

Motion to Provide Seed Money for 2021 Mini-Conference in 2020

Motion: It is moved that the 2020 Mini-Conference Budget have a line item added in the amount of \$500 for 2021 hall rental.

Justification: This year and last year it proved exceedingly difficult to find a suitable location for our Mini-Conference due in part to waiting too long. Suitable facilities at a reasonable price are limited, and in the spring, during the Easter and Passover seasons, they get booked well in advance. In 2019 we ended up in a less than ideal facility. In 2020 we exceeded our original budget to find a suitable location.

In 2021 Easter falls on April 4th, while Passover ends on April 3rd. If we project April 10th as our Mini-Conference date, reserving a hall should be less difficult than in the past couple of years. However, it would still be a good idea to reserve a location as soon as possible after a firm date is set. To do so prior to the start of 2021 requires money be available in the budget.

In previous years we began planning for next year's Mini-Conference almost immediately after this year's, including setting a date and reserving a facility. While it made budget tracking trickier, as expenses had to be assigned to the proper year's Mini-Conference, the additional time allowed for a smoother, often less costly, event.