

NCLA Conference 2005 Committee
Report to the NCLA Executive Board

July 16, 2004

Robert Busko, the Site Selection chair for the NCLA Conference 2005 Committee, issued a Request for Proposals for the 2007 Conference to various convention centers around the state. We received four responses:

- ✓ Greensboro was not interested in providing a proposal.
- ✓ Raleigh was not able to provide a proposal for the 2007 Conference due to construction of a new civic center. However, Raleigh did express interest in 2009 and beyond.
- ✓ Charlotte provided a proposal for the 2007 Conference.
- ✓ Winston-Salem provided a proposal for the 2007 Conference.

An analysis of the two proposals indicates the following differences:

- ✓ Rooms at the Charlotte Adam's Mark would be \$99 per night for singles and doubles. Rooms at the Winston-Salem Adam's Mark would be \$135 per night for singles and doubles.
- ✓ Exhibits and meeting space at the Charlotte Convention Center would cost \$13,500. Exhibits and meeting space at the Benton Convention Center (Winston-Salem) would probably cost \$13,340, based on the 2003 Conference and a 10 per cent increase (suggested by the representatives in Winston-Salem).
- ✓ Meeting space at the Charlotte Adam's Mark and meeting space at the Winston-Salem Adam's Mark would be provided free of charge. The Charlotte Convention Center can only provide space on Wednesday through Friday, so any Tuesday meetings would need to take place at the Charlotte Adam's Mark.
- ✓ The Charlotte Convention Center will not guarantee dates until less than two years prior to the meeting. In other words, we would not be able to guarantee Charlotte until October 2005. There are no such restrictions for the Benton Convention Center.

The NCLA Conference 2005 Committee hopes to meet in July or August. The Committee is still seeking members for the following positions:

- ✓ Conference Store
- ✓ Publicity
- ✓ Placement

Robert Burgin, Chair