

STMA CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES
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Participants:

Catherine DeMarco, West Virginia
Tim Hay, Oregon
Tami Nelson, Utah
Donna Carey, California
Jeanne McDonald, Pennsylvania
Kathy Adair, Alaska
Sue Kahle, Minnesota
Mark Milstein, New York

West Virginia Travel Program:

Discussion of the implantation of the new WV E-Travel system. How ResX with intergrade with Data Basis to provide a paperless booking and reporting tool for travelers. I will try to provide a Power Point presentation for the States that are interested.

Other Business:

Tim Hay gave an update on the WSCA lodging program and adding local and small hotels to the data base. The deadline for the state's to provide this information to Tim is June 15th.

He also discussed the WSCA rental car contract. Presently only state employees can operate the rental vehicle, contractor's and vendor and not included. He is researching the possibility to modify the agreement to allow non-state employees to use the rates.

Donna Carey advised the State of California is about to issue an RFQ for P-Card.

Tami Nelson said the State of Utah is going out to bid for a new city-pair agreement. This led to a discussion with the other State's about their city-pair contracts.

An airline offering lower fares when booking directly with them is also a concern; this will save them from paying the GDS systems booking fees.

Some states still have a ban on out of state travel.

We also discussed the need to get other states involved in STMA and SGTP. One idea is to develop a state specific training program for the fall SGTP conference. It would be a basic travel management 101 class that teaches the value of a managed travel and how to implement it.

Tim asked the group for input on what topics we should as states present at the conference, he also asked for a few volunteers to help develop the presentations. He has a call into Rick Singer at SGTP to see if there is time on the agenda to have a state specific education session.

SGTP rolled out a new format for the conference by eliminating the trade show and scheduling the roundtable in the morning with the right people.

Next conference call is set for June 1, 2011 and will be hosted by Alaska.