Program Committee Meeting

9.15.2016

Jo, Kate, Jason, Rachel, Ivan, Antoinette, Linda

Jo Ellen would like to move meeting to earlier or later because it conflicts with another call.

**Agenda**

Meeting Space

Dates: March 1-4, late enough that new Pres is in and some policy would start to be set. Federal officials would have started their jobs.

Free space/AV at Georgetown Law for policy Day. Not willing to host TMC meeting.

Centrally located.

Hotel nearby could also handle the TMC meeting. But hotel is $180 a night.

Would need to cover catering.

Tommy Douglas Conference Center in Silver Spring.

Unfortunately, not by metro station—and is half hour to an hour travel time from city center.

Policy folks might not be encouraged to come. Logistical issues.

Scooting out to have a meeting in DC, probably not an option.

Jo does not have a proposal yet. Sales people in transition at the space, so haven’t talked to them yet. (Call came during meeting and they do have space on those dates.)

Might get a rate of $100 / night.

Offer an all-inclusive price including meals and space. Attendees would pay for rooms. Something like $200 / person. Would be about $10K to host everyone.

NPR

Ricardo was going to connect Jo to them, but hasn’t yet. They have meeting space. Not sure on cost, if any. Linda will remind him.

Linda will contact Keith Woods and ask him if he can help us with that.

If we had free space for we’d have more money for scholarship funding.

Linda asked about travel funds. Jo Ellen hasn’t reached out to funders yet since she doesn’t have details.

Radiologist conference is in town, so not as many deals. Some rates were around $250. Dupont Circle was over $200. Jo will do another sweep of hotel rooms.

Ivan: do any unions have conference space we could use? Jo: we don’t have any close connections. Jason said he has connections.

Minimum

Need 1 big room for lunch / meeting.

2 break out rooms at least. We had four last year.

Kate will check on other possible places with Bitch connections. Jason wondered about Generation Women’s Clubs.

**Policy Day**

What policy with feds be focusing on? What will advocacy folks be focused on? What kind of questions and framing do we want to do across our organizations?

Two morning sessions and two afternoon sessions in order to dig deep and have lots of conversation.

Linda: is there a minimum number of bodies to make this work?

Jo: 30-40 would be good for each policy issue.

Linda: how many people responded and how many do you know?

Jo: 16 and of the people who responded are almost all environmental people. She’s going to create a committee so they can figure out what policy within environment they want to focus on.

Linda: are you inviting TMC allies and friends?

Jo: Yes, but want to focus on TMC to advise the policy days.

Tracks: Immigration, Media Policy, Environment, fourth spot still open. Having trouble getting people to respond and participate. Ivan: maybe we wait until the President is decided to pick a 4th track.

Kate idea: “Please weigh in and you’ll be eligible for a travel scholarship.”

Ivan: if it’s Clinton it should be Labor Issues. So many things happening to workers.

Jo: what do more niche orgs think about these policy areas? Rachel and Kate specifically.

Rachel: immigration and environment are key areas we focus on.

Kate: Media Policy is our biggest interest, but there’s intersectionality with all of them.

Jo: I want to make sure this is interesting to all our orgs, especially the larger ones in order to get policy officials there. What can’t they get what we can offer.

Next Meeting:

September 29th 4/3/1 PM

Firm up logistics. What kind of areas do we want to focus on for regular TMC meeting. Continue policy.

**Other Issues**

Jason made calls, hasn’t heard back.

Kate will make calls after this call.