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Hi Ellis

Thanks for the update, Huw has written to me already and you certainly seem to have the financial side sorted.

It is hard for me to comment on the San Jose documents without seeing them. What demographic questions are they asking? On the face of it I see the problem, but since one is informational and the other registrations, perhaps duplication is not too serious. However, I am a little concerned about your suggestion now of letting San Jose do the registration, because that takes us back to the previous set up. I agree it will be simpler for you, but where does that take us in the future? What agreement have you come to with Harrisburg?

I believe that the San Jose group has agreed that both hard and electronic registration comes direct to you and to go back on that now perhaps is too late. However, I can take this further in November in my meeting in San Jose.

My goal here is two fold: The board has agreed that we will do central registration, and in our discussions in Ottawa, we agreed that there would be a trial period of about 3 years to see how well this worked. We have to follow that decision unless it becomes impractical to do so when I will have to make a decision to change and justify it to the board. I would like to see the trial period unless it is not feasible. YOU have to tell me if this is so.

The second goal of course is to make the involvement of your office as constructive and supportive as possible to the organisation so that all the aspects of WNGGA involvement in the NATIONAL goes smoothly, and the annual event is the financial and social success it should be. This is the goal of my request of David Evans and his team.

As you know I believe that the key to the success of the evolution of the WNGGA is the executive director's office. It is the source of continuity between presidents. Lynn and I hope that by working so closely together, and with you, we can remove some of the uncertainty of Presidential change to give more stability and strength to the office and to support it in all of its many activities.

Can I suggest that we keep moving forward and I shall have a good Discussion with San Jose in November. We can decide on a course of action after that.

If you could fax or email me over their literature I would be grateful. Perhaps I can form an early opinion before I go to San Jose.

Very glad to hear that Janet is doing so well. I am out all of next week in Europe, Geneva on Wednesday and Paris on THURSSDAY. A long way to go for just two meetings. What do you think of J.O. Morgan's write up in Ninnau. Even my my mother would be impressed!!

Take care

