Scholarship committee report Aug 5 , 2015

No change from previous report. Two items need board approval:

Silent auction bidding and constant rate grant approval for education grants

Students are coming to conference

Need donations for silent auction! Please let me know what you can donate as soon as possible. We have books from Jean, pottery from Marge, scholarship funding from Barb Royal so far

Silent auction is going to be different with the text message bidding plan. The new company is\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Items will be numbered, bidding is by text message

When the next bid comes in, a text will be sent to all bidders on that item or every item??

Positives:

Potential to make more money

Can bid from your table

Auction can go on longer

People not at banquet could potentially bid on items…( pick-up?)

Negatives:

In a way this changes the entire mood of the auction as everyone will be focused on their phones rather than on the comraderie of the auction…

Possibility of a glitch in the program as we are using a new company. Must have a back up plan for bidding and check out.

Need a charging station for phones…. If your phone dies during the auction , there is no way to participate. At end of day will people have their phones fully charged?

Education grants:

Other grants are flat rate such as Royal ( $1500) and Willoughby ($1000).

I recommend making the education grants also a flat rate for reimbursement for $1200 or $1500. Students would get their own flight, hotel and travel expense. They get a check at the conference to cover it.

Positives:

Better budgeting- we know how much we will be spending- current plan we do not know our cost

Easier payoff, no receipts needed

No haggling over prices or cheapest airfare

Less confusion and fewer different plans for different programs, everyone is confused about students SAHVMA vs scholarships.

Students book their own rooms and can save money with 3 or 4 per room

Negatives:

Not as appealing than EXPENSE PAID trip

Some students who live close would take home some cash, and others who live farther away would spend more than $1000 and would have to pay their own money

If a student wins and is a delegate they get the perks of delegate plus the $1000 cash… Ok or not ok?

Students have to book their own rooms and would need reminders to do so early so they can stay at conference hotel and not have to stay elsewhere… ie more responsibility for each student to find roommates and book flights/rooms.

Student has to have money up front to pay for their flight and then be reimbursed.