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Hi Liane. Thanks for good message. I agree that Chicago is the best place for many reasons. Important thing is lead-time to recruit good keynote(s) and participants. Is the plan still for spring break (end of March) 2000? If it helps, I was a faculty member of UI (Urbana) for 8 years in the late 1950s and early 1960s.

We will need a story for the Monitor asap, so please send copy including Chicago details as soon as they are available. George.

Good morning, George.

Report on Chicago Media Watch's meeting on planning national activist convention next year. There is serious interest out there and there will be some people who will be able to help with this. I believe we may get about 20 volunteers from the Chicago area, but the big decisions--time and place, and MONEY and program are just in the planning stages. At one point, Ralph Nader suggested we have the convention in D.C, but that would take it completely out of our (CEM too) hands and we did not consider traveling to D.C. to do the work. So, we will finalize the time and place, then move forward. We are looking at two universities--Univ. of Chicago, and Univ. of Illinois at Chicago, since we have contacts at both. In fact, the head of communications at UIC is on our advisory board. So, we will need a bit more time, like next month, to get certain basics in place and then we can move faster.

Let's keep in touch.

And by the way, this convention was really good! Fewer people, fewer issues to contend with, more focus and far more collegial relationships. We really rolled up our sleeves and wanted to work with each other on that which we all know is so important. Lots of common ground.

Liane