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- MLA 2022 Task Force Report SUMMARY (sent to MLA-L)

**Hybridity (working definition)**
A physical conference with live streams of and asynchronous recording access to all sessions, as well as suitable engagement opportunities for virtual attendees. Informed by the 2021 virtual conference, “suitability” may include questions of activities/goals, digital platforms, time zones, and more. Aside from viewing live streams of sessions and commenting or asking questions on chat, in-person receptions and exhibitor interactions may be preventatively awkward. Individuals or groups hosting their own gatherings (in any context) remain perhaps the most effective way of including virtual attendees in networking and/or socializing.

**Hotel Contract**
In May 2021, the room block and catering minimum were reduced by 36% (a figure calculated by assuming 250 in-person attendees); in order to achieve this, one ballroom and the registration area were returned to the hotel for resale. If MLA requires more space, we can add it back in (if available).

**Streaming Contract**
Given the goal of maximizing digital access to program sessions, three rooms of streaming are needed (as opposed to one or two, in past years) and a solution to achieve this was found, recommended to the Board, and approved.

**Registration Rates**
As approved by the Board in May/June (see full list at [https://bit.ly/3mTSwRb](https://bit.ly/3mTSwRb)):
- Early registration (individual member) $250
- Early career; paraprofessional/hourly/part-time; retired member $195
- Early registration (non-member) $350
- Reduced for work $140
- Accompanying person $125
- Regular registration (individual member) $370
- Regular registration (non-member) $470
- Student member $80
- Financial hardship (members only) $80
- Single day $125
- Streaming (full) $100
- Streaming (reduced) $50
- Streaming (student & financial hardship) $25

**Hotel Rates**
As reflected in the current five-year contract:
- Single: $189
Double: $189
Triple: $204
Quad: $219

Committees and Interest Groups
Leadership (and membership) were polled about making these meetings virtual using Zoom, given positive feedback from 2021 and freeing up the conference schedule for more networking, socializing, etc. Most responses were positive, hence the approved recommendation is to make all Committee and Interest Group meetings virtual and schedule them for the week following the conference, except in certain instances (TBD).

MOUG
As of 8/23, MOUG is not planning an in-person meeting for 2022 but rather an alternative presence at the conference (sponsored coffee break, etc.); the MOUG Board will meet virtually.

Pre-Conference Workshop
Working with Education Committee chair Sonia Archer-Capuzzo, the accepted recommendation (for 2022 and forward) is to move these to virtual and separate from the annual conference.

- Survey of MLA membership to gauge plans for in-person vs. virtual conference attendance
  - In progress, data will be communicated to Task Force and Board to update budget as necessary
- Upcoming site visits (in process of planning):
  - October 24-25, Hilton St. Louis at the Ballpark (2023)
  - November 14-15, Hilton Salt Lake City Center