

Circus Fans Association of America

2016 Convention Advisory Committee Report

Bruce E. Hawley, Chairman

Purpose: The Convention Advisory Committee reviews the business plans and proposed agendas of the convention committees, advises accordingly and is available to consult.

2015 CFA Convention-Worldwide Circus Summit 2015

July 14-18, 2015

Eastern States Exposition (The Big E) Fairgrounds

West Springfield, MA

The 2015 CFA Convention was held in conjunction with the Worldwide Circus Summit 2015, which hosted by the CFA. Approximately 900 people, including 100 youths, attended the Summit. There were over 12 hours of seminars, 12 "Jackpot Junction" sessions, 9 hours of circus films, 100s of circus photographs on display, several circus model builder and other exhibits, two circus memorabilia auctions, a Ringling clown audition, a complete sideshow performance and several banquets, receptions and musical performances by the Windjammers . . . including a 125+ member big top circus concert band concert. On-site circus performances included 4 shows by the official convention circus: Cole Brothers Circus, with additional on-site circus performances provided by the Summit All-Star Circus, the AYCO youth circus showcase, Lisa Dufresne's Horses! Horses! Horses! Show and Elmo Gibb's Teeny Weeny Circus. Off-site circus performances were provided by Circus Smirkus. With a total revenue of \$127,786.00 and \$92,913.91 in expenses, the Summit netted \$34,872.09 for the CFA plus an additional income of \$7,625.03 from the CFA auction. For a complete report on the 2015 Worldwide Circus Summit including the financial report, see the Sept/Oct 2015 issue of the White Tops.

2016 CFA Convention

May 11 & 12, 2016

The Orleans Hotel & Casino

Las Vegas, NV

Returning to the more traditional convention format, the 2016 convention budget calls for approximately \$9,900 in revenue and \$7,500 in expenses. It is expected that about 100 people will attend the 2016 convention. The 2016 convention will celebrate the 90th Birthday of the CFA! Scheduled activities include a hospitality night, 3 seminars, committee meetings, Tim Tegge's Magic Circus, a sales room, an auction, a luncheon banquet with EggRoll as guest speaker, with featured guests Wini McKay and Chester Cable and an evening performance at the Ramos Brothers Circus. Optional tours/activities will include Jersey Boys, any Cirque show (7 to date), Mob Museum, Steve Wynn's Showstoppers, Zion Park, Absin the Comic, bus trip to Boulder Dam, Tournament of Kings, Red Rock & Bonnie Springs Ranch, Popovich. Evening: open air bus down strip, Vegas the Show.

2017 CFA Convention

Dates TBA

St. Louis, MO

Planning is under way for the 2017 CFA Convention. It is expected that the convention circus will be Circus Harmony. Further details will be announced soon.

Respectfully submitted on this 1st day of May 2016

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Chairman