

2018 Young Jains of America Convention Bid Packet Chicago, IL

Dear YJA,

In 2016, YJA celebrated its 25th year anniversary and hosted its biennial convention in Los Angeles, CA. Many Chicago Young Jains were in attendance and were highly motivated to bring the 2018 convention to Chicago after their memorable experience.

YJA's establishment and first convention planted the seeds to Chicago's unique bond with YJA. Many Jains see how YJA has rapidly grown over the past five years and the Chicago Jain Youth wants to spread Jain knowledge, connect Jains, embrace Jainism with YJA's prestigious platform. To put this bid packet together, we have been working with Seema Jain, Dipak Doshi, Hemant Shah, and Tejas Shah. They have helped us throughout this process and will support us in bringing the 2018 Convention to Chicago.

Please help us bring the 2018 YJA Convention to the largest Jain Sangh in the United States as we look to unite Young Jains, Jain families, and Jain Sanghs all across the world.

Sincerely,

The Chicago Jain Youth

ABOUT THE JAIN SOCIETY OF METROPOLITAN CHICAGO

Founded in 1970, the Jain Society of Metropolitan Chicago (JSMC) has a membership of about 1,800 families, the largest membership representation of the Jain Centers in North America. JSMC is a proud member of the Federation of Jain Associations In North America (JAINA) and has a distinctive honor of having built in 1992 the 1st significant Jain Temple of North America on 15.4 acre property it owns in Bartlett, Illinois.

The primary purpose of JSMC is to provide a temple for religious services and a community center for social, cultural, educational and economic needs of the Jain community. Other objectives of JSMC are to increase the awareness of the principles of Jainism, achieve the unity of all Jains, provide a platform wherefrom to project the voice of Jain religion, promote the feeling of amity and brotherhood among Jains and to promote inter-faith understanding, establish communications between scholars of Jain philosophy and members of the Society, and celebrate Jain festivals and holidays.

Mission:

To offer a trustworthy and structured ground for projecting a common voice of all Jains for promoting principles of Jain religion, providing Jain education to the community, and celebrating Jain social and cultural events in a manner that is compassionate, vibrant, & dynamic to all. In doing so, the organization shall execute its affairs ethically based on a sound infrastructure and responsible conduct, while creating a sustainable financial position.

Vision:

To establish an inspiring Jain lifestyle that focuses on youth involvement, boasts the highest membership among Jain Centers outside of India, demonstrates having a positive impact on every stakeholder, grows financially to a stable and sustainable debt-free position, becomes a "can't live without" for the community, and attracts visitors as a "must visit" place on Chicago's list.

History:

JSMC has come a long way since its formation more than twenty-five years ago. The idea of organizing JSMC was initiated during PARYUSHANA PARVA in 1969. The constitution for that purpose was adopted in a general body on January 11, 1970.

The aims and objectives of the organization are to provide a platform for projecting the voice of Jainism in the United States, to strive for an increased awareness of Jain principles, and to promote better understanding with other religions and cooperation among different factions of Jainism. From the beginning our community was poised for having a temple of our own. As a step

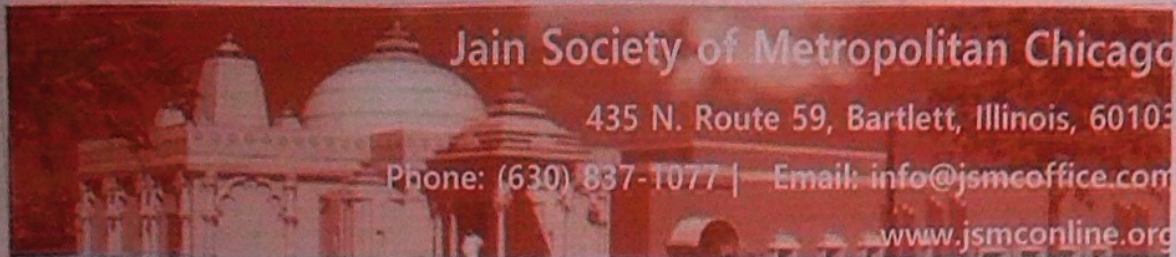
in the right direction, we received Bhagvan Mahavir's Pratimaji (idol) in 1971. Thereafter, the following events took place:

Year	Milestone
1969	Inception of the idea of organizing a Jain Society in Chicago
1970	Adopted the Constitution for the purpose of JSMC on Jan 11, 1970
1988	Purchased 15.4 acres of land for the Jain Center
1990	Bhoomi Poojan
1991	Shilanyas
1992	Jain Center opening ceremony in May
1993	Pratishtha of Mulanayak Bhagvan, Mahavir Swami and all Ghabhara Pratimajis, Dev-Devi, Ghantakarna Mahavir, Shreemad Rajchandraji, Laghuraj Swami and Bhahmacharji and Atmasiddhi anavaran.
1995	Twenty Tirthankar Pratishtha. Also hosted JAINA Convention
1996	Shreemad Rajchandra Pratishtha idol and Atmasiddhi Shatabdhi celebration
1997	Four Tirthankar Pratishtha
2009	Grand Pratishtha

The Future:

It is now time to consolidate our financial base and expand our humanitarian and socio-economic activities with the development of JSMC Heritage Fund. We want to award educational scholarships, help our fellow Jains, and provide financial support to people during natural disasters. We would like to continue our efforts toward building other activity centers, expand and enrich our Library and increase support for publications. We want to spread the word about vegetarianism, one of our main religious principles.

We must create the platform for the next generation to continue and expand what we have started; to extend our humanitarian endeavors and excel in every aspects of Jainism.



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March 20, 2017

Members of The Executive Board
Young Jains of America

Dear Members of the YJA Executive Board

The Jain Society of Metropolitan Chicago (JSMC) is the birthplace and the host city of the very first YJA convention. We are very happy to know that several youth members of YJA from our Sangh would like you to consider Metropolitan Chicago as the host city of YJA convention of 2018. Chicago has been fortunate to have hosted three past JAINA conventions and three past YJA conventions.

We, as a Sangh, fully support our youth's initiative to host 2018 YJA convention in Metro Chicago. We will do our utmost to provide needed assistance to YJA and YJA convention committee in procuring needed support, advice, resources, funds and adult volunteers if YJA decides to have next YJA convention in metro Chicago.

I have herewith included names and contact information of few members of JSMC Executive Committee and/or Board of Trustees, who are happy to be the members of the YJA Adult Advisors Committee.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you

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ADULT ADVISOR COMMITTEE

Formal letter of support is attached with this document.

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Sincerely,

JSMC's Sangh

VOLUNTEER SUPPORT PLAN

As the host city we can pledge to have a team of **100+ volunteers**, composed of adults from our local Sangh and committee, who are able and willing to provide their support during the convention dates.

Volunteer 1

Shibani Shah
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Volunteer 2

Amam Vasanwala
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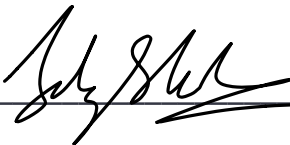
Volunteer 3

Hemang Srikishan
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hsrikis2@gmail.com

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FUNDRAISING SUPPORT PLAN

As the host city, we can pledge to raise a minimum **\$30,000 dollars** from local donors to ensure a successful convention. We will work towards collecting pledges from the local sangh throughout this process.

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Pledges

Kanu & Anita Patel - \$504
Miten Shah - \$36
Hema Pokharana - \$108
Kunal & Krina Desai - \$54
Krish Kamdar - \$27
Amit Shah - \$27
Mitesh & Alpa Kamdar - \$1008
Namrata Shah - \$108
Ravindra & Pallavi Kobawala - \$108
Ashwin Shah - \$108
Mayank Shah - \$108
Dilip Shah - \$54
Ashish Desai - \$54
Dr. Shailesh & Mayuri Shah - \$1008
Anish Shah - \$108
Mahir Taswala - \$108
Parinda Shah - \$108
Vasant & Charu Shah - \$504
Mithul Shah - \$108
Brijesh Shah - \$108
Raju Shah - \$27
Sachi Solanki - \$27
Hashmukh Punamia - \$54
Shewta Baid - \$27
Urvi Shah - \$54
Miloni Shah - \$54
Priyansh Barodia - \$27
Dr. Parag & Durali Doshi - \$153
Parin Shah - \$27
Sehul Shah - \$27
Nitin Shah - \$54
Bina Shah - \$18

Usha H. Shah - \$54
Nita Shah-Patel - \$54
Hemali Shah - \$54
Mamta Shah - \$54
Kashmira Shah - \$54
Dinesh & Nayna Shah - \$207
Piyush & Smita Gandhi - \$108
Paresha Shah - \$108
Shetal & Aparna Parikh - \$54
Robina & Steven Fisher - \$36
Dilan Shah - \$54
Dhiren & Sunita Solanki - \$54
Parshu Shah - \$108
Rima Shah - \$18
Rupal Shah - \$18
Pranay Shah - \$54
Utsav Gandhi - \$27
Janvi Shah - \$108
Rajan Shah - \$36
Raahil Shah - \$108

Total: \$6121

CONVENTION SITE APPLICATION

VENUE 1 - The Westin Lombard Yorktown Center

Total Expense (line-item budget):

Bulk Guest Room & Meeting Room Rates: \$109

- Hotel RFP is attached with this document.

Description of Convention Site

Location and Relative Surroundings:

- Next to the Yorktown Center shopping plaza
- 20-22 miles from downtown Chicago
- 24-25 miles from Jain Society of Metropolitan Chicago
- 4-5 miles from Morton Arboretum
- 8-10 miles from Cantigny Park
- 2-3 miles from Oakbrook Mall

Convention Site Capacity

Number of Guest Rooms Available: 250

Number of Conference Rooms: 21

Number of Ballrooms: 5

Ballroom Capacities: Largest Ballroom configuration can accommodate 2,500 individuals and has a square footage of 18,914.

NOTE - There are several configurations, please take a look at the attached document.

Transportation Arrangements

Airport 1

Name: O'Hare International Airport

Distance from Site (in miles): 16

Shuttle Service? No

Airport 2

Name: Chicago Midway International Airport

Distance from Site (in miles): 24

Shuttle Service? No

Alternative Methods:

Coach Busses, Uber, and Taxis are easily available for a fair price.

Other Features of Convention Site:

- Floor Plan is in the Google Drive Folder.
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VENUE 2 - Schaumburg Renaissance

Total Expense (line-item budget):

Bulk Guest Room & Meeting Room Rates:

- Hotel RFP is attached with this document.

Description of Convention Site

Location and Relative Surroundings:

- 1-2 miles from Woodfield Mall and Streets of Woodfield
- 10-12 miles from Jain Society of Metropolitan Chicago
- 8-10 miles from The Arboretum of South Barrington
- 3-5 miles from Arlington Park
- Business, recreational, and entertainment suburb of Chicago.

Convention Site Capacity

Number of Guest Rooms Available: 450-500

Number of Conference Rooms: 20-25

Number of Ballrooms: 5

Ballroom Capacities (note by ballroom or large meeting spaces — include sq. ft. & max capacity):

See attached document as there are several configurations. The total space that we can use adds up to approximately 100,000 square feet.

Transportation Arrangements

Airport 1

Name: O'Hare International Airport

Distance from Site: 9.1 miles

Shuttle Service is not available.

Airport 2

Name: Midway Airport

Distance from Site: 24 miles

Shuttle Service is not available.

Alternative Methods:

Coach Busses, Uber, and Taxis are also readily available. Trains and buses from most major cities in the Midwest and Mid-Atlantic coast.

Other Features of Convention Site:

- Floor Plan is in the Google Drive Folder.
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VENUE 3 - The Palmer House

Total Expense (line-item budget):

Bulk Guest Room & Meeting Room Rates:

- Hotel RFP is attached with this document.

Description of Convention Site

Location and Relative Surroundings:

- 35-37 miles from Jain Society of Metropolitan Chicago
- In the heart of downtown Chicago
- Walking distance from all city attractions including Millennium Park and the Willis Tower
- 2-3 miles from Museum Campus and Soldier Field
- 1 mile from the Magnificent Mile
- 2 miles from Navy Pier

Convention Site Capacity

Number of Guest Rooms Available: 300

Number of Conference Rooms: 77

Number of Ballrooms: 7

Ballroom Capacities (note by ballroom or large meeting spaces — include sq. ft. & max capacity):

Largest ballroom is 16909 square feet, total meeting space of 130,000 square feet

Transportation Arrangements

Airport 1

Name: Chicago O'Hare

Distance from Site: 18 miles

Shuttle Service? No, but a shuttle is available by Airport Express, costing about \$34/person (cost is negotiable). Chicago public transit is also available via train (~\$2) or bus (~\$25).

Airport 2

Name: Chicago Midway

Distance from Site: 11 miles

Shuttle Service? No, but a shuttle is available by Airport Express, costing about \$30/person (cost is negotiable). Chicago public transit is also available via train (~\$2) or bus (~\$20).

Alternative Methods:

Coach Busses, Uber, and Taxis are also readily available. Trains and buses from most major cities in the Midwest and Mid-Atlantic coast.

Other Features of Convention Site:

- Floor Plan is in the Google Drive Folder.
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VENUE 4 - Hilton Chicago

Total Expense (line-item budget):

Bulk Guest Room & Meeting Room Rates:

- Hotel RFP is attached with this document.

Description of Convention Site

Location and Relative Surroundings:

- 37-40 miles from Jain Society of Metropolitan Chicago
- In the heart of downtown Chicago
- Across the street from Grant Park
- Walking distance from all city attractions including Millennium Park and the Willis Tower
- 1-2 miles from Museum Campus and Soldier Field
- 2 miles from the Magnificent Mile
- 2 miles from Navy Pier

Convention Site Capacity

Number of Guest Rooms Available: 300

Number of Conference Rooms: 50

Number of Ballrooms: 4

Ballroom Capacities (note by ballroom or large meeting spaces — include sq. ft. & max capacity):

Largest room is 39,000 square feet, total meeting space of 234,000 square feet

Transportation Arrangements

Airport 1

Name: Chicago O'Hare

Distance from Site: 19 miles

Shuttle Service? No, but a shuttle is available by Airport Express, costing about \$34/person (cost is negotiable). Chicago public transit is also available via train (~\$2) or bus (~\$25)

Airport 2

Name: Chicago Midway

Distance from Site: 11 miles

Shuttle Service? No, but a shuttle is available by Airport Express, costing about \$30/person (cost is negotiable). Chicago public transit is also available via train (~\$2) or bus (~\$20)

Alternative Methods:

Coach Busses, Uber, and Taxis are also readily available. Trains and buses from most major cities in the Midwest and Mid-Atlantic coast.

Other Features of Convention Site:

- Floor Plan is in the Google Drive Folder.
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Notes:

Chicago Resources:

- **Patel Brothers & Raja Foods Inc** have donated **all groceries** to JSMC for Paryushan Maha Parva and Das Lakshana Parva **since 2009** and give discounted price groceries on major event dates (Mahavir Jayanti, Aymbil Oli, etc).
- **Arlington Rental** is the leading party and event rental equipment provider in the Chicagoland area and **provides JSMC with discounted to free** rental on most equipment for events such as, MELA, Lock-in, and JSMC Garba. Arlington Rental has a long-term contract with Township High School District 211, which is the most funded in Illinois, showing their prominence in their industry.
- **Fastway Copying & Printing Inc** has given JSMC discounts on printing material since 2009 at least.
- **Pragnesh Shah, Bhavesh Shah, and Jagat Shah** are professional cameramen and videographers as they capture **every JSMC event** in high quality for free. Please feel free to check out the photos and videos at jsmconline.org.
- **Minimum 75-100** Volunteers for all JSMC Events

YJA & Chicago Relationship/History:

- YJA was founded in Chicago, IL.
 - Chicago,IL held the first convention.
 - Co-founder of YJA, Seema Jain, has shown immense interest and support in bringing the 2018 Convention to Chicago,IL.
 - Members of the first YJA Board, Shilpa Shah and Namita Solanki-Patel have shown great support in bringing the 2018 Convention to Chicago,IL.
 - Past YJA leaders and members, such as Shibani Shah, Parinda Shah, Amit Shah, Amam Vasanwala, Payal Vasanwala, Hemang Srikishan, Shikhar Shah, Akhil Shah, and Disha Shah have shown great support in bringing the 2018 Convention to Chicago,IL.
 - United States Jain Pathshala Pioneers Pradip & Darshana Shah and Dr. Mukesh Doshi have show great interest in bringing the 2018 Convention to Chicago,IL.
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Transportation:

- **Coach Busses:**
 - On average \$800- \$1600 per bus per day, dependent on type and capacity
 - **Average Uber & Lyft Price from O'hare to:**
 - Schaumburg: \$25.00
 - Lombard: \$30.00
 - Chicago: \$40.00
 - **Average Uber & Lyft Price from Midway**
 - Schaumburg: \$30.00
 - Lombard: \$30.00
 - Chicago: \$35.00
 - **Bussing Methods Around the Midwest:**
 - Greyhound, Megabus- average price \$60 round trip from Ann Arbor, MI
 - From Columbus, OH- \$80 roundtrip
 - From Madison, WI- \$40 roundtrip
 - From Minneapolis, MN- \$50 roundtrip
 - From Indianapolis, IN- \$50 roundtrip
 - From Cleveland, OH- \$72 roundtrip
 - From Iowa City, IA- \$54 roundtrip
 - From Pittsburgh, PA- \$120 roundtrip
 - **Train Methods Around the Midwest:**
 - Amtrak options are all about double the price of each bus option
 - Pittsburgh, PA- \$104 roundtrip on Amtrak
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CONVENTION COMMITTEE BOARD

- The following committed youth volunteers are willing to help plan and execute the YJA 2018!

NAME	PHONE NUMBER	EMAIL ADDRESS	POSSIBLE CONVENTION COMMITTEE POSITION
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