



Convergence[®] Planning Committees

Handweavers Guild of America, Inc. (Knoxville, TN)

Type: Volunteer

Principle HGA Contact: Whitney Young, HGA Programs Coordinator

Duration: 6 – 18 Months

Description:

In partnership with the Board of Directors and the Executive Director, and under the direction of the Convergence[®] Steering Committee and HGA Staff, the Convergence[®] Planning Committees manage and execute tasks that need to take place in the region where the Convergence[®] conference is being held to prepare for and produce the conference.

Skills, Knowledge & Abilities

- Should be knowledgeable about the fiber arts.
- Ability to interpret and follow directions.
- Demonstrate effective verbal and interpersonal communication skills.

Qualifications

- Applicants must live or work in the region where Convergence[®] is being held.
- Attendance at or previous involvement with Convergence[®] is preferred, but not required.

Benefits

Committee Members:

- Complimentary Convergence[®] 2020 Day Pass for every 2 hours served
- Convergence[®] 2020 Logo Pin

Committee Chairs:

- Priority Convergence[®] 2020 registration
- Complimentary Convergence[®] 2020 Value Package (CVP) includes:
 - Daily admission to the Marketplace, Demonstrations, Panels and Art Exhibits
 - One ticket to the Fashion Show
 - One ticket to the Keynote Speaker
 - HGA Tote Bag
 - Discounted Session Registration

Planning Committee Responsibilities

Position: Loom Rentals Committee

Principle Contacts: Program Coordinator

Duration of Appointment: 12 months

Purpose: Secure donation of looms from private owners within region for rental use by conference attendees who are travelling from afar. Coordinate with the Program Coordinator to match conference attendees with looms and oversee the rental process and logistics including delivery to the convention center, use, pick-up, and payment. This committee is usually run by a local guild with all funds raised from rentals kept by the guild.

Position: Session Equipment Committee

Principle Contact: Program Coordinator

Duration of Appointment: 6-12 months

Purpose: Secure donations of equipment for use in conference sessions. This is equipment that is generally too large for a Leader to provide and may include sewing machines, ironing boards, hot plates, buckets, etc. Coordinate with the Program Coordinator to match equipment with sessions and oversee logistics of their use including delivery to the convention center, use by Leader/classroom, and return of equipment.

Position: Silent Auction Committee

Principle Contact: Special Events Coordinator

Duration of Appointment: 12-18 months

Purpose: Produces a silent auction to raise funds for the Fiber Trust. This includes securing, transportation and set-up of

donations and overseeing the auction and its closure.

Position: Local Publicity/Press Relations Coordinator

Primary Contact: Local Publicity/Press Relations Coordinator

Duration of Appointment: 12-18 months

Purpose: Solicit local and regional advertising for the Conference and Gallery Guide; find businesses willing to receive marketing material; and distribute conference marketing materials such as gallery guides, postcards, posters, etc.

Position: Tour Planning Committee

Principle Contact: Tours Coordinator

Duration of Appointment: 12-18 months

Purpose: Develop a program of tours which support the objectives of the conference. This includes identifying tours and arranging time schedules, bus transportation, lunches, agendas, etc.

Position: Exhibits Committee

Primary Contact: Exhibits Coordinator

Duration of Appointment: 12-18 months

Purpose: Locate off-site exhibition space to host fiber art exhibits and coordinate with local/regional guilds and established fiber artists to show their work. Report all fiber art exhibits to HGA for publication in the Conference and Gallery Guide.

Position: Goody Bag Committee

Primary Contact: Advertising and Marketing Manager

Duration of Appointment: 2-18 months

Purpose: Partner with local and regional guilds to develop fun insertions that represent their organization or the region. Receive donations and paid inserts for conference Goody Bags. Stuff Goody Bags and deliver to the convention center. This committee requires significant space for storage and to complete the work as well as vehicles to transport the Goody bags to the convention site.

To Apply

Please log in to your account here to complete the Steering Committee Volunteer Application.

<https://weavespindye.z2systems.com/survey.jsp?surveyId=48&>

Review of applicants will begin immediately and will continue until the positions are filled.

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