



NYSAAF

NEWSLETTER

New York State Association of Agricultural Fairs, Inc.

From the President:

Fair Season is upon us, I would like to extend a big "Have a Great Fair" to all of you. I really hope the weather, crowds of people, exhibits, livestock and entertainment fall into place for you. I'm sure the planning and preparation is well under way. I look forward to visiting some of the Fairs this year and look forward to the excitement of Fair time. If I can assist you in anyway, please feel free to contact me directly. See ya at the Fair!

Scott Christian, President, NYSAAF

New Associate Members

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REMINDER: 2018 Fall Managers' Meeting, President Alton MacDuffie

The NYS Fair Managers Association will be holding its 2018 fall conference in Batavia, NY over the weekend of October 5, 6, & 7. The event will take place at the Batavia Downs Gaming and Hotel complex in the heart of Genesee County. Plans are currently being finalized and will concentrate on bringing non-traditional groups as fairgoers to our fairs. The weekend will also revolve around an underlying "team" theme, as we look at our Fair Boards as teams, and ways to build and expand our teams. We will also pick up and resume the discussion on the Fair Managers' Association's mission and future direction. Mark your calendars now and come prepared for an informative, energy-packed, fun-filled weekend centered around improving your Boards and your Fairs. Whether you're an official fair manager or a brand-new director to your board—or anywhere in between—plan on attending this year for the betterment of us all. Look for a complete conference agenda and registration packet including accommodation procedures coming to your Fair real soon. For more information and/or to be directly included on the mailing/contact list, call Alton MacDuffie of the Genesee County Fair at (585) 752-3600, or email him at alton@rochester.rr.com. The Genesee County Fair looks forward to seeing you this fall as it hosts this prestigious event!

Attend the IAFE Convention and Experience San Antonio

The Erie County Fair is announcing a unique opportunity for a New York Fair to attend the IAFE Convention in San Antonio, Texas. If you have never experienced the IAFE Annual Convention this is your chance to do so. Programming is geared towards all size fairs and covers every aspect imaginable. The Convention dates are November 25-28, 2018. More information on the convention can be found at www.iafeconvention.com

The Erie County Fair, is making available one (1) \$1,500.00 "First Impressions" reimbursement of expenses to attend compliments of the Erie County Fair. Reimbursable expenses include; travel, convention registration and hotel of your choice.

If you are a volunteer, staff person or board member of an IAFE member Fair in New York, and this would be your first time attending an IAFE Convention, you are eligible for consideration. Interested individuals should submit a short letter as to why you would like to attend. The letter should include your name, contact information, the Fair you represent, what you do for the Fair and how you think you can benefit from this opportunity. **Please submit the letters of interest to: NYSAAF, Executive Secretary, PO Box G, Elma, NY 14059, no later than July 1st.** The lucky person will be notified by July 15th so they can make travel plans, etc.



¡Bienvenidos!

The IAFE is excited about the convention move to San Antonio! With the rich art, local history, unique food, global culture and thrilling entertainment, there is something everyone will love and enjoy about San Antonio. Explore this website to find the incredible attractions that may interest you during your stay in this vibrant city. You are sure to have an unforgettable experience! For information on the trade show, exhibitors, educational sessions, registration, Ed Shed and more regarding the IAFE Convention, please visit [<https://www.iafeconvention.com>].

District 8 Report - Cattaraugus County Fairgrounds - April 28, 2018

Reports - Cattaraugus - Plans are moving along. New midway - Powers & Thomas. Grandstand events, grounds entertainment set. Two country concerts set (Kane Brown - sold out; Charlie Daniels Band - selling well); Genesee - Midway, grandstand events set. Looking to purchase an additional building at the front of their grounds; Chautauqua - Fair dates are one week earlier. New midway - Powers & Thomas, Grandstand, mini stage, grounds entertainment set. New porch planned for the museum; Allegany - New midway - Strates Shows recently confirmed. All entertainers, vendors booked; Erie - Plans are coming together. Kids area and circus area are new features. Grounds will have a different look because many exhibitors and entertainers will be moving to new locations.

Infrastructure Grant - Cattaraugus - Oldest horse barn was renovated and was ready for use at 2017 fair. First grant payment has been received. Currently working on second grant seeking purchase of skid-steer, new livestock show ring, replacement of livestock barn roof; Genesee - Working on first grant. Seeking electrical upgrades to animal buildings; Chautauqua - Have received approval of first and second grant for upgrades to all animal buildings; Allegany - In beginning stages of first grant. Looking to widen track for agricultural events; Erie - lift was purchased for the Showplex Building. Working on the second.

Other discussion on the following topics: worker's compensation, state fair passes, 2019 convention plans, 2018 Ag Awareness, Horsebreeder's Fund, Fair Manager's Meeting set for Oct 5-7 in Batavia, NYSAAF May newsletter, The importance of IAFE membership.

2018 Scholarships - Seven were received (3 from Erie, 2 from Genesee, 1 each from Allegany and Cattaraugus). Three were chosen to be forwarded to the state level.

Thanks to all who attended this meeting.

Nell Fellows

Associate Member Showcase - Congratulations & Welcome!



Welcome to Ed and Amy Powers and Ron & Tracy Thomas whom are 4th & 5th generation showman in the entertainment world and a family operated carnival business. Powers & Thomas Midway Entertainment brings the latest in technology and rides to the carnival circuit. They provide a hands on experience of teamwork and great camaraderie. They offer a full complement of rides (US and Italy manufactured), games and concessions on their midway. The family leads by example, there is a mutual respect throughout the company. Powers & Thomas will bring their quality carnival to several New York Fairs this season.

Hall of Fame Nomination

Hall of Fame nominations are due December 1st. There are lots of people in our Association that deserve this prestigious award, please consider nominating a person worthy of the honor.

NYSAAF Board of Directors

If you are interested in serving as a member of the Board of Directors, please submit your letter of intent and your Fair support letter, no later than December 1st. For more information contact Russ Marquart, CFE at nysaaf@gmail.com

Convention Help Needed

We are hoping to try a new FUN competition at the Convention this year. If you are interested in helping with a new project, please contact Russ Marquart, CFE at nysaaf@gmail.com for more information.