American Council of the Blind of Nebraska

Special Executive Council Meeting

August 25, 2016

President Mark Bulger called the teleconference to order at 7:04pm. Board members in attendance were Mark, Chris, Jim, Dale, Kathy and Barb. The purpose of the meeting was to solidify dates and location for the upcoming state convention in 2017.

Having reviewed previous bids from Lincoln at the June 28 meeting, and per board directive, Jim secured bids from Columbus and Omaha. Jim reported he requested a bid from York, but they were non-responsive and failed to provide a bid. The current bids up for consideration are:

Ramada — Columbus

April 28-30

Guest Rooms

 $94.95 per night, plus tax (rate based on double occupancy)

 Reservations must be made in the block no later than 3 weeks prior to event date

 We are pleased to offer one complimentary bi-level suite (Hospitality Room)

Room Rent

 Grand Rivers Ballroom: $400

 Discovery Island Pool (Pool Party) Complimentary

sound system included

Regency Lodge — Omaha

April 21-23

Guest Rooms

$81 per night

Room Rent

Board room $50 per night

Aspin $150 per day

Comfort Inn — Omaha

Guest Room Rates:

Based upon your event’s total room nights, The Omaha Comfort Inn and Suites Central confirms the following group rates (net of all taxes): Hotel room rates

are subject to applicable state and local taxes (currently 18.16%) in effect at the time of check-in. Room rates apply for up to four people per room.

These rates are valid [date of event]

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Standard Double Queens or Single Kings

King Suites

King Suites with Pull out Couch

Kids or Family Suites

Hot Tub Suites

$84.00

$94.00

$104.00

$124.00

$134.00

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Addendum for Meeting Space

Comfort Inn Suites Central proudly hosts over 6000 square feet of meeting space. In addition to our Boardroom with (14) high back leather chairs. With a full Food and Beverage Department we are able to service any of your needs whether it be breakfast, lunch, and dinner, or snacks in between.

We are proud to offer you the following:

Date: 4.21-23.17

Time:

Details

Fee

Friday (21) & Saturday (22)

Room:

Ballroom A (Hospitality Room)

$200 per day

Basic Set-Up:

Rounds

Estimated Number of Guests:

Saturday (22) & Sunday (23)

Room:

Set-up:

Ballroom C

Classroom

$300 per day

Saturday (22) Dinner

Room:

Set-up:

Ballroom D

Rounds of 8

$500 for the room - $900 food & beverage minimum

Food

TBD

Following lengthy discussion and pros and cons of each location, unanimous consent was to hold the 2017 state convention in Columbus at the Ramada Inn April 28, 29 & 30. It was also unanimous consent that if a contract wasn’t received in a reasonable time frame that we would hold the convention at the Regency Lodge April 21, 22 & 23.

Mark indicated he had a fund raising endeavor scheduled for ACBN in west Omaha September 9 and 10. The funds received would be to offset the cost of the recently concluded 2016 state convention. Future fund raising endeavors will be planned for future dates.

Dale shared that he had received notification from ACBN’s insurance company that we had coverage overlapping in that one of our policies dealt with covering employees. Since ACBN has no employees, Dale was directed to contact the insurance company and drop the coverage saving us approximately $50.

Mark committed that he, Jim and Dale would pay a visit to the bank in the coming weeks to update the signature cards.

The meeting was concluded at 7:54pm.

Respectfully submitted

Jim Jirak

Secretary