

Report from the Seacoast Division 2025 NER Convention Exploratory Committee – May 12, 2023

A zoom meeting of the Seacoast Division 2025 NER Convention Exploratory Committee was held on April 10, 2023. Attendees were Glenn Mitchell, Tage Erickson, Tom Oxnard, Peter McKenney, and Rich Breton. No major issues to report. Tage requested an in-person visit to the Grappone Center.

On May 3, 2023, I contacted Jodi Attridge of the Grappone Center and arranged a meeting and tour on May 24, 2023 at 1:30. Thus far planned attendees will be Tage Erickson, Glenn Mitchell, Jay Ehlen, and John McHugh

Staffing of the four Convention Chairmanship positions (and other leadership positions) is our greatest concern. We plan on having co-chairmen for each “Chairman” position of the Local Convention Committee. At this time we have two volunteers: Peter McKenney for the Publicity Committee Co-chair position and John McHugh for the Indoor Activities Committee Co-chair position. We thank Peter and John for stepping up and volunteering.

The NER Convention Committee meeting, held approximately quarterly, was held on Zoom on May 8, 2023. Dave Insley was the host and 13 people attended, including Glenn Mitchell for the Seacoast Division. Most of the discussion centered on the 2023 Cannonball Express which will be held on October 5-8, 2023 in Uniondale NY (Long Island). Dave Durr gave a status of the 2024 Convention which will be held in Rochester. I gave the status of the work of the Seacoast 2025 Convention Exploratory Committee and again stressed my concern of lack of Co-chairmen volunteers for the “Overall Convention” position and the Outdoor Activities position. Chris Carfaro of the Green Mountain Division asked if we would be willing to discuss the GM division helping with the convention. I stated that we would be interested in discussing it. There has been no action thus far.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Mitchell

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