

# **NPYM Annual Session Site Committee Report on a Prospective Site for AS 2020**

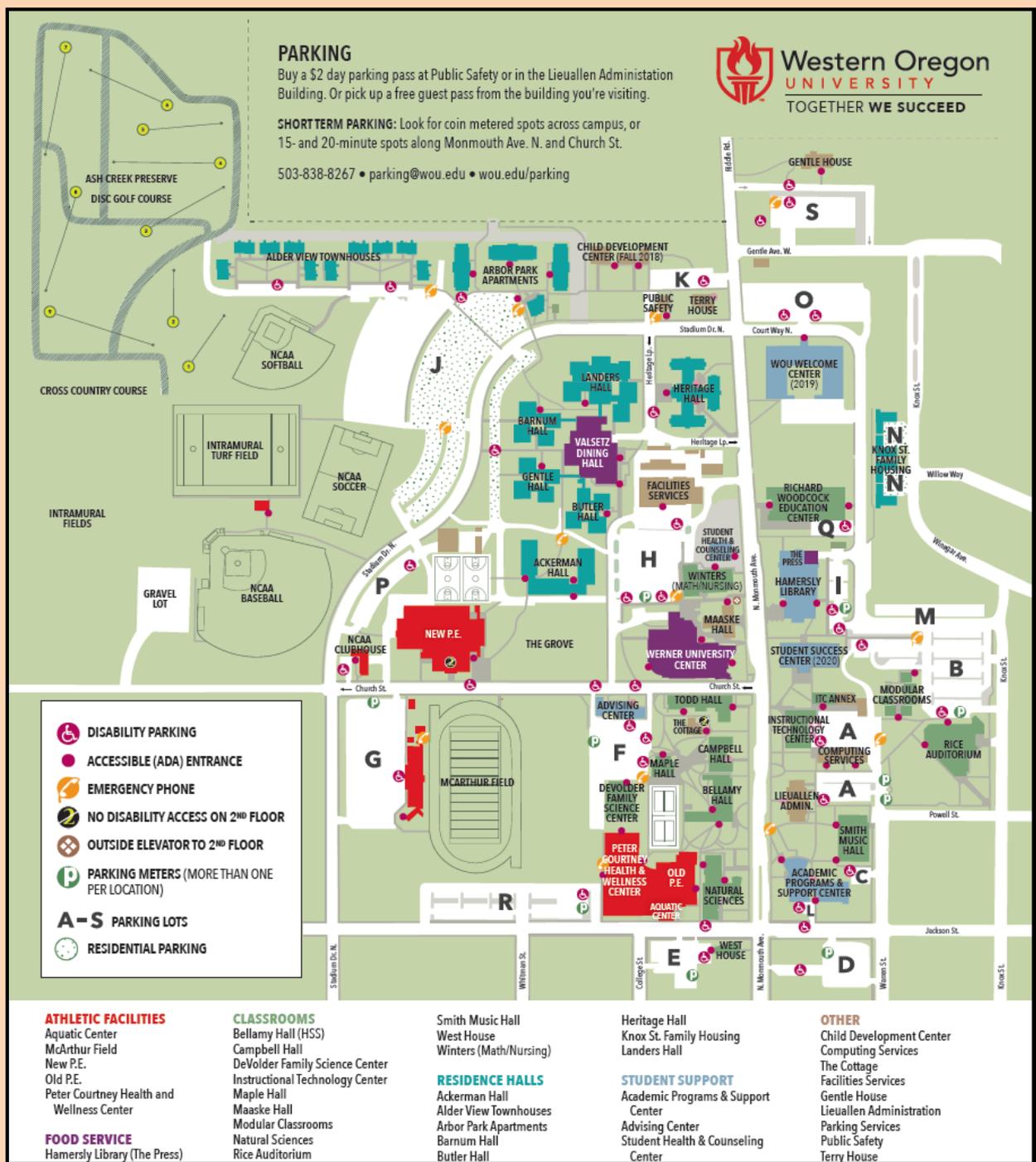
**Presented to NPYM Coordinating Committee,  
October 26, 2019**

- Lyn Gordon, clerk (Multnomah)
- Margaret Coahran (Pullman-Moscow)
- Johanna MacNee (Pullman-Moscow)
- Bev Young (Missoula)
- Don Goldstein (Bellingham)
- John Etter, emeritus clerk (Eugene/Bridge City)

# Site Committee's Process to find a "short notice" venue for AS 2020

- Following notice that Linfield College would not be able to host AS in 2020, Site Committee was charged with finding a replacement venue.
- Eight potential sites were identified in Western Oregon, plus the University of Montana (already confirmed for 2021 & 2022). Only one of the eight Oregon sites replied to committee members' inquiries affirmatively: Western Oregon University (WOU) in Monmouth, OR (~ 30 minutes southwest of Salem).
- Bev confirmed the availability of the University of Montana as a back up for next year, if needed.
- Johanna and John obtained initial information about WOU facilities and costs.
- Lyn, John and Lew Scholl (who has assisted with physical arrangements for recent annual sessions) conducted a site visit on October 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- At a meeting of the full committee on October 20<sup>th</sup>, we considered the "fit" of WOU with our needs, and came to unity on recommending that we contract with WOU as our venue for 2020.

# Campus Map (provided as handout)



# Key Selection Criteria- Meeting Spaces

Category	Rating (y/n/unknown)
1. Meeting Spaces	
A) Dining Hall - seating (300) (or more if sharing campus/dining facility)	yes
B) Auditorium or large room - seating 300	yes
C) 2-3 Spaces for large interest groups - 50-75 people	yes
D) Up to 20 Spaces for other interest groups & Worship Sharing	yes
E) Space for Infants and Toddlers - preferably child-proofed and with play area.	yes
F) Space for Grade School Children (age less than 13) - total 50	yes
Fa) Space for Central Friends	yes
G) Space (preferably a lounge) for Jr. friends (ages 15-18 some privacy preferred	yes
H) Lockable spaces for bookstore, arts & crafts	yes
I) Space with lockable storage for AS office	yes
J) Sufficient furniture, meeting supplies and equipment(e.g. slide projectors & screens, chairs, sound systems, screens)	yes

# Columbia Room (Plenaries Wed. & Thurs. a.m.)



# Pacific Ballroom (Plenaries Thurs. p.m.- Sunday)

Yes, that's a disco ball!



# Key Selection Criteria- Accommodations & Meals

Category	Rating (y/n/unknown)
2. Accommodations	
A) Sleeping facilities for 275 (300 if no camping)	yes
B) Camping area with access to restrooms and showers	yes
C) RV & Trailer Parking	limited
D) Parking for cars	yes
E) Accommodations for early arrivals (Ministry and Oversight retreat on Mon/Tues prior to Wed. start of AS; travelers who may arrive on Tuesday)?	yes
3. Food/Meal Arrangements	
A) Ability to provide for all attenders (range of choices/dietary needs):	yes
B) Access to dining facility: can non-residents/day visitors eat?	yes
C) Availability of “meal plan” dining (“all you want to eat at meals paid for” as opposed to strictly a la carte pricing)	yes
D) Availability of meeting rooms near the dining hall that food can be carried to for mealtime committee meetings?	Yes

# Key Selection Criteria- Accessibility & Other

Category	Rating (y/n/unknown)
4. Consideration for those with limitations.	
A) Audio systems and acoustics acceptable.	yes
B) Building physical access (ramps, elevators, bathrooms) adequate?	yes
C) Terrain and distance (proximity of sleeping to meeting and dining areas, levelness, types of pathway/paving).	good
D) Heating/air conditioning appropriate for climate in both meeting and dorm areas	fair
5. Other considerations.	
A) Congruence with Friends' testimonies on equality (e.g., racial equality, LGBTQ rights, acceptance of gender fluidity)	yes
B) Is any major construction anticipated during the summers of AS?	no
C) swimming pool/athletic center access?	yes
D) security, especially at night?	yes
E) wifi access?	yes

# Additional Points & Summary



**Sidewalk advertising & directional signage provided by WOU.**

- Costs, based on a ballpark analysis by John, appear to be at least comparable, if not a bit lower, than recent AS venues. Non-profits receive a 50% discount on space, fee & equipment rentals (not on lodging costs, however).
- WOU Conference & Events staff have been welcoming, informative, and responsive.
- In sum, Site Committee believes the WOU campus is well-suited to our diverse attendees' needs, and we recommend that WOU serve as our venue for AS 2020.
- Dates: July 22-26, 2020