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76th General Service Conference

PROPOSED AGENDA ITEM (PAI) 22:

Consider a request to discuss the location of the General Service Conference (GSC)

FROM THE
NOVEMBER 2,
2025 TRUSTEES'
GENERAL
SERVICE
CONFERENCE
COMMITTEE
REPORT

The committee has considered a proposal to “initiate a study to identify a less costly location for the General Service Conference.”

Human and financial estimated costs would be beneficial information to share.

The 77th and 78th General Service Conferences will be held at the New York Marriott Marquis hotel in New York City.

The 77th General Service Conference will take place April 11-17, 2027. The 78th General Service Conference will take place April 23-29, 2028

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Committee reviewed analysis of costs and logistics of sample facilities in four of the eight regions.

The committee is requesting that the trustees' General Service Conference Committee conduct a survey of current General Service Conference members regarding the spiritual implications of holding the Conference outside the New York area.

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What problem does this proposed agenda item address?

The ever-rising cost of the GSC. The rising cost is unsustainable and hard-earned Seventh Tradition funds are being used to cover these costs. The resulting savings would free up Seventh Tradition funds for groups to better carry our life saving message

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- ❑ Estimated cost of 75th General Service Conference:
\$10,250 per Area
- ❑ Cost of 74th General Service Conference: \$9,250.
(10.8% increase)

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2023 GSC Site Selection Report noted that several facilities have either not responded or do not have the capacity to accommodate GSC specifications.

Data received from facilities in 4 of the 8 regions: West Central, East Central, Eastern Canada and the Northeast.

The number of breakout rooms is challenging for venues to accommodate. Also noted was severe staffing issues among the hotel industry, making pricing and proposals difficult.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2017	General Service Office management submit a report on the process, implementation and status on the site selection of the General Service Conference for review by the 2018 Policy/Admissions Committee
1991	The 1992 General Service Conference annual meeting be held in the city of New York. (Floor Action)
1970	The General Service Office have the right to choose the hotel for the 1971 General Service Conference without conferring further with the delegates to the Conference.
1969	Consideration may also be given to the relocation of the site of this annual meeting, with a view to returning to single-room accommodations, so that the advantages of private meditation, study, thought and rest might be restored. It was further suggested that the rising costs of the annual meeting might be controlled, or at least reduced, by a study of possible alternative hotel accommodations.
1956	Proposal that meetings of the General Service Conference be “rotated” from New York City in even years to a different geographical section in odd years be tabled for consideration at some future date

CONFERENCE ADVISORY ACTIONS REGARDING GSC SITE SELECTION

<u>TYPE OF EXPENSE</u>	<u>2022 BROOKLYN</u>	<u>WEST CENTRAL</u>	<u>EAST CENTRAL</u>	<u>EASTERN CANADA</u>	<u>NORTHEAST</u>
<u>EXPENSES WHICH VARY BY SITE</u>					
<u>Travel</u>					
<u>Conference Members</u>	<u>80,000</u>	<u>91,440</u>	<u>88,860</u>	<u>86,461</u>	<u>87,956</u>
<u>GSO support staff to Conference</u>	<u>9,200</u>	<u>35,200</u>	<u>27,260</u>	<u>19,880</u>	<u>24,480</u>
<u>GSO support staff site visits</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>8,500</u>	<u>7,000</u>	<u>5,500</u>	<u>6,500</u>
<u>Interpreters</u>	<u>7,500</u>	<u>7,500</u>	<u>7,500</u>	<u>7,500</u>	<u>7,500</u>
<u>Appointed Committee Members</u>	<u>2,900</u>	<u>2,900</u>	<u>2,900</u>	<u>2,900</u>	<u>2,900</u>
<u>Trustees Emeriti</u>	<u>1,100</u>	<u>1,100</u>	<u>1,100</u>	<u>1,100</u>	<u>1,100</u>
<u>Trip to GSO</u>	<u>2,100</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>Subtotal Travel</u>	<u>102,800</u>	<u>146,640</u>	<u>134,620</u>	<u>123,341</u>	<u>130,436</u>
<u>Meals</u>					
<u>GSO support staff site visits</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>750</u>	<u>750</u>	<u>750</u>	<u>750</u>
<u>GSO support staff setup</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,536</u>	<u>1,536</u>	<u>1,536</u>	<u>1,536</u>
<u>Opening Dinner</u>	<u>54,900</u>	<u>19,500</u>	<u>19,500</u>	<u>25,400</u>	<u>21,500</u>
<u>Coffee and Beverage Service</u>	<u>36,000</u>	<u>36,000</u>	<u>36,000</u>	<u>36,000</u>	<u>36,000</u>
<u>Continental Breakfasts</u>	<u>4,000</u>	<u>4,000</u>	<u>4,000</u>	<u>4,000</u>	<u>4,000</u>

<u>All Other Lunches, Dinners, and Breaks</u>	<u>310,900</u>	<u>244,800</u>	<u>190,100</u>	<u>282,200</u>	<u>241,900</u>
<u>Subtotal Meals</u>	<u>405,800</u>	<u>306,586</u>	<u>251,886</u>	<u>349,886</u>	<u>305,686</u>
<u>Lodging</u>					
<u>GSO support staff site visits</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,590</u>	<u>1,750</u>	<u>2,670</u>	<u>1,890</u>
<u>GSO support staff setup</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3,816</u>	<u>4,200</u>	<u>6,408</u>	<u>4,536</u>
<u>Conference Members</u>	<u>291,000</u>	<u>171,720</u>	<u>189,000</u>	<u>288,360</u>	<u>204,120</u>
<u>GSO support staff during Conference</u>	<u>15,300</u>	<u>50,880</u>	<u>56,000</u>	<u>85,440</u>	<u>60,480</u>
<u>Interpreters</u>	<u>10,200</u>	<u>7,632</u>	<u>8,400</u>	<u>12,816</u>	<u>9,072</u>
<u>Appointed Committee Members</u>	<u>1,600</u>	<u>3,816</u>	<u>4,200</u>	<u>6,408</u>	<u>4,536</u>
<u>Observer</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>1,272</u>	<u>1,400</u>	<u>2,136</u>	<u>1,512</u>
<u>Trustees Emeriti</u>	<u>3,800</u>	<u>2,544</u>	<u>2,800</u>	<u>4,272</u>	<u>3,024</u>
<u>Subtotal Lodging</u>	<u>324,900</u>	<u>243,270</u>	<u>267,750</u>	<u>408,510</u>	<u>289,170</u>
<u>Other</u>					
<u>Audio Visual</u>	<u>150,700</u>	<u>150,700</u>	<u>150,700</u>	<u>150,700</u>	<u>150,700</u>
<u>Equipment Rental</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4,000</u>	<u>4,000</u>	<u>4,000</u>	<u>4,000</u>
<u>Postage and Shipping</u>	<u>15,300</u>	<u>17,800</u>	<u>18,300</u>	<u>27,300</u>	<u>17,800</u>
<u>Subtotal Other</u>	<u>166,000</u>	<u>172,500</u>	<u>173,000</u>	<u>182,000</u>	<u>172,500</u>
<u>SUBTOTAL VARIABLE EXPENSE</u>	<u>999,500</u>	<u>868,996</u>	<u>827,256</u>	<u>1,063,737</u>	<u>897,792</u>

CONSTANT REGARDLESS OF SITE

Professional Fees

<u>Editorial Services</u>	<u>6,900</u>	<u>6,900</u>	<u>6,900</u>	<u>6,900</u>	<u>6,900</u>
<u>Committee Assignment Software Support</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>
<u>Photography</u>	<u>4,300</u>	<u>4,300</u>	<u>4,300</u>	<u>4,300</u>	<u>4,300</u>

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<u>Two Past Staff to support Conference Assignment</u>	<u>9,800</u>	<u>9,800</u>	<u>9,800</u>	<u>9,800</u>	<u>9,800</u>
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<u>Interpretation</u>	<u>20,700</u>	<u>20,700</u>	<u>20,700</u>	<u>20,700</u>	<u>20,700</u>
<u>Subtotal Professional Fees</u>	<u>142,200</u>	<u>142,200</u>	<u>142,200</u>	<u>142,200</u>	<u>142,200</u>

<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>Printing, Postage, and Supplies</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

<u>Supplies</u>	<u>19,200</u>	<u>19,200</u>	<u>19,200</u>	<u>19,200</u>	<u>19,200</u>
<u>Equipment</u>	<u>1,700</u>	<u>1,700</u>	<u>1,700</u>	<u>1,700</u>	<u>1,700</u>
<u>Printing Final Conference Report</u>	<u>36,300</u>	<u>36,300</u>	<u>36,300</u>	<u>36,300</u>	<u>36,300</u>
<u>Other Printing</u>	<u>5,800</u>	<u>5,800</u>	<u>5,800</u>	<u>5,800</u>	<u>5,800</u>
<u>Subtotal Printing and Supplies</u>	<u>63,000</u>	<u>63,000</u>	<u>63,000</u>	<u>63,000</u>	<u>63,000</u>

<u>SUBTOTAL CONSTANT EXPENSE</u>	<u>205,200</u>	<u>205,200</u>	<u>205,200</u>	<u>205,200</u>	<u>205,200</u>
<u>GRAND TOTAL EXPENSE</u>	<u>1,204,700</u>	<u>1,074,196</u>	<u>1,032,456</u>	<u>1,268,937</u>	<u>1,102,992</u>
<u>Variance to 2022 Actuals</u>		<u>(130,504)</u>	<u>(172,244)</u>	<u>64,237</u>	<u>(101,708)</u>
<u>Conference Members</u>	<u>133</u>	<u>135</u>	<u>135</u>	<u>135</u>	<u>135</u>
<u>Cost Per Conference Member</u>	<u>9,058</u>	<u>7,957</u>	<u>7,648</u>	<u>9,400</u>	<u>8,170</u>
<u>Change from 2022 cost per member</u>		<u>(1,101)</u>	<u>(1,410)</u>	<u>342</u>	<u>(888)</u>

FINAL THOUGHTS, PROS AND CONS

- ▶ Bringing the necessary staff and personnel to another location.
- ▶ Delegates lose the benefit of going through the office.
- ▶ Changing Charter of the Third Legacy.

The proposal was discussed at the 1956 General Service Conference but was tabled for consideration at “some future date.”

- ▶ In 1962 the GSC “rejected a proposal that the 1965 General Service Conference be held in Toronto, Canada.”

FINAL THOUGHTS, PROS AND CONS

The pros of venues outside NYC offering the possibility of ease access from airports to hotels and the cons of planning from a distance, no access to office tools during Conference week, unfamiliarity of the area, considerable number of staff traveling and site visits throughout the year.