



Sunflower Times

PRE-CONVENTION NEWSLETTER

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NEW REGISTRATION TIMES

Registration will begin at
Noon on Friday Jan. 27th
and end at 6:00PM for
both Associates and
Members.

It will reopen on **Saturday**
Jan. 28th at 7:30 AM and
run until 9:30AM

If you are unable to pick
up your packets at these
times please make
arrangements to have
someone from your fair
or another associate pick
it up for you.

C. Willi Myles

Headlines Hall of Fame Banquet

A veteran performer and an extremely funny guy, C. Willi Myles has the gift of connecting people with each other through humor and storytelling that everyone can relate to. After surviving his childhood growing up with nine sisters and one brother in Alabama, Willi moved to Minnesota to attend college and play football. With his stories about growing up in the south and acclimating to the cold of Minnesota, Willi tells extremely funny non-offensive stories and jokes and gives a unique spin to life's everyday challenges by applying humor to them.



Referred to as
"America's Everyday
Comedian," his
hilarious down-to-
earth performance will
convince you that Willi
is truly comedy at its
best!

KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF LABOR KICKS OFF CONVENTION

"All You Ever Wanted to Know About the Kansas Amusement Ride Act." Is the title of the presentation by Ray Rutherford, Amusement Ride Auditor with DOL. His presentation will take place on Friday January 27th at 2:00pm in the Jefferson Ballroom, lower level of the hotel. It has been a few years since we have had DOL and Mr. Rutherford is ready to answer any of those questions you may have about the Kansas Amusement Ride Act.

Plan to attend this informative presentation from the Department of Labor. If you have a carnival, inflatables or have your own carnival this workshop is for you.

AG CHALLENGE OF CHAMPIONS AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED

Each year the association hosts our silent and live auction to help raise money for the Challenge of Champion scholarship. We need your help. Please bring items to the registration table as soon as you arrive at the convention. Please include a card with the name of the Fair/Festival/Associate that is making the donation and approximate value of the item. We would like to auction off 12 large unique items during the live auction. If you think you might have one of those unique items please let us know prior to the convention. The live auction will be held Saturday Night after dinner. So bring your donations, bring your money, but most of all bring your smile.

Memorials if your fair/festival has lost a valuable person please give us their name for recognition during the memorial service. Forms @ Registration Table.



IMPORTANT DISTRICT ELECTIONS

Each year a caucus is held to elect or retain board members to the board of directors of the Kansas Fairs & Festivals Assoc.

This year it is important that you attend your district because we have one vacancy and two that have a potential to term off depending on membership decisions. (See By- Laws)

Each member is allowed one vote and nominations may come to the floor. The Board of Directors meet in April, September and January.

Please plan to attend your caucus for information, ask questions and vote.

Caucuses are based on the county of your event.



Preparing for the storm. Ensuring your event is weather ready!

Is your fair ready to weather the storm? Weather effects every county fair & festival in our state, Andy Bailey with the National Weather Service, will provide you with the information to prepare yourself for those weather related situations. Plan to attend this workshop on Friday, January 27th at 3:00pm in the Madison room in the lower level of the hotel.

Kansas State Fair Representative for KFFA Kansas State Fair Representative

Purpose: To represent the Kansas Fairs & Festivals Association on the Kansas State Fair Board of Directors as appointed by the Governor of the State of Kansas. Term: Appointment to this position is 3 years – Position effective date is March 15th of year appointed. During this time the appointee shall also hold a position as a director of the Kansas Fairs & Festivals Association. Duties: The Kansas State Fair Board is a policy-making board; not involved in day-to-day management or operation of the Fair. But rather, an advisory board to set policies and guidelines.

Candidate Eligibility: Candidates for this position must represent a county that a county fair or festival is held in, and they (the organization) must continue to be a member of the Kansas Fairs & Festivals Association. Membership must be current and kept current during the period of the appointment. Candidates must submit a resume and 250 word essay stating why they wish to be considered for this position by Feb. 5th, 2023

Send to: Kansas Fairs & Festivals Association PO Box 127 Great Bend, KS 67530 or to admin@kansasfairsassociation

By-Laws Amendments

Two votes will be presented to the membership for consideration.

The first vote will be asking the membership to consider a one-time waiver of the 30 day requirement to notify prior to the meeting which will be held on January 28th, 2023.

ARTICLE XI

Amendments

Amendments to these By-Laws may be made by affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members present at any annual or specially called meeting, provided a full statement of proposed amendment(s) was mailed to each member with a notice of date, time, and place of meeting no less than thirty (30) days prior to such meeting.

Backgrounder: Due to the moving of convention dates, organization challenges and illness, the 30 days prior passed.

Second Vote, this vote will be an amendment to Article VI, Section 6, Board term limits.

Article VI Section 6 reads: Directors elected to the board shall be limited to five (5) consecutive terms.

Amendment to Article VI Section 6 shall read: Directors elected to the board shall be limited to Six (6) consecutive terms.

Backgrounder: Due to COVID we were unable to hold elections and to prevent us from having two district representatives age out at the same time we needed to add a term. If the terms were only increased by one year we would have some representatives term out with 11 years and some with 10 years, this will balance the terms back out.

Each member is allowed 1 vote and will be completed by rollcall.