

TO: ALA Executive Board

RE: Site Selection for the PLA 2020 Conference

ACTION REQUESTED/INFORMATION/REPORT:

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ACTION REQUESTED BY:

PLA President Eva D. Poole and the PLA Board of Directors

CONTACT PERSON:

Barbara Macikas, PLA Executive Director 312-280-5028, bmacikas@ala.org

DRAFT OF MOTION:

The ALA Executive Board approves the site selected by the PLA Board of Directors for the PLA 2020 Conference: Nashville, TN.

DATE: May 23, 2013

BACKGROUND:

Nashville, TN was approved as the site of the PLA 2020 Conference at the Spring Board of Directors meeting, May 4, 2013. Background on the RFP process and approval letters from surrounding states are attached.

Background on the PLA 2020 Conference RFP process:

RFPs were sent to the following cities: Columbus, Minneapolis, Nashville & St. Louis.

Columbus – Hotel and convention center package viable option for PLA. Hotel package split between two areas, which would require minimal shuttling.

Minneapolis – PLA held a very successful conference in Minneapolis in 2008. The hotel package has not changed much since 2008, which would require significant shuttling from hotels.

Nashville – Brand new convention center and headquarter hotel (completion in 2013). CVB incentives eliminate convention center costs. No shuttling required.

St. Louis – Hotel and convention center package viable option for PLA, but downtown scene not vibrant enough to host PLA. Attendee safety is a concern in St. Louis.

Alabama

From: Dena Luce [dena.luce@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, April 19, 2013 3:45 PM
To: Melissa Faubel
Subject: Re: FW: Public Library Association

Our Executive Council says 'yes' to supporting the 2020 conference. We would also like for you to consider Birmingham in addition to or substitute to Nashville as a location.

Arkansas

You will have Arkansas' support. Although, I am unsure of the participants from Arkansas that will be able to attend.

Please keep me posted.
Have a good weekend.
Lynda



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Georgia

Hi Melissa,

I am very excited that PLA is planning a conference in the Southeastern region. Nashville is a wonderful area and visitor friendly. Although many of us in GLA offices now will not be holding an office in 2020, I'm sure that Georgia Librarians will support the conference. I work for the state library in Georgia and it would be an honor to help in any way that I can.

Please keep Atlanta in mind for any future event. The ease of travel in and out of the city and use of MARTA subways allow for local exploration without the necessity of an automobile. Downtown has many hotels close to each other and to entertainment venues.

Thank you for your request and know that Georgia Library Association will support the conference.

Thanks,
Diana

Dr. Diana J. Very
Director of LSTA, Statistics and Research
Georgia Public Library Service

Kentucky

From: info@kylibasn.org
Sent: Thursday, April 18, 2013 2:49 PM
To: Melissa Faubel
Subject: RE: Public Library Association

Kentucky has no objection.

Mississippi

As the President of the Mississippi Library Association, we are in support of the PLA Conference being held in 2020 in Nashville. It is a wonderful venue and one where I recently attended a federal conference.

Lynn F. Shurden

Lynn F. Shurden, Director
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Missouri

From: Melissa Faubel
Sent: Thursday, May 02, 2013 12:40 PM
To: Carol Smith
Subject: Re: Public Library Association

Oh, I see! Yes, Missouri is contiguous to so many states! Yes, we approve of your conference location for 2020.

Carol

North Carolina

What a great town for PLA. NCLA is happy to support you in this endeavor.

Wanda Brown
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Tennessee

Melissa,

I am sorry for the delay in answering your email. I have checked with TLA's Executive Board, and we would be delighted to support PLA in Nashville in 2020!

We look forward to the event!

Sincerely,
Dinah Harris, TLA
President 2012-13

Virginia

Thank you for your quick reply, Melissa. VLA would be happy to cooperate.

Have a great day,

Lisa

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