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## Conference Notes

1. Remember, this is a working Conference. It is not like presentations at the NCA or Regional conventions. We are hoping for lots of discussion out of which will come some possible recommendations and/or resolutions that we can take back to our various forensic organizations for consideration. Possibly some changes we can make in how we run our programs or even coach our students.
2. The topic areas have been divided into the two groups. The first group will have 3 sessions on Friday, and the second group will have 1 session on Friday and 2 sessions on Saturday. In the first meeting of each topic area, the papers/presentations will be made. If time allows, discussion can begin. The following two sessions allow for the continued discussion on the topic area - and other items that might grow out of the papers and discussion.
3. The final session on Saturday afternoon is when each group will be able to present a brief summary of their discussion and put before the entire assembly, any recommendations and/or resolutions for everyone to consider and discuss. Each group will have a certain time period and then after discussion, a vote will be taken to accept and pass the recommendations and/or resolutions. The passed items will not have any binding force, but can be used for further discussion and consideration by various forensic organizations and/or programs as noted in Number 1 above.
4. All of the papers and presentations, along with a summary of the discussion and anything considered at the final assembly will be put together and published in the Proceedings of the Conference. Each person attending will receive a copy of the Proceedings, and they may also be placed on the web page along with the past Proceedings from Developmental Conferences on Individual Events.
5. Dress Code for the Conference: This is a working conference - no need to dress up. Come and be casual. We are not here to impress anyone with how we are dress. LOL Being comfortable is a key. It is summer, and in the summer, Peoria can be quite warm. Dress accordingly. Of course, if you want to go out at night - say to the casino then you might want to bring something for that occasion. LOL
6. Banquet on Saturday Evening: This is included in your conference fee. It will be held at the Pere Marquette hotel. It gives us all an opportunity to round out the conference, to have a nice relaxing social evening together before we head home, be it later that evening or on Sunday morning. I think you will enjoy the dinner.
7. Papers/Presentations: Remember, if you are a presenter in a topic area, please bring a hard copy of your paper/presentation and also have it on a DV to turn in. This will help in making sure we get it all into the Proceedings. If you make some last minutes changes, time will be allowed to make those adjustments.
8. If you are not staying at the Pere Marquette, please let me know so we can have a packet for you at your hotel/motel. If you arrive after 9:00 p.m., and have not paid your fees, you can do that on Friday morning.