



Convention Committee Report
AWCI Annual Meeting

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We have worked with the convention planner since December of 2008 to evaluate venues for the annual convention in the Providence, RI area. We looked seriously at three hotels and based our decision on quality, price, location, parking and access to the airport. We made two site visits and investigated venues for the ELM Trust dinner.

Over 125 letters were sent out to all New England members of AWCI inviting them to participate in the convention this year. Letters to national vendors were sent out in early April requesting participation in the form of their presence, and/or donations/door prizes for the vendor fair.

Articles and pictures in the Horological Times highlighted the activities and venues to be enjoyed by all in the Providence/Warwick area with a listing of websites.

In consideration of our 50th Anniversary celebration next year, we were asked to begin the process. We thought of various cities and did not reach a final opinion. Cities considered were: Savannah, GA; Chicago, IL; Cleveland, OH; Harrison, OH; Dallas, TX.

The 50th Anniversary will be the Golden Anniversary, and there are many exciting things that can be done to make it a memorable event. Several items include but are not limited to a souvenir program booklet, a gift for attendees, a celebration in honor of the founding members, and another "down home" auction.

Planning should begin yesterday with a budget, choice of venue, hotel, advertising, vendors, etc. Advertising in the Horological Times should begin as soon as possible in order to allow for purposeful planning on the part of members and vendors.

Many thanks to the members of this committee and the convention planner for their input, and to Ron Price for his willingness to help with a site visit.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Kurdzionak, chairman