that order. I also would suggest that the Gulf of Mexico/Yucatan location is more feasible than a Pacific-side city. However, Cabo San Lucas is a great destination and there are good flight possibilities. I have worked extensively in Cabo and also in Cancun area and would feel comfortable helping with that conference.