

To: MME Board of Directors	From: Julius Suchy, Professional Development Chair
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The Professional Development Committee (PDC) issued a request for proposals (RFP) to Michigan communities to potentially host the 2021 & 2022 summer workshops put on by MME. The summer conference location is not geographically restricted on a rotation like the winter conference is allowing for more communities to respond to the RFP.

The PDC received four (4) submissions for the two open slots. The submissions were the City of Holland, City of Ludington, City of Rochester/Auburn Hills and Boyne City. The committee reviewed the submissions at our August 12, 2019 meeting and following a lengthy discussion voted to recommend Rochester/Auburn Hills for the 2021 summer workshop and Holland for the 2022 summer workshop. The committee looked at how many times we had been to any of the submitted communities in the past 20 years and determined that Rochester/Auburn Hills would be a first for the summer workshop (Hosted previous winter conference that was viewed as a success) and Holland had not been a destination for the summer conference since 1991. Boyne City is considered a great location but our conference has been there a number of times over the past 10 years.

Rochester/Auburn Hills worked together for a submittal as the conference venue is in Rochester but the activities and events after hours would likely be held in Auburn Hills which has a number of top notch amenities. The PDC was happy to see that two communities came together to work on a submission that would allow both communities to be showcased during our summer workshop.

Holland was an easily selection from the PDC as they have recently hosted the MML conference which is much larger and the MML staff has good experience working with Holland which should allow for an easier planning process. The City of Holland has indicated that a number of their developments would not be online for 2021 but would be for 2022 so the committee slotted them to accommodate that. It was also shocking to the PDC that the summer workshop had not been held in Holland since 1991.

Although the PDC would love to see a summer workshop in Ludington, there were concerns with the hotel space in downtown and whether the accommodations would be enough to meet our summer workshop requirements. The PDC has communicated to Ludington that we are open to them hosting as a location in the future but it is very difficult without a larger main hotel in the downtown to serve as a base for the attendees.

The PDC recommends Rochester/Auburn Hills as the location for the 2021 summer workshop and Holland for the 2022 summer workshop to the Board of Directors. I have attached the draft minutes of our August 12, 2019 meeting detailing this action.