

Questionnaire Instructions

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The questionnaire below includes some of the most asked questions for Worldcon/SMOFcons and bids. Please email the completed answers to info@smofcon38.ca by **Sunday, 22 November, 2020**. The completed questionnaires will be posted on the Smofcon 37 ¼ website (<https://sites.grenadine.co/sites/conzealand/en/smofcon-37-14>) by **Tuesday, 1 December, 2020**.

Please answer all the questions *in line* below. If a question doesn't apply to your bid, please state: N/A.

If the answer won't be known until some future date, please provide an estimate of when you will be able to provide an answer. For example, for the question about room rates you might answer "These are expected to be agreed by [date]. Current internet rates are X per night room only for a double or twin and Y for single occupancy."

QUESTIONNAIRE

General

Name of Bid SmofCon in Cleveland 2023

What dates are you bidding for? December 1-3, 2023

What is your proposed convention host city? Is your convention site in a city center location or a suburb? If a suburb, what are the transport options into the city centre? How far is the site from the city centre?

Cleveland Suburb – Westlake

What are your main facilities? How far are your hotels from your main venue?

Main facilities are in the host hotel.

Who is your bid chair? Who is on your committee? What experience do they have in general? In running Worldcons?

A: Current Committee: Laura Griffis, Stan Paulson, Eric Hogg, Amy Shuman, Richard France, Suzie France, Vanessa Hall, William Lehman, Lisa Garrison, Lisa Meece, Ali Bower, David Morgan, Chandra Morgan-Henley,....and the list continues to grow in interest.

Members have had experience working various conventions including ConCoction, MarCon, Origins, GenCon, WindyCon, CapriCon, DeCompression, OVFF, StarBase Indy, WhosYerCon, Ba-Con, MilleniCon, and more...

If known, who will be the chair of the convention? What experience do they have?

Current Bid Chair – Laura Griffis

Co-ConChair Cleveland ConCoction 2014 – 2020

Origins ArtShow 3 years

Ba-Con – Registration

MarCon – Registration

Have you agreed to participate in Pass-Along Funds? Would you be willing to increase the percentage from 50% to 70% of surplus?

A: Likely, but we'd leave this to a Board Decision. Our group likes to support fandom whenever possible.

Travel

What is the typical current airfare to your closest airport from world cities such as London, Boston, Los Angeles, Tokyo, Melbourne, etc.?

A: Closest airport is CLE International Airport; also can fly into Akron Regional Airport. Can report at later date with correct information for both airports if requested or required.

Do international flights, as well as domestic, fly into your local airport? Which airlines? If not, where is the closest international airport? Are direct flights from the cities above flown into your local airport?

- A: NonStop Cities are as follows: Atlanta, Austin, Baltimore, Boston, Cancun, Charleston, Charlotte, Chicago – MDW, Chicago – ORD, Dallas/Ft. Worth, Denver, Destin-Ft. Walton, Detroit, Ft Lauderdale, Ft Myers, Hartford, Houston, Jacksonville, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Miami, Millwaukee, Minneapolis, Montego Bay, Myrtle Beach, Nashville, New Orleans, New York – JFK, New York – LGA, Newark, Orlando, Orlando-Sanford, Philadelphia, Phoenix, Portland, Punta Cana, Punta Gorda, Raleigh/Durham, Reykjavik, Salt Lake City, San Antonio, San Diego, San Francisco, San Juan, Sarasota, Savannah, Seattle, St Louis, St Pete-Clearwater, Tampa, Toronto, Washington DC – DCA, Washington DC – IAD, West Palm Beach
- A: Air Canda, Allegiant, American Airlines, Delta, Frontier, IcelandAir, jetBlue, Southwest, Spirit, United, Apple Vacations

Website: <http://www.clevelandairport.com>

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?

- A: Convention site hotel is 25 mins or less from the airport via freeway access

Facilities

What hotel(s) are being used for the convention? How many rooms, what type, do they accommodate accessibility needs, etc.?

DoubleTree by Hilton Westlake
[DoubleTree Cleveland Westlake, OH Hotels \(hilton.com\)](http://DoubleTree Cleveland Westlake, OH Hotels (hilton.com))

What are your hotel room rates? Do these rates include breakfast? Do they include internet access in the room? How firm are these rates? What additional taxes and fees are there?

Currently \$51/night

We are in negotiation on rates due to the date shift on our end.

What does parking cost at your main hotels?

A: There are no parking costs and ample parking on all sides of the property.

What is the distance from the nearest door of your main hotel(s) to the closest entrance of the convention site? What are the transportation options for those who prefer not to walk or who have mobility difficulties?

Convention site is the hotel proper

Where will your large events (i.e. Hugo Ceremony and Masquerade) be held?

Conference space within the hotel

Please describe the restaurant scene near your site.

Crocker Park has several options to choose from: Bar Louie, Bspot, Cheesecake Factory, Brio, and many more food and shopping locations. Beyond Crocker Park are many other local restaurants and bars within close driving range. Crocker Park also has a movie theatre.

What arrangements will be made for evening socialising and party space? Do you have a corkage waiver?

- A: Corkage and Forkage Fees/Waivers are currently being negotiated. In Ohio, Corkage is intimately tied to both Ohio Liquor Laws and The Ohio Board of Taxation (more so than in most states). Forkage is directly tied to Union contracts. Waivers are not impossible, but negotiations involve many people other than the hotel sales reps.

Please describe the policies / laws regarding smoking in your hotel(s), convention centre, and city.

Given the current pandemic, have you considered any arrangements have been made for social distancing and the health and safety of members? If you have, can you describe what your current plans are?

Working on plans based on evolving pandemic and vaccine knowledge, but this is subject to change by 2023.

Miscellaneous

What type of weather can we expect during your convention? What is the average temperature during that time of year?

A: In December it can fluctuate from 50F to -20F, from sunny to snowy, depending on what the weather is next to Lake Erie. It's Ohio – don't like the weather, wait 5 minutes it'll change.

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

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

A: SMOFcon bid, but this could be determined at a later date if needed/wanted

What is your vision for your Worldcon? How do you plan to make it happen?

What is a notable aspect of your local fan culture and how do you plan to incorporate it into your Worldcon?

Do you have a code of conduct? If so, is it available online and if so, where?

A: We do have a Code of Conduct/Harassment Policy within ConCoction - can be provided or reviewed/updated as needed.

What do diversity and inclusion mean to you?

How are you working towards your goals in these areas?

What would concrete achievements look like in these areas?

What changes or challenges do you expect the current pandemic to present?

Have you planned for a virtual component to your convention?

Your members vote for Hugo Finalists who are then excited and wish to play a full part in the convention programme. How do you plan to facilitate the Finalists input as recognised by your community?