### A Facet of Convention: College Campus or Hotel?

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#### Ohio State Chapter Bylaws

#### Regarding Convention

- Article I, Sec. 1: The state chapter shall convene annually between May 1 and June 10.
- Article VI, Sec. 1: The annual dues of Ohio State Chapter shall be thirty-six dollars (\$36.00) per active member including:
  - Ten dollars (\$10.00) for Ohio State Chapter dues, which shall be allocated between the General Fund, and an amount not to exceed ninety cents (\$0.90) to the State Convention Fund.
  - Sec. 2: Annual fees paid to Ohio State Chapter by each local chapter are as follows: One hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125.00) for delegate's expenses for convention of Ohio State Chapter.

#### **Needs for Convention**

- Sleeping accommodations for 350, preferably airconditioned
- Luncheon and Banquet facilities for 700; space for entertainment; good acoustics
- Meeting space for 400; stage or platform; piano; good acoustics
  - Memorial Hour with seating for 350; piano or organ
  - Space for Projects Room, registration, workshops, meeting rooms

### Costs for convention in 2011 at Baldwin-Wallace

- Rooms at double occupancy for 2 nights \$40.00
- Linen package \$10.00
- Meals including gratuity
- Friday dinner \$16.50
- Sat Breakfast \$8.30
- Sat Lunch \$19.00
- Sat Dinner \$30.70
- Sunday Breakfast \$8.30
- Total Package \$132.80
- Convention hall rental/tech support/meeting rooms cost
   \$1,850.00

## Costs for Convention in 2012 at Wittenberg

- Rooms at double occupancy for 2 nights \$70.00
- Optional linen package \$16.00
- Meals including 18% gratuity
- Friday dinner \$13.00
- Saturday Breakfast \$7.00
- Saturday Lunch \$10.75
- Saturday Dinner \$15.50
- Sunday Breakfast \$8.75
- Total Package (minus linen package)
  \$125.00

#### Requirements of Each State Convention

- Period of Instruction
- Question & Answer Periods
- Workshops
- Report of Projects of International Chapter
- Election & Installation of Officers

## Florida Example of Hotel Convention

- Hyatt Grand Tampa Bay, Tampa, May 4-6
- Housing room rates: \$150 per night based on double occupancy
- Friday dinner \$47; Saturday lunch \$25; Saturday dinner \$48
- Total package: \$420
- State Chapter dues are \$14 including \$6 for State Convention Fund
- Friday 2:00 4:00 Workshops
- Friday 6:00 Dinner
- Friday 7:30 Project Speakers
- Saturday 8:30 am Convention Session I
- Saturday 12:00 Lunch/celebrate Anniversary Chapters/50-year members
- Saturday 1:30 Convention Session II
- Saturday 7:00 Dinner
- Sunday 8:00 am Time of Remembrance
- Sunday 9:15 Convention Session III

# Illinois Example of Hotel Convention

- Radisson Quad Cities Plaza, Davenport, IA, June 1-3
- Housing room rate \$66.00 per night, based on double occupancy
- Friday dinner \$33; Saturday breakfast \$15; Saturday luncheon \$23;
  Saturday dinner \$35; Sunday breakfast \$19
- Total package \$257
- Illinois State Chapter Dues \$15.50 (\$8 for state convention fund)
- Friday 4:30 pm Time of Remembrance
- Friday 7:00 pm Projects Dinner
- Saturday 8:30 am Convention Session I
- Saturday 12:00 2:00 Luncheon
- Saturday 2:30 4:15 Workshops & Period of Instruction
- Saturday 6:45 Banquet
- Sunday 8:30 11:30 Convention Session II

### Pennsylvania Example of Hotel Convention

- Sheraton Hershey, Harrisburg June 8-10
- Housing room rates: \$119 based on double occupancy
- Friday dinner \$26; Saturday breakfast \$14; Saturday lunch \$22; Saturday dinner \$34;
  Sunday breakfast \$17
- Total package: \$351
- State Chapter dues \$17.50 of which \$9 goes into State Convention Fund; \$10 registration fee per chapter delegate
- Friday 6:30 pm Projects Night Dinner
- Saturday 8:00 9:30 am Various meetings and practices
- Saturday 9:30 Workshop
- Saturday 10:00 Convention Session I
- Saturday 12:00 Lunch
- Saturday 1:15 Convention Session II
- Saturday 4:00 Meeting for incoming/outgoing state committee chairmen
- Saturday 7:00 Banquet
- Sunday 8:30 Time of Remembrance
- Sunday 9:30 Convention Session III
- Sunday 12:00 Close of Convention

#### **Decision Time!**

- There are endless possibilities. Each state can choose to do things a little differently.
- We have a choice: to hold Ohio's convention on a campus or in a hotel. Hotel rooms and meals cost significantly more than those on campuses. If we choose to hold Ohio's convention in a hotel, we must decide how we will pay for it. (Raise state dues? Raise chapter convention fees? Both? Other? State pay for one night only? Reduce the number of meals?)
- Questions?