

RMS INSTA-POLL

“Would you be in favor of merging the RMS Convention with other tobacco collectibles conventions?”

(i.e., match safes convention, lighter clubs convention, etc.) ”

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Yes	43
No	51
N/A	2
Not sure	1

Appropriate comments:

- “Worth pursuing. It is getting harder and harder to find a hotel interested in giving us the meeting space that we require without charge when we can deliver only about 250 room nights and a banquet of maybe 75 people.”

- “Without knowing the players, I would vote yes. Normally this would help over all to lower cost of a lot of things. As long as our corporate bylaws are kept separate. If all parties regulations are maintained, yes.”

- “Sure. Why not? Cross-pollination is a good thing.”

- “Absolutely. Would generate greater interest in the hobby.”

- “Depending on the arrangement I would be very interested in something like that. Might bring us some new members and interest.”

- I think it is a good idea. I just came from a vinyl record show and there were multiple types of media there, including books.”

- “Yes, it would give us some more external hobby connections and good diversity as we all age.”

- “I would be in favour of merging, as long as the identity of individual clubs is not lost within the convention set up.”

- “I could live with that if there were not tobacco products available.”

- “Great idea! I'm all for it. Another possible merger is with the AAAA-- the Antique Advertising Assn of America. They have combined this year's convention with the ice cream collectors and did last year's with graniteware collectors. My brother is a member and I used to be, and I can provide the necessary contact info. After all, matchbooks were an important advertising medium and I think would be a great tie-in.”

- “Yes. Great idea. More attendees, less cost, etc.”

- “Absolutely...a tobacco related convention would open not just many new doors but more like flood gates...Even though the tobacco industries are somewhat fading, the history should not. I'm 100% for this idea.”

- “No. I wouldn't mind if they occurred nearby, so we could check them out, but not merged with RMS.”

- “No. Why do it unless RMS convention is unsustainable and will be cancelled for lack of people, organizers and attendees. Something would be better than nothing, but not much better.”

- “Never, never, never!”

- “No, but I'm in favor of some kind of participation and outreach.”

- “a joint convention MIGHT, through sheer force of numbers, lead us to better room rates, better banquet, meeting room and other negotiations. That could be extremely important to members attending, and I might support it if our autonomy was intact. what about other ephemera organizations?”

- “no.(But I could be persuaded.)”