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To: President Souza and the BOD

Subject: Southern California section report

The Southern California section has not had a meeting in 2004, several sites have been talked around. In spite of this a lot of our time has been spent in looking for a site for the 2006 symposium, with telephone and inter net communications as well as physical inspections of different hotels. As you all know the biggest hurdle is always the fire Marshall. We have settled on the Marriott hotel in Manhattan Beach California. We feel this is a good site. It is about 4 miles from LAX(15 min. cab ride), 2 miles from the beach, within walking distance from all price levels of dinning and 3 blocks from a large shopping mall. One real good point is there are no other Hotels in the immediate area so we should be able to keep the room count up. Ron has been out to inspect the site and is working on the contract at this time. It should be a done deal by the time of this meeting.

We will start to form our committees after the contract is signed. We already have a loose idea of what they will be.

As I have included this info here I will not send a separate symposium report.

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