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AJHA 33rd NATIONAL CONVENTION SET FOR OCTOBER 2014 IN ST. PAUL, MINN.

ST. PAUL, Minn. — The American Journalism Historians Association will meet in St. Paul, Minn., for its 33rd National Convention, set for Oct. 9-11, 2014.

Convention Sites Committee members booked the 104-year-old Saint Paul Hotel, which is the only hotel in Minnesota that *Travel + Leisure* magazine lists as one of the world's best for 2014.

Chairwoman Caryl Cooper said the committee selected the Saint Paul Hotel because of its historical significance and its central location to restaurants and museums in the city.

"In addition, the hotel is absolutely stunning," Cooper said.

Cooper said selecting cities where members are located makes it easier to organize events and the historic tour. Giovanna Dell'Orto of the University of Minnesota and Mavis Richardson of Minnesota State University-Mankato are serving on the Local Host Committee.

Dell'Orto said AJHA members can choose from several nearby entertainment options, including chamber, a jogging path and riverboat tours.

"In early October, a fall-colors stroll along the river is a must," Dell'Orto said. "Come dusk, classical music, jazz and the quintessentially Minnesotan A Prairie Home Companion theater are all within walking distance."

Several restaurants also are close by, such as Mickey's Diner, an art deco railroad-style diner open 24/7 since 1939, Dell'Orto said.

AJHA President Amy Lauters said the historic tour will include the Minnesota Historical Society, Fort Snelling, the old speakeasy of the Wabasha Street Caves, and James J. Hill House on Summit Hill.

"I'm incredibly excited to have AJHA come into my backyard for the conference this year," Lauters said. "I look forward to showing our members the rich history and dynamic multicultural nature of the Twin Cities."

For information about the conference hotel at 350 Market St. in downtown St. Paul, visit saintpaulhotel.com.

More information on the St. Paul conference is available at the AJHA website: ajhaonline.org.

Founded in 1981, the American Journalism Historians Association seeks to advance education and research in mass communication history. Members work to raise historical standards and ensure that all scholars and students recognize the vast importance of media history and apply this knowledge to the advancement of society.

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