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In March of 2006 a site visit was made to Norfolk and Portsmouth Virginia. Several hotels were visited and a tour of the area was made.

The cities are of manageable sizes and there is much to do in the way of sightseeing. The area is rich in American history and the U S Navy has a base located there. In my opinion the Portsmouth Renaissance would be an ideal location and facility for a group of our size.

I point out the Renaissance because I was just notified this morning that the Norfolk Fire Department will not issue the ASGS a permit for fires in a hotel. That leaves Portsmouth. I have no idea how this will impact our negotiating ability. The Renaissance is eager for our business.

Portsmouth is a smaller and quieter city. There are plenty of eating and drinking establishments just minutes away. Located directly across the river from Norfolk, a ferry runs every fifteen minutes between the cities and is quite reasonably priced. A weekly pass may be \$3.00 or \$4.00.

Having talked with President Bihler, I suggest the exhibitor booth rates remain the same as for this Symposium.

Symposium Committee Chairs are;

Artistic Bob Ponton
Audio Visual Mike Morris
Exhibits R C Moranes
Junior Member Joe Gregar
Posters Philip Legge

Regular Member Jack Korphage? (I have not contacted Jack as of this writing)

Seminars Mike Souza Technical Workshops Curt Sexton

Technical Papers ?????? Help me here.

After discussion with many people, we are going to try a three day Symposium. If it does not work we can always go back to the other format.

I plan on attending the BOD meeting and I will have more information at that time.

Scott Bankroff 2007 ASGS Symposium Chair