
Hotel Lottery Report January 2024 NGEDA Conference

Prepared by the NGAUS
Conference Committee





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Committee Charge:

- **Evaluate the current double-blind hotel lottery system**
- **Solicit input from Executive Directors and Association Presidents**
- **Investigate how other National Associations allocate hotel room blocks**
- **Submit a committee report for approval at 2024 NGEDA Conference**



Discussion Points:

1. Current double-blind hotel lottery was established in 1998.
2. Large hotel chains are reducing or eliminating large hospitality suites for economic reasons
3. Other National Associations do not execute a hotel lottery system like NGEDA
4. Most Executive Directors and Association Presidents want an “equitable hotel lottery system which is fair to all states and territories regardless of the size of their delegation.”
5. The Committee considered a “merit system” based on NGAUS membership, delegation size, and delegates serving in a NGAUS position



Recommendations:

- 1. Maintain the current double blind hotel lottery system**
- 2. Continue to maintain historical data on the number of rooms/suites used by states and territories**
- 3. NGAUS Conference host states can request a larger room block for two years prior to their host conference year for state committee members**
- 4. NGAUS Conference host states can select their room block and hospitality suite prior to the NGEDA hotel lottery (take host state out of the room lottery)**
- 5. Recommend changing NGAUS Conference SOP to include a minimum number of suites in addition to the current minimum of 2,000 sleeping rooms (consider minimum of 45 suites)**