

SMOFCON 2016
FANNISH INQUISITION QUESTIONNAIRE - SMOFCON 2017 BIDS

Name of Bid:

Santa Rosa Wine Country Bid for SMOFCon 2018

What are the proposed dates for which you are bidding?

November 30, 2018 through December 2, 2018

Does your proposed Smofcon have a theme?

Conventions at the Speed of Light (Websites, Convention Automation, Shared Experiences and Resources)

What is your proposed convention host city?

- Is your convention site in a city center location or a suburb?

Santa Rosa, California 1.5 miles east of downtown

- If a suburb, what are the transport options into the city center? How far is the site from the city center?

Local bus system, site is about 1.5 miles from downtown Santa Rosa

What is the typical current airfare to your closest airport from world cities such as Auckland, Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Dublin, Helsinki, London, Los Angeles, Melbourne? *Closest airport doesn't have direct flights to anywhere except for Los Angeles on the list. Below is for one of the two major International airports, San Francisco. Oakland is the other.*

For San Francisco International:

Auckland \$968 United

Boston \$296 United

Chicago \$208 American (O'Hare)

Dallas \$256 United (Dallas Fort-Worth)

Dublin \$699 Air France

Helsinki \$672 KLM

London \$756 Turkish Airlines (Heath Row)

Los Angeles \$96 American

Melbourne \$1163 Quantas

- Is your closest airport a hub for a major carrier?

No

- Do international flights, as well as domestic, fly into your local airport?

No to international, yes to domestic (see below)

- If not, where is the closest international airport?

Oakland and San Francisco airports are about 1-1 ¼ hours away (depending on traffic)

- Which airlines service your airport?

Allegiant and Alaska Airlines now and American Airlines starting early 2017 service Santa Rosa Airport

- Are direct flights from the cities above flown into your local airport?

No, not to Santa Rosa airport - direct flights are from Seattle, Portland, Los Angeles, Orange County, San Diego, Las Vegas, Phoenix/Mesa, and Phoenix Sky Harbor

How far is your convention site from the nearest airport/train station and what is the likely cost of getting to the hotels by both public transport and taxi from that airport/train station?

Taxi from Santa Rosa airport about \$25 (15 miles)

Shuttle Bus (with Wi-Fi) from Oakland and San Francisco about \$32 (about 1 ¼ hours)

Will also host ride-sharing exchange for those who choose to rent a car at San Francisco or Oakland and drive in to the convention

What hotel(s) are being used for the convention?

Flamingo Resort Hotel

- How many rooms?

80 rooms peak currently in block, 170 rooms available

- How many Singles/Doubles/Kings?

60 Single/Double, 15 King, 5 Suites in block

- What other types of rooms are available? How many are handicap accessible?

4 ADA rooms available, 9 pet friendly rooms (with a \$50 non-refundable deposit)

- Are there any accessibility issues?

One small section of sleeping rooms don't have elevator service

- What are your hotel room rates?

\$129 Single/Double, \$149 Executive King, \$199 Suite

- Do these rates include breakfast?

No

- Do they include internet in the room?

Yes, complimentary wi-fi in the guest rooms

- How firm are these rates?

Room rates and function room costs are contracted

Please describe your convention site facilities. For example, the quantity and sizes of function rooms, tech options, accessibility issues, etc. (see below table)

Oak Room, seats up to 75

Alexander Room, seats up to 75

Garden Room, seats up to 75

Redwood Room, seats up to 75

Flamingo Room, seats up to 200

No accessibility issues. Available on-site tech.

Please describe the restaurant scene near your site.

The hotel has a restaurant on site. There are a couple more across the street.

There are about 20 within a 5 minute walk including 12 in Montgomery Village Center. There is a Safeway across the street as well as a drug store.

What are the policies/laws regarding smoking at your:

- Hotel(s):

No smoking

- Convention Center:

No smoking

- City:

No smoking except in designated areas, which are 25 or more feet from doorways,

windows, etc.

What type of weather can we expect at the time of year your convention is to be held?

About 20% average chance of rain, low in the lower 40's, high in the upper 50's.

What are some of the main tourist attractions of your city?

Several hundred wineries (many of which have tours), the Charles M. Schulz Museum, Snoopy's Home Ice at the Redwood Empire Ice Arena, Luther Burbank Home and Gardens, Armstrong Redwoods State Reserve, several Casinos, Safari West wildlife preserve, San Francisco Bay cities nearby (less than an hour's drive south) with hundreds of additional attractions. We plan to sponsor a wine country bus tour/sampling the day before the convention.

Who is on your committee?

Bruce Farr, Bobbi Armbruster, Joni Brill Dashoff, Linda Deneroff, Adrienne Foster, Ann Marie Rudolph, Patty Wells

- If known, who will be the chair of the convention?

Bruce Farr

- What experience do they have?

Estimated close to 1,000 conventions worked amongst the group. Experience includes chairing Westercon, Worldcon, World Fantasy Convention, SMOFCon, DH for many areas.

What arrangements will be made for evening socializing and party space?

- Do you have a corkage waiver and a forklage waiver?

We have two suites reserved for Con Suite with full corkage and forklage waiver

Do you currently have a code of conduct in place for your bid/convention?

- If so, what is it?

Since Codes of Conduct are in flux, we will adopt one similar to the one in effect for the prior SMOFCon

- If not, do you intend to have one?

Yes

Are you planning to have any membership discounts for specific groups, such as young adults, military, seniors or families?

No, except for low price for those accompanying members who aren't attending the Program