The biennial winter meeting of the Photographic Materials Group (PMG) will be held in Boston, Massachusetts on Friday, March 12 and Saturday, March 13. The Museum of Fine Arts will host the conference. The Boston Athenaeum will host the reception on Saturday evening. The local arrangements committee extends its thanks to Roy Perkinson, Senior Conservator, at the Museum of Fine Arts and Richard Wendorf, Director of the Athenaeum for their assistance.
Through cooperative planning, the PMG is fortunate to have coordinated its 1999 meeting with the opening of a major exhibition and symposium to be held at the Harvard University's Houghton Library. The Houghton will host a reception for the members of the Photo Materials Group on Friday, March 12 at 6:00 PM. The exhibition, *Salts of Silver, Toned with Gold: an Exhibition of the Harrison D. Horblit Collection of Early Photography* will be open for viewing. The local arrangements committee is grateful to William Stoneman, Librarian of the Houghton Library and Curators Anne Anninger and Julie Melby for this generous invitation.

Some Boston sites of possible interest:

- 5-day weather forecast
- A live view from downtown
Negotiations for hotel block rates are complete. Based on quality, capacity, price and proximity to the MFA, the Colonnade Hotel has been selected as the primary host for the PMG membership. The negotiated room rate will be $150 per night for a single or a double room. PMG members wishing to stay at the Colonnade need to make their reservations by February 17, 1999. When making reservations, it is imperative that PMG members identify themselves as belonging to the group to take advantage of the significantly reduced room rate. Call (617) 424-7000 for reservations.

Lodging in Boston is expensive, with room rates from $125 to $175 per night. Other hotels within walking distance to the MFA include:

- The Eliot Hotel
- The Midtown Hotel

There are several bed and breakfast reservation services including:

- Bed and Breakfast Associates Bay
Colony
• Greater Boston Hospitality

Be sure to mention that you want to stay within easy walking distance of the MFA.

Local Arrangements

At present the Local Arrangements Committee, consists of Gary Albright, Monique Fischer, Roy Perkinson and is chaired by Paul Messier. Though planning is well in hand, we will need some volunteer help as the meeting approaches. Please contact the committee if you are interested in volunteering some time.

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