

San Antonio Archives
Bid to host the 23rd National
AA Archives Workshop - September 11-14, 2019

Submitted by:
2019 NAAAW Archives Host Committee

Directors of the NAAAW Board,

I proudly submit our proposal to bid San Antonio to host the 2019, 23rd National AA Archives Workshop. Tentative dates are September 11-14, 2019. This city and the San Antonio AA community are ideally suited for putting on this important workshop. The reasons to hold it here are numerous:

San Antonio is one of the country's premier tourist locations; it offers deep AA historical roots; its geographical location will encourage attendance; plenty of members from within our AA archival community have offered to help; and the local and regional AA members have already given the workshop enthusiastic support. All these reasons point to San Antonio as being THE singularly ideal 23rd NAAAW setting!

First and foremost, San Antonio is a world-renowned and exceptionally affordable fly-in visitor destination. As a bonus, UNESCO recently designated the city's five Spanish missions, including the Alamo, a [World Heritage Site](#). San Antonio is an exciting tourist city, excelling in visitor hospitality, which can provide a rich experience in culture, history, and entertainment. Many of you who visited here for the 2010 International Convention have a good idea of what we and the city are capable. There are many available tours, but you can be certain all are rich in culture and history at an international level of quality.

Second, AA historians will find the city played an important role in spreading early AA, starting in 1941. The rector of a local Episcopal church, Reverend Everett Jones, along with Jack D. who frequently corresponded with Ruth Hock, helped establish AA in San Antonio. The church, St. Mark's, ~~itself~~ has quite a history, showing the long interweaving of events leading to the creation and spread of AA. ~~Among its members, Civil War General Robert E. Lee was a member there before the war. Another noteworthy historical tidbit is that Lyndon Johnson married Lady Bird within its limestone walls.~~

Next, a major and tangible advantage in using San Antonio is its location. It's centrally located and surrounded by a large, active AA service structure: Texas is ~~so~~ well-populated that it consists of four AA Areas. The city's position thus offers a potentially sizable workshop participation from Texans as well as from surrounding states.

Last, Texas AA members have already expressed a robust desire to help host the NAAAW. An ample number of members have indicated a willingness to serve. To demonstrate this support, local members have already committed to serve on our committee as Hotel, Registration, Treasurer, Program and Hospitality chairmen. The Southwest Regional Trustee, Yolanda F., has even agreed to share as a speaker. "Yoli" played a particularly crucial role in creating and developing our Spanish meeting in print, *La Vina*. You can be certain manpower won't be a problem.

The following pages will overview some of the basic questions there were in the RFP specifically registration costs, hotel options (currently in paly) and letters of support. Ideally we would like to finalize a hotel decision and contract ~~as soon as possible, by the end of February 28, 2017~~ which would require a deposit in order to secure one of the proposed hotel options.

Using my relatively short but rich experience with the national-level AA archivist organization, I vouch for the suitability of San Antonio in providing a memorable event matching, and probably exceeding, expectations of previous Workshop attendees!

In Service,
Tami M. Slater
Archivist, San Antonio AA Archives

Registration Pricing:

We are estimating that registration be within between \$45.00-\$50.00 per person, plus additional fees such as banquet dinner, ice cream social, etc.

Hotel Options:

San Antonio conference hotels able to host our program room rates will range \$115.00- \$139.00 per night plus 16.75% occupancy tax.

Outlined below are the five hotel options we currently have available for September 11-14, 2019. All properties are at least 250 rooms and have facilities to accommodate 350-500 people.

San Antonio Riverwalk Area Properties:

El Tropicano Hotel @ \$115.00

Wyndham Riverwalk Hotel @ \$139.00

Airport or loop area properties:

Omni Colonnade San Antonio Hotel \$132.00

Hilton Airport San Antonio \$115.00

Doubletree Hotel Airport San Antonio \$115.00

Hotels have offered initial concession package of suite upgrades, room comp policies, discounted or comp parking, comp internet, etc. In order to negotiate further with the top 3 choices to secure a location we would like to be able to finalize a decision as soon as possible by February 28th.

All airport / loop hotels offer complimentary shuttle service to and from the San Antonio airport within their 5-mile radius to malls, centers, AA meetings and restaurants, subject to availability. Riverwalk area shuttles are available at the airport and depending on a shared van / taxi the estimated cost each way is approximately \$23.00 plus gratuities.

Catering Pricing:

Saturday Evening Banquet Pricing (depending on property) average \$34.00 - \$55.00 plus tax and gratuity. Average is 22.00% gratuity and 8.25% sales tax. Additionally hotel room rental fees range \$500-\$2,500.00 per day (depending on hotel),

On average price per gallon of coffee would range \$45.00 - \$65.00 per gallon plus tax and gratuity. Ideally we would try to negotiate the option to bring in our own coffee and urns with either a waived or reduced “pour fee”.

On average hotels offered a discounted ice cream social event of \$10.00 - \$20.00 per person

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Archives Repository- Yes - within 1 mile from San Antonio International Airport.

Area Support – See page 5

Central Office/Intergroup Support – See page 6

I agree that as Chair/Co-Chair, I will participate on the Advisory and Guidance Committee for the next four (4) years. It is understood that I may not financially be able to attend future workshops, but that does not negate my participation and responsibility as a member of the Committee.

I have read and understand the National AA Archives Planning Guidelines, as they are written.

Chair Service Position: Archivist San Antonio Archives

Chair Signature: TMS

Co-Chair Service Position: Past Chair CSO Trustees

Co-Chair Signature: Paul A. Lee

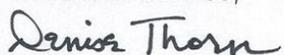
Greetings,

We are excited for the NAAAW to consider San Antonio for the 2019 NAAAW workshop. This will be a wonderful opportunity for our area and our state to come together in service and unity.

From the International Convention in 2010 to the Texas State Convention and the SW Regional Forum in 2017...San Antonio has ample hotels to choose from and our locals are enthusiastic about hosting A.A. events.

We thank you in advance for considering San Antonio for the 2019 NAAAW host city.

Love and Service,



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Central Service Office of San Antonio

National Alcoholics Anonymous Archives Workshop Board of Directors

October 13, 2016

RE: Bid for 2019 National Alcoholics Anonymous Archives Workshop

As The Chairman for the 2016 San Antonio Central Service Office Board of Trustees, and speaking for the Board of Trustees as a whole, we wholeheartedly spiritually support Tami Slater in the bid to host the National Alcoholics Anonymous Archives Workshop. We understand this bid is for the 23rd NAAAW that would be held in 2019. It would be an honor to have the NAAAW in San Antonio.

Sincerely,

Paul Sullivan

Chairman

San Antonio Central Service Office Board of Trustees

cc: Tami Slater

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