

Mysterium Logistics Subcommittee Meeting – Version 2

March 6, 2008

This document is the central location all decisions made: any confusion should be resolved by referring to this. Corrections will be posted to amend this version.

Members present – TW, CAGrayWolf, Oselot, Eleri, SR388 (left within 10 minutes)

DEADLINES -

Friday, March 7th – Finish preliminary location research to present with location poll; release date poll

Saturday, March 8th - Location survey will be released, to stay open one week

Saturday, March 15th – Location survey will end; date poll will end

Wednesday, March 19th – Location will be finalized internally, local contact informed; hotel requirements finalized

Saturday, March 22nd – Location will be announced, and logo contest announced

Tuesday, April 15th – With help from the local contact, date and hotel must be chosen by this date, if not before. Room sharing system released

Saturday, April 19th – Hotel and date details announced; logo poll should be closed (start time not specified yet)

Location poll:

-Consensus was reached about the location poll: The plan for the location poll is to do basic research on the locations to allow the community an informed vote on the presented locations.

-The location survey will be conducted using a ranked poll. Each participant will rank their preferred locations from most desirable to least desirable. The choices will then be scaled. For example, the #1 votes for cities will be multiplied to count the most. The #2 votes will be scaled to count less than the #1 votes, but more than the rest, etc. This will allow a more accurate portrayal of people's choices, especially in the event that the first choice gets eliminated; we will have a good indication of people's second choice.

-The committee reserves the ability to overrule the top selection **ONLY** in the event of severe mitigating circumstances, such as hotel availability, natural disaster, or other crisis. In this case, we will select the second-most popular location instead.

- Preliminary research criteria on locations as proposed by Eleri, and accepted, are:
 - Average cost of 5 3-star hotels within 20 miles of the city center
 - Average cost of 5 airlines to the nearest airport from 3 major cities: one west coast, one east coast, and one central.
 - 3 Mysterium-interest attractions within 20 miles of the city center

-Each member of the subcommittee will take a few and research these issues.

-We will detail the choices on a 'splash page' to explain the choices and their associated properties before people take the poll.

Date poll –

-Consensus reached agreeing to an informal date poll.

-Intention is to gather information about a preferred weekend to hold Mysterium

-4 weekends will be presented: those between Mid-July to Mid-August

-The poll will be ranked and scaled, much like the location poll. 4 weekends will be presented, and participant will rank the most desirable weekend to the least desirable.

-Will be an advisory poll; final results will not be released formally

Location choices:

Final location choices are:

- Atlanta, GA
- Boston Providence Corridor, MA
- Cleveland, OH
- Detroit, MI
- Fort Lauderdale, FL
- Orlando, FL
- Pittsburgh, PA

Is it okay for SR388, a committee member, to propose Pittsburgh and be the local contact? Consensus reached saying yes.

Hotel criteria:

-Hotel should be in the 3-star range.

-Group rates should be arranged.

-Local contact person should physically survey the hotel (enter the hotel and experience it).

-We will want to reserve a conference room all day Friday and Saturday. This will allow people somewhere to hang out, instead of the hotel lobby.

-We will have a groupshare system on the website, and it will be announced

Airlines/Travel:

-We would like to try and get a group code for a discount for those flying to the destination.

-Rental car discounts discussed; decided against.

Location-specific logo contest:

-Contest will be announced with the location

-Since the date won't be available immediately while the design is being created, we will instruct submitters to allow us to request a change to the date in the design

- We need to decide what format we need the logo in

Poll results:

Release poll results on the website under the "Poll" section. Perhaps include graphics.

To discuss next time:

Pre-registration details; date, method, etc.

Issues deferred to main committee to be decided (these should be added to the next general Mysterium meeting agenda):

Will Cyan allow us to take pre-registration fees?

Committee needs main logo in addition to the location-specific logo

Eleri is to be co-treasurer with Wolfie

How to handle volunteers on the committee