



WNGGA Harrisburg '95 Minutes for 06-11-94

The June meeting was held at the Harrisburg Hotel in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, at 10:00 AM. Our host was Carolee Taylor of the Harrisburg Hotel Staff. The purpose of the meeting was to visit the on-site facilities of the Harrisburg Hotel and later meet with a Hilton Staff member to answer any other logistical questions committee heads may have.

#### *The Harrisburg Hotel*

The Harrisburg Hotel was built in the 1960's as a Holiday Inn. Because of economic circumstances, Aetna and the City of Harrisburg bought the building to save it from financial closure. Doubletree/Guest Quarters has a 5 year management contract with the City of Harrisburg to renovate and run the building as a hotel again.

*The Harrisburg has 261 sleeping rooms available.* The sleeping rooms are comprised of 101 double/double, 125 queen, and the remainder divided between king, parlor suites, singles and single/double. Sleeping rooms are on the 3rd to the 10th floors with 25 rooms on each floor. It is planned that 50% of the rooms will be non-smoking. There will be 6 handicap quarters available.

Carolee then took us on a tour of the hotel. She noted that the *Transportation Terminal* for trains and buses is only 3 blocks away and is visible from the hotel. The Harrisburg Hotel does have its own parking garage under the building for guests and is free. There is additional parking on Market Street. The regular all day fee is \$12.00, but registered hotel guests are only charged \$3.00 per day.

Surrounded by sun decks on three sides, the *Governor's Room* is Carolee's suggestion for a light buffet reception or cocktail party. The room accommodates 100 and affords a view of the city on three sides. Light buffet is suggested because the service elevator does not go up to the 10th floor.

The *Mezzanine floor* features the banquet room, telephone, house phone, rest rooms, exercise room and pool area. The banquet room can be divided into four sections with 144 seats in each section. A group of 500 can be accommodated at round tables of 8 and 10 guests. A portable dance floor is available. Sian Frick suggested that we hold the Twmpath at the Harrisburg Hotel at the same time as the Banquet at the Hilton. The younger people will have a choice of events to attend, and after the Banquet, others can come over to join in the folk dancing.

