

Future Venues

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**Sent:** Wednesday, October 27, 2004 7:36 PM  
**Attach:** Final Contract 10-2-04.doc  
**Subject:** Re: Cincinnati venue volunteer

Hi Connie,

I am attaching the Cincinnati contract for your review and am copying this email to the other members of the Future Venues Committee (Ian- please pass on to Roy). I have the signed contract here on file. I will update the website later next week and add the unsigned version then.

In general, we aren't going to be able to get a broad guarantee in a contract that all services will be up to our standards. However, hotels are expected to have a high standard and there are steps that can be taken if the situation warrants. These run the gambit from going up the corporate ladder, discussing our complaints with convention bureaus, or even a lawsuit. If things that are specifically mentioned in the contract (for example, banquet services) are not provided, this would be a serious breach and would, I imagine, entail significant compensation.

The contract with Cincinnati is a good one and was reviewed by attorney Meirwyn Walters. It compares well with the specs provided by the Strategic Planning Committee. However, there is always room for improvement and I encourage committee members to examine it to see if there is anything that should be addressed in future.

I will be out of town for a couple of days but will email you recent contract comparison charts. These were compiled last year, but in several instances they include rates on 2007. In general, we can expect a slightly higher rate than those provided for 2006 but terms can be revisited. These charts can be used to narrow down the field in selecting the next venue site. If there are additional cities you would like to contact, let me know and we will send our specs to their convention bureau.

Yours truly,  
 John Ellis

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**From:** Richard Baskwill  
**To:** 'Connie Claypool'  
**Cc:** John Ellis  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 27, 2004 5:27 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Cincinnati venue volunteer

Hi, Connie. Regarding the contract, I asked John if it was available electronically, and it is not, so unless it does become available in that medium it will not be on the website.

I know that John was concerned about the same issues that you mentioned, and I understand that they have been addressed. John can give us the full details. I am copying him with this e-mail so he can reply.

Thanks,

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**From:** Connie Claypool [mailto:cwht[REDACTED]]

**Sent:** Wednesday, October 27, 2004 5:18 PM

**To:** Richard Baskwill

**Subject:** Re: Cincinnati venue volunteer

Hi, Dic, Thanks for following up on Shirley. One other thing, I remember some comment from John Ellis about reading the Cincinnati contract. I haven't seen it. Have I missed it on the website? I am particularly concerned about some kinds of guarantees or warranties from the hotel if things or services are not as they are promised. For example, the closed swimming pool in Buffalo was a bummer; the fact that most of the ice machines didn't work was a pain. What if the chef quits the week before Labor Day? It seems that hotels stick it to the WNGGA if we happen to misrepresent something. Why shouldn't we be compensated if they mess up? Also, are they prepared to serve buffets so there won't be long lines of hungry people wanting to eat at the same time. ETC. Random thoughts from Connie. See ya!

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Richard Baskwill

**To:** 'Connie Claypool'

**Sent:** Monday, October 25, 2004 2:40 PM

**Subject:** RE: Cincinnati venue volunteer

Thank you, Connie. I will be glad to add her to the Cincinnati Local Venue Committee.

Hwyl fawr,

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**From:** Connie Claypool [mailto:cwht[REDACTED]]

**Sent:** Sunday, October 24, 2004 4:31 PM

**To:** Richard Baskwill; WNGG[REDACTED]

**Subject:** Cincinnati venue volunteer

Dear Dic and John,

I sang next to this woman in Buffalo. When I found out she was from Ohio, I asked her about volunteering to help in 2006 if we, in fact, were going to Cincinnati. Yes, she will help.

Shirley McKee, 3033 Willowbrook Way, Beavercreek, OH 45431; Phone: 937-426-1892; She is on aol.com with e-mail, but I can't read her writing of her e-mail address.

I don't have an e-mail address for Ian Morris, the local venue chair.

Also, RE: scheduling spring meeting in Cincy: I will be out of the country (in Scotland) from April 18 through the end of May.

Regards, Connie

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