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Date sent: Thu, 21 May 1998 10:22:39 -0400
To: osbaldid@law.law.sc.edu
From: Sue Burch <sburch@pop.uky.edu>
Subject: Life Membership, etc.

Hi Diana,

Thanks for your note. You always have such good "takes" on our controversies!!

I sent Mike & Pedro a fax making sure they understand that we'd like to increase that "%5 room block reduction without penalty" clause to a higher percentage.

Then, I also suggested that we reduce the Wed. allotment to maybe 30 rooms and asked what they thought about that. No response. I AM worried that we may have a number who want to come early.....but I prefer being on the conservative side. Mike told me on the phone that he's positive we can get rooms at the Radisson which is located next to the Hilton. Those in charge of this meeting will need to really publicize the fact that the early registrations will get the rooms at the Caribe Hilton and the others will be at the Radisson. That way we should fill our room block quota and hopefully still take care of others who register a bit later. Mike said the Radisson is a perfectly fine hotel, just not as "glamorous" as the Hilton!

The Life Membership language goes like this:

"The Chapter may at any regular meeting by a vote of two-thirds of those present elect to life membership those who have been members of the Chapter for at least 10 years, who have reached the age of fifty-five, have retired from active full-time library work, and have a record of substantial service to the Chapter."

The intent of the change is to make life membership a more meaningful honor. Nominations will be solicited by and submitted to the Membership Committee for their review prior to submission to the Executive Board.

I guess the Board could stop a nomination by voting it down at the "executive board" meeting and then not bring it forward to the membership. And I think the guidelines will limit great numbers of people being nominated. It is true that those "soldiers" who faithfully come to meetings and serve on committees (and not necessarily chair committees) might be overlooked. Those in leadership positions can be on the lookout for those who are deserving of these nominations also.

So, that's the story with the Life Membership by-law

proposal. I know the committee and the Board have been wanting to provide a little more direction to the Membership Committee so that the nominees were not just based on popularity or based on reaching a certain age, etc.

Hope this is helpful. Sue

Are we assuming that if we do take up all the rooms allotted and the Hilton has ^{where rooms are available at the time we book,} ~~the space~~ they will take bookings from the SEALL group at the group rate?

I presume they would rather do that than have rooms sitting empty ^{while some leave us go next door}. What we have asked for is a minimum, is it not?