

Santa Rosa Bid for the 2018 SMOFCon

General

- Name of Bid:
A: Santa Rosa "Wine Country" Bid for the 2018 SMOFCon
- Contact for questions from fandom (*including email address*):
A: brucefarr2002@yahoo.com Bruce Farr, Chairperson
- What site are you proposing?
A: Flamingo Resort and Spa near downtown Santa Rosa, California
- Who is your bid chair? Who is on your committee? What experience do they have in general? In running Worldcons?
A: Bruce Farr, Chairperson – 39 years on Worldcon Committees, ran Phoenix 1979 SMOFCon, Chaired World Fantasies, Westercon, NASFiC; about 140 conventions worked
- Bobbi Armbruster – has worked on SF conventions since 1976 including programming, services, exhibits, facilities, operations, finance, and events
- Joni Brill Dashoff – a mainstay of Worldcon Art Shows and has worked many regional conventions and Worldcons
- Linda Deneroff – In fandom over 45 years. Worked many regionals and Worlcons. Done program, sales to members, and secretary of WSFS Business Meeting.
- Adrienne Foster – is long-standing member of the Bay Area Science Fiction Association (aka BASFA). Her biggest claim to fame is organizing the writers workshop for 11 genre conventions—seven of those being for the World Science Fiction Convention (aka Worldcons).
- Ann Marie Rudolph – Hotel Liaison and Hospitality for SMOFCon, regional and international conventions. Also worked Press Office, Programming, Registration, Volunteers, and Staff Den.
- Patty Wells – Chaired Renovation Worldcon, worked about 15 Worldcons since 1989, worked or ran four SMOFCon Programs, chaired two Orycons and a Westercon
- What is the size of con-running fandom in your host city?
A: Santa Rosa, perhaps 10 people
- Bay Area (an hour south) tens of thousands in fandom/convention attendance

Travel

- What is the typical current airfare to your closest airport from world cities such as London, Boston, Chicago, Los Angeles, Melbourne?
A: 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
- 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: For Charles M. Schulz Santa Rosa Airport: United, Alaska, American, Sun Country domestic with flights to/from: Los Angeles, Seattle, San Diego, Santa Ana, Portland, San Francisco, and Phoenix. Connect to San Francisco for International travel or shuttle bus to Oakland/San Francisco airports.

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

A: 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) each way

Facilities

- What venue do you plan to use for the convention?

A: Flamingo Resort and Spa

- What are your expected hotel room rates? Do these rates include breakfast? How firm are these rates? What additional taxes and fees are there?

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

Rates are contracted, firm. Does not include breakfast.

- Is there free internet in all the hotel rooms?

A: Yes

- What does parking cost at your hotel?

A: No

- Please describe the restaurant scene near your site.

A: 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.

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

A: We have two suites reserved for Con Suite with full corkage and forkage waiver plus overflow seating just down the hall.

- Are there any rules or conditions expected to be in force which would surprise us?

A: No smoking except in designated areas, which are 25 or more feet from doorways, windows, etc.

Miscellaneous

- What type of weather can we expect during your convention? What is the usual temperature and chance of rain during that time of year? Do not provide the historic high or low that makes your site appear attractive. (Stephen and Deb can use google too)

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

- Do you have a published code of conduct?

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