

**Midwest Sociological Society
Annual Meeting Committee Report
Spring 2016**

Prepared by Laurie Linhart, Annual Meeting Committee Chair

Committee Members

Name	Position	Term expires
Laurie Linhart	Chair, 2015-2018	2018
Eve Blobaum	2014-15 Local Arr	2016
David Boden	2015-16 Local Arr	2017
Celeste Campos-Castillo	2016-17 Local Arr	2018
Hui Wilcox	2017-18 Local Arr	2019
Mia Hardy	At-large member	2019
Elaine McDuff	At-large member	2018
Chad McPherson	At-large member	2016
Kathleen Westman	At-large member	2018
Anne Eisenberg	Director of Exhibits	2019
Phyllis Baker	Ex-officio	2017
Erin Hoekstra	Ex-officio	2017
Jessica Hausauer	Ex-officio	2019
Deb White	Ex-officio	2016
Tim Pippert	Ex-officio	2018
Geoff Harkness	Ex-officio as appropriate	2018

Future sites:

Laurie Linhart solicited proposals for the 2021 meeting from hotels in St. Louis, Des Moines and Minneapolis. Linhart has been directed by the board to conduct site visits at the Des Moines Marriott Downtown, Hilton Minneapolis and Hyatt Regency Minneapolis.

Summary of current contracts:

2017: Milwaukee Hilton City Center, Thu March 30-Sun April 2
Room rate: \$129 per night

2018: Hyatt Regency Minneapolis. Thu March 22- Sun March 25
Room rate: \$129 per night

2019: Chicago Hyatt Regency: Wed March 17 – Sat March 20
Room rate: \$129 per night for single and double occupancy
\$154 per night for triples occupancy
\$179 for quadruple occupancy

2020: Hilton Omaha: Thu April 2 – Sunday April 5
Room rate: \$129 per night for single, double, triple and quad occupancy

Exhibits/Commons

Anne Eisenberg reported the traffic in the Commons as steady. Due to the meeting being in Chicago, more NGO's, publishers and graduate school programs are present. This is Anne's last meeting as Exhibits Director. We are grateful for her hard work in reviving The Commons.

2015 Meeting Evaluation:

We will conduct another on-line meeting evaluation. Linhart will report results of the evaluation at Board Meeting II. The report will also be shared with MSS committee chairs and posted on the MSS webpage.