

Symposium Coordinator

Report not submitted.

Greetings from the 55th Symposium

This is a preliminary report to give you an idea of where we're at as of October 23. I will bring a more detailed report including committee reports with me to the board meeting. Things are going well, we have committee chairs for every committee and we have a signed contract with the hotel. The invitations to the exhibitors have been sent out this week, thanks to Jim Cornell and Dan Wilt. Hopefully we will have a good response. We had to move the exhibits to the grand ballroom in order to accommodate the number of booths that we thought were necessary. We will have 24 8X10 booths and 2 6X8 booths. The 6X8 booths will be furnished to the next years Symposium at no charge to them and to Salem college at no charge.

Mike Souza has agreed to take on the position of seminars Chair. Mike has an ambitious schedule in place for the upcoming symposium. He has also given good input in a number areas and has set up a my space page to host photos or any other pertinent info. Mike Palme has posted photos and other information including registration on the ASGS web site, thanks Mike. Jim Hodgson has informed me that he has had some volunteers to do papers and some posters, hopefully we will have more info at the time of the board meeting. Jim has agreed to take on the position of Papers chair in addition to his duties as Poster chair after the resignation of Ben Spalding, Thanks Jim.

Jack Korfhage and myself have divided the duties of chair, he will be taking care of the workshops and setup and working with Mike Souza on the Seminars and I will be taking care of working with the hotel and everything else including working with Mike Souza on the seminars. Jack and myself will be meeting with the hotel and the drayage company on Friday morning to work out some of the details. I will also be talking to the hotel about possible charities that we will be donating to. I know that it's the chairs decision but i would like input from someone in the local community . I am leaning toward either a homeless charity or The Susan G Koman breast cancer fund.

Thanks

Bob Singer / Jack Korfhage

Chairs

ASGS-56th Annual Symposium & Exposition Director's Report

The Hilton Alexandria Mark Center has been contracted for the ASGS-56th Annual Symposium & Exposition, Monday, June 27, 2011 to Sunday, July 3, 2011. The daily rate will be \$119. These rates are available 3 days pre/post the event. The hotel is 5 miles from both Washington, DC and Washington National Airport. There is hotel shuttle access to the Metro, National Airport, and Old Town Alexandria. The Smithsonian Institution operates 11 national museums and galleries on or near the Mall in addition to the National Zoo that are free to enter. Additionally, the U.S. Botanic Garden, the Library of Congress, the Capitol Building and all National Monuments (all on or close to the Mall) can be entered no cost. Old Town Alexandria has river cruises and taxis in addition to cafes, restaurants, and art galleries. There are so many points of interest and things to do in the area that they are too numerous to mention. I would encourage all those attending to extend their visit through the 4th of July. The fireworks are amazing, and the hotel has an excellent viewing area.

The Hilton Alexandria Mark Center is a AAA 3 diamond rated hotel. It is beautifully appointed and located on a small lake adjacent to a 43-acre botanical preserve. The hotel has a restaurant, sushi bar and a lounge, and is within walking distance of a number of other eateries. Additionally, their shuttle will take you to Pentagon City Mall and Old Town which have many fine places to eat. The parking is free during your stay at the hotel. More information about the hotel can be found at www.alexandria.hilton.com.