

ORCGA Events and Communication Committee Meeting Minutes

November 3, 2021
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
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Agenda Item	Notes	Action Item
Review of Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rebecca reviewed the agenda. 	
Review of Draft Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rebecca reviewed the minutes from our October meeting. Muskoka report and Oakwood are not large enough to accommodate our Symposium 	Motion to pass minutes: Ophir Wainer Second: Sara Ward-Paige
Locate Rodeo & Excavator Challenge 2022 & 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brock wasn't available for 2022 but could accommodate us in 2023 Only have one week available There has been a tentative hold put on the dates (August 10-11) 2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nottawasaga proposal was received – room rate is high (\$175) London tourism asked if they could bid Waiting for proposal from Georgian College and Guelph 	Look into opportunities in the Peterborough region such as Trent or Sir Sanford Fleming

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hoping to have a decision made by the next meeting • Should look into another college or university and we can use their residence which is much cheaper 	
2022 DP Symposium Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rebecca had a site visit last week to Sheridan on the Falls • Vaccine mandate is in place to attend <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Everyone will receive a wristband ○ One entry in and out • Capacity restrictions have been lifted • All attendees when eating or drinking must be seated. Rebecca working on the flow of the exhibitor space to accommodate this requirement. • Buffet style breakfast is still allowed • Online registration site is almost done – Ashleigh will help with testing • Rebecca will be putting out sponsorship first • Sponsorship will be sent out to Platinum first – later today or tomorrow • Papers committee has met – there are a few submissions and potential topics – updates will be provided in December • In the exhibitor hall there will be high top tables placed around the room so that people can sit and have a drink close to their booth and chat with people • Want to give priority to our Ontario partners first before international • Rebecca and Ophir to discuss speakers from the US for the virtual portion of the DPS. There may be an opportunity for FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) to present virtually • CATT course will be 2 days, 3 hours per day (Ophir will check with Mark to confirm 6 or 2 days) • Rebecca will add that information to our invite as well as social media so people know about it • Early bird pricing will be available until January (after Christmas break). There is a greater variance between early bird and regular pricing than previous years to entice earlier registration. • Rebecca has been sending out save the date emails 	Forward any paper submissions to Rebecca

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Still looking for paper submissions – send them to Rebecca directly • There is the opportunity to present as a vendor in combination with a client. A joint presentation would be acceptable as a testimonial to the product or service 	
<p>2023 DP Symposium Site Selection Update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rebecca had her London site visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Beautiful space (RBC Place) ○ Plenary room is a little plain – seems like a large meeting room ○ Ballroom is large – could use it for the plenary and tradeshow – they are checking to see if it's available ○ Could be sharing that space with other events ○ Double Tree is the hotel we would stay in – across the street and there is a walkthrough that's inside – you don't need to go outside ○ Not in a desirable area • Windsor site visit is on Monday, Nov. 8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Caesars Windsor – space is much larger – won't have capacity issues ○ It's much further to go ○ Caesars isn't in a great location, but you don't need to leave the hotel (many bars and restaurants, casino, etc) • Both bids are very similar – Caesars comes in cheaper • Would like to make a decision before the end of the year – promo during the 2022 DPS 	
<p>Round Table Discussion</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ophir Wainer 569 people registered for No Dig North – first in person event – 103 exhibitors 	

Next meeting Dates:

- December 8, 2021