

Initial Brainstorming Session  
APPNA Fall Meeting 2019  
Date: March 24, 2019  
Location: Dr Yakoob's residence

Attendees:

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1. Dates: October 16-20, 2019
2. Venue(s) / Guest Rooms
  - a. In touch with Hyatt Regency Gainey Ranch
    - i. Current per person pricing ~40++ (and can bring outside food)
  - b. Other Resorts
    - i. The Phoenician Resort
    - ii. JW Marriott Desert Ridge Resort and Spa
  - c. Estimating following # of rooms
    - i. ~25 Wednesday night
    - ii. ~100-125 Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights
3. 10/17 Thursday Tentative Program
  - a. Dinner
    - i. either Rawhide or a restaurant with Southwestern theme, etc – TBD
    - ii. Should be able to have our supplier provide Halal meat to the restaurant
  - b. Entertainment – TBD – possible Mushaira afterwards at the hotel
  - c. Discussed and decided against cruise at Lake Saguaro
4. 10/18 Friday Tentative Program
  - a. Sedona Trip – 55 passenger bus(es)
    - i. Have boxed breakfast for everyone in the bus
    - ii. Leave latest by 8am
    - iii. Slide Rock Park / Pink Jeep Tours – pre planned
    - iv. Lunch, either take hot boxes from Phoenix or have India Palace from Sedona deliver wherever we will be
    - v. Discussed and decided against stopping at Chai Spot due to delays
    - vi. Leave Sedona latest by 3pm / be back at the hotel by 5pm
  - b. Evening Dinner/Banquet
    - i. Outdoors / Live BBQ / Something different
  - c. Entertainment, post dinner
    - i. Movie / Artist / TBD

5. 10/19 Saturday Tentative Program
  - a. CME 8pm to 12pm
  - b. Followed by Business Meeting and Election Results
  - c. Social Forum vs. Movie showing
  - d. Banquet Dinner
    - i. Entertainment TBD
    - ii. ~30 minutes for AZ Chapter and request a program/speeches/schedule for Central APPNA with additional 30 minutes slot.
6. 10/20 Sunday Tentative Program
  - a. Brunch in the morning for guests as they leave
  - b. Possibly in Hospitality Suite
7. Bazaar/Fashion Shows
  - a. 25+ vendors, Booths on Friday and Saturday
  - b. Possible fashion show during Saturday night banquet
8. Other items
  - a. Budget
    - i. \$178k for 2018 Fall Meeting
    - ii. 2019 Budget will be based off on venue cost and activities
    - iii. Shy and Ali to work with the team in finalizing the venue
  - b. Souvenirs – few possibilities discussed:
    - i. APPNA AZ Shirts
    - ii. Dream Catchers
    - iii. Welcome Bags with APPNA AZ name on it
    - iv. Bow tie and ear rings (Native American artifacts)
  - c. Roughly; Friday night dinner tickets have been \$85+ and Saturday night dinner tickets have been \$135+
  - d. Invite other communities to build bridges
  - e. Revenue source
    - i. Sponsors
    - ii. Vendors
    - iii. Ticket sales for different activities, dinners, meals, etc.