

PNANC Wins Bid to Host 2011 PNAA Convention

Thirteen proved to be a lucky number for PNANC officers and members who traveled to Baltimore, MD to attend the PNAA National Convention to outbid New York to host the 2011 PNAA National Convention. Celebrating its 30th year, this year's national meeting will be recorded as the most attended of all PNAA national meetings for the last thirty years. The meeting featured many firsts as listed by PNAA President Leo Felix Jurado.

Many FIRSTs happened in the lifespan of PNAA during these 5-day celebrations ---

1. The most attended leadership institute and general assembly
2. The first leadership institute conducted by a national speaker outside of PNAA.
3. The singing of the PNAA theme song for the very first time in a national convention.
4. The TIME CAPSULE ceremony.
5. Going GREEN during the Executive Board meeting and the General assembly.
6. Personal Assistant to the PNAA President was provided..
7. First combined PNAA and PNAAF meeting.
8. Inaugural meeting of the Advanced Practice Nursing Forum.
9. First *superusers* meeting ever for the use of the website.

At the 2009 General Assembly Meeting, PNA New York and San Francisco showed their presentations to bid to host the 2011 National Convention. Obviously an underdog to an overwhelming Eastern Region attendees, PNA Northern CA opted to present first. The three minute video crafted by PRO Joseph Mojares was so catching as each slide synchronized with the music, "San Francisco" featuring eleven reasons why San Francisco is worthy to host the national meeting. The hard work of putting the presentation together was with the advice of Professor Kathy Abriam Yago who critiqued the contents. The video presented in a countdown format the 11th reasons why is because the 11th PNAA President Pete Calixto is from San Francisco. The concluding slide showed the PNA New York delegation in full

force having dinner at Phillip's Restaurant with a caption, "And New York will be there too."

Approximately half of attendees voted for New York to host. This photo shows the New York vote which was 20 votes shy



The PNA New York presented its 10 Reasons why New York should host the meeting. With well prepared script with delegates wearing Statue of Liberty crown as they entered the center aisle of the floor, throwing T shirts, caps and other New York Souvenirs to the Assembly. As each New York slide was flashed on two giant

screens, and while the music played – PNAAC Past President Pete Calixto was dancing on stage with his thumbs down as he danced to the tempo of the music.

President Leo Felix Jurado called the vote and instructed all those in favor of each to go opposite sides of the ballroom. The Assembly obliged and when the count was announced, it was for San Francisco for 20 votes.

It was the closest competition in bidding for a national convention so far but it was the most fun as most observers have commented. “The friendly competition was so exciting and whoever will win, both cities have their own character,” commented by PNAAC Past Presidents May Mayor and Lolita Compas both from New York. Ironically, 16th PNAAC President Rey Rivera will have his midterm convention in the friendly confines of the Most Romantic City on Earth, the City by the Bay.... San Francisco! Truly, PNAAC New York will be there as well.

