

Seacoast Division 2025 Convention Exploratory Committee Report July 5, 2023

(Previously submitted to the NER)

On May 24, Tage Erickson and his wife Lois, Jay Ehlen and I toured the Grappone Center in Concord. Everyone liked the facility, but Tage brought up a concern about the size of the proposed contest room. We had proposed using the Constitution Room (625 sq ft) for the modeling and photo contest. When I asked Dave Insley and Ken May about it, they stated that the requirement is for a **minimum** 750 sq ft (preferably 1000 sq ft) for a combined model and photo contest room. (The NER convention handbook has a requirement for 700 sq ft min.) None of the proposed clinic rooms are 700 sq ft or larger either. Using the Pierce room (1056 sq ft) for the contest would drive the need for renting Salon A for all three days vs one day. Estimated net increase in cost is \$800 to \$1000. It is still workable, but a little more expensive. An advantage is that all of the convention spaces utilized are all in close proximity.

The committee has still not found volunteers for a Convention Committee co-chairman or a Outdoor Activities Committee co-chairman. In summary we still have only two of the eight committee co-chairs filled.