



AWCI Convention Committee Mid-year Report

Chairman: Terry Kurdzionak
Members: Mark Butterworth, Wes Cutter, Ron Price

Accomplishments to date: Site visits, hotel selection, date change to 8/06-09, 2009

This committee will be working with a meeting planner this year, the details of which are still pending. We have selected a hotel/conference center in Warwick, RI. It offers free shuttle to and from the TF Greene Airport and has ample free parking. The hotel is not in a downtown location, but the staff is ready to assist us with any transportation needs we might have. There is ample shopping in Warwick and Providence, less than a ten minute drive away. We will work with the meeting planner and the members of the ELM Trust on a venue for the Friday evening off-site fundraising dinner.

We have free use of a spacious, well-equipped "hospitality" suite and may bring in our own food and beverage.

Classroom space is both ample and well lighted.

Our plan is to publicize our event monthly in the HT magazine, starting with this past January issue. We hope to engage more vendors for the Saturday fair. We have put out "feelers" to the Education committee with the hope of generating some thoughts on clock and watch presentations for the Saturday education symposium.

We look forward to having some volunteers from the MA Watchmaker-Clockmaker Association helping us with some various duties, especially that of the hospitality stocking and clean-up.

As committee chair, I welcome your (The Board's) input, the sooner, the better.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Kurdzionak