

**District 8 Improvement Meeting - September 1, 2005
Las Vegas, NV**

Participants

Bart Mickelsen - UT
Ben Roseberry - N CA
Bill Heckt - Sierra Nevada
Bruce Kennedy - Palms to Pines
Daniel Young - Orange Co
Dee Drye - N CA/D8 Trustee
Dee Horne - OR
Elaine Bostwick - N CA
Ellen Teneriello - Palms to Pines
Frank McFadden - San Diego
Grace Aranda - AZ

Gilda Whitley - S CA
Jenny Arvizu - Palms to Pines
Jim McCabe - S CA
Kelly Carrick - N Rocky Mtn
Marsha Moon - Sierra Nevada
Penny Noel - UT
Rick Alvarez - San Diego
Shawn Hooper - WA
Skeeter Georgenson - Orange Co
Vickie Riojas - N Rocky Mtn

D8 Focus Committee Proposals Defined

- Propose that the D8 Meeting Continue in a modified format
 - Dual track meeting with focus on technicians and to include workshops, tours, training groups and sessions for certification preparation, possible revised use of vendors
- Propose an oversight committee with an appointed representative from each branch and including the past D8 Local Committee Chairman and the District Trustees & Alternate to the D8 over site Committee members
- Propose that the D8 use 4 geographic zones to organize and host a meeting (list zones and branches in the zones). Future venues scheduled by region taking into account a plausibility criteria for venues based on easily available and affordable flights and rooms
 - San Diego, Palms to Pines, Orange County, S California - San Diego (2007, 2012)
 - Montana, Washington, Oregon, Idaho - Seattle (2008)
 - Sacramento, N California - San Jose (2009)
 - Utah, Arizona, Nevada - Vegas (2010)
- Propose each branch contribute to initial expenses of hosting a meeting. Reasonable amount of \$250, \$500 or \$1000 perhaps based on membership as funds between branches vary. Oversight committee will take it to boards to determine amounts.
- Propose a website, to be maintained and overseen by the D8 oversight committee, to contain the following information:
 - Online registration - paypal
 - Privacy controlled areas for sensitive information
 - Message board for easier interaction
 - Scholarship information for travel funds
 - Speakers bureau with evaluated speakers and topics from the larger pool of D8 branches combined
 - Vendor links
 - Committees - listserves
 - Listserve information: TBR, Branch leadership, general

Each member is to have their boards decide on items and then branch representative to committee will respond to Rick Alvarez (ralvarez@neurocrine.com) by 7/1/06

Decisions needed by branch boards to:

1. agree to support the D8 Oversight Committee to improve the D8 meeting,
2. agree to the new regional schedule of D8 meetings outline above, and
3. agree to send a representative (provide name) to at least one committee meeting each year