

**SMOFCON 2016
FANNISH INQUISITION QUESTIONNAIRE**

Name of Bid:

- Chicago in 2022

What are the proposed dates for which you are bidding?

- TBD

What is your proposed convention host city?

- Chicago. We are looking at downtown sites.

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?

Based on Expedia searches done in July 2016 for June 2017:

- Auckland \$1100 (1-2 stops)
- Boston \$175-\$250 (nonstop available)
- Dallas \$300-\$350 (nonstop available)
- Dublin \$750-\$850 (nonstop available)
- Helsinki \$725-\$1200 (1-2 stops)
- London \$850-\$1500 (nonstop available)
- Los Angeles \$350-\$400 (nonstop available)
- Melbourne \$1500 (1-2 stops)
- Is your closest airport a hub for a major carrier? **Yes**
- Do international flights, as well as domestic, fly into your local airport? **Yes**
- Which airlines service your airport? **Most major carriers can be found at O'Hare, with the exception of Southwest, who has their hub at Midway.**
- Are direct flights from the cities above flown into your local airport? **See above**

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?

- There are multiple transportation options. Union Station (Amtrak train) and Greyhound (Bus) are both downtown.
- The Blue Line elevated train comes in from O'Hare Airport, and the Orange Line from Midway.

Mode	Cost: O'Hare to downtown	Travel time: O'Hare to downtown	Cost: Midway to downtown	Travel time: Midway to downtown
CTA trains	\$5 or less*	45 min	\$2.25 or less*	25 min
Taxi	around \$40	25-90 min	around \$25	15-40 min
Shuttle Van Services	over \$25	25-90 min	over \$15	15-40 min

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

- TBD

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

- TBD

Where will your large events (for example the Hugo Ceremony and Masquerade) be held?

- TBD

Please describe the restaurant scene near your site.

- Chicago is a world-class city for restaurants.

What are the policies/laws regarding smoking at your:

- Hotel(s): Some hotels have smoking rooms
- Convention Center: No smoking or vaping allowed in convention facilities
- City: No smoking or vaping in enclosed public spaces
http://www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/cdph/supp_info/tabacco_alcohol_drug_a_buse/smoke_free_illinoisact.html

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

- Average temperatures in August are 63-82F / 17-28C

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

- Museums – The Art Institute of Chicago, The Museum of Science and Industry, The Adler Planetarium, Shedd Aquarium, Field Museum of Natural History, and Museum of Contemporary Art, to name a few.
- Parks – Millennium Park and Grant Park (home to Buckingham Fountain) are both downtown. Both often have free music festivals during the summer.
- Arts – There are several Broadway-quality theaters in downtown, and dozens throughout the city as a whole. Orchestra Hall, home of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, is downtown, as is the Lyric Opera.
- Sports – during the summer, there are opportunities to see the World Series Champion Chicago Cubs and Chicago White Sox (baseball) and the Chicago Fire and Chicago Red Stars (soccer).
- And more! Too much to name here.

Who is on your committee?

- TBD. Organizational meetings will be held starting this fall.

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

- Do you have a corkage waiver and a forkage waiver? That's the plan!

Do you currently have a code of conduct in place for your bid/convention? No

- 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? TBD, but likely

Other information: We would participate in pass-along funds.