

## **PLANNING FOR THE AGM**

- **When is the Registration deadline?**
  - The Early Registration deadline is August 25<sup>th</sup>. However, many of our spaces have already been filled, so please send in your materials as soon as possible.
  - The Regular Registration deadline is September 30<sup>th</sup>.
- **Can I cancel my reservation and get a refund?**
  - Full registration refunds, minus a \$75 US processing fee, will be given if written notice is post marked or received by September 30<sup>th</sup>. Partial refunds cannot be given.
- **How do I make a reservation at the Hilton?**
  - Call 1-800-Hiltons or reserve a room online using this [link](#). Ask for the conference rate for the “Jane Austen Society of North America.” Rooms can be reserved at the JASNA rate until October 6<sup>th</sup> or until the JASNA room block has been filled, whichever comes first.
    - Cost is \$169 per night plus tax, single or double occupancy.
- **When is the Roommate Matching Service deadline?**
  - The Roommate Matching deadline is August 25<sup>th</sup>.
    - Only one match per person will be made.
- **What if I don't like the roommate that I'm assigned, or they make other arrangements without telling me?**
  - Regrettably, the AGM Committee cannot be responsible but will try to assist you, if at all possible.
- **Whom should I inform if I have special dietary needs for the Saturday banquet?**
  - Please contact Susan Schwartz **before** the AGM at [ladysusan46@yahoo.com](mailto:ladysusan46@yahoo.com) or 503-806-0782.
- **I hear that Portland is a pretty wet place. Will it rain?**
  - Since we want you to experience the "real" Oregon, we sincerely hope so. FYI, the average amount of precipitation on Halloween is 0.13 inches.
- **How do I get from the airport to the Hilton?**
  - We recommend the MAX Light Rail train that frequently runs from the south end of the Portland International Airport and stops two blocks from the Hilton Hotel. The fare for MAX is \$2.35 (or \$1.00 for seniors) one way.

## **CONFERENCE PARTICULARS**

### • **Logistics**

- **What are the hours for the Milsom Street Emporium?**
  - Thursday 8am – 8pm
  - Friday 8am – 5pm
  - Saturday 8am – 4:30pm
- **Which events at the AGM require tickets?**
  - Angela Barlow – An actor’s view on Thursday evening
  - Friday morning Continental Breakfast
  - General Reception with the Wild Rose Garland Dancers at the Portland Art Museum on Friday evening.
  - Banquet – Saturday evening (there will be several different tickets based upon menu choice)
  - The Dance Workshops on Thursday and Friday are not ticketed, but you will be checked off of a registration list at the door.
- **Can I purchase a ticket to one of the ticketed events once I get to the conference?**
  - You may purchase tickets to any event that has not reached capacity. Please check the [AGM Registration website](#) for the latest registration figures.
- **What if I lose a ticket for an event (or if there was a mistake in the tickets given me)?**
  - Please visit the AGM Registration table and we will gladly correct the situation.

### • **Events and Organized Extracurriculars**

- **How do I sign up for a seat near my friends at the Saturday banquet?**
  - A bulletin board in our main AGM area contains a table layout where you can place yourself. *We recommend you sign up for your seat as soon as you’ve completed registration.*
- **What if I can't remember the Breakout Sessions I chose? Is there a list somewhere?**

- There is a master spreadsheet at the Registration table if you need a refresher. Or, see below about changing your Breakout sessions.
  - **Can I change my mind about which Breakout Sessions I want to attend?**
    - A qualified yes. We've asked for pre-registration of Breakout Sessions so that we may assign rooms based upon the level of interest in particular topics. There should be plenty of seating available for all sessions, but every room at the hotel has a stated capacity and we have to maintain accordance with local fire regulations. *If you wish to switch one or more of your sessions, please be courteous and look into the room beforehand to ensure that the attendees are not overflowing the room/chairs.*
  - **How do I sign up to attend dinner on Sunday night with JASNA folks?**
    - A bulletin board in our main AGM area contains sample menus and sign-up sheets for five restaurants. A group of about 20 – 25 JASNA members will be visiting each restaurant, led by a member of the local Oregon / SW Washington group.
- **The Bal Masqué**
  - **Must I wear a Regency costume for the Bal Masqué?**
    - No. Some will come in full Regency attire while others might don a period shawl, bonnet, or brooch. Since it is Halloween Weekend, we welcome any costume – especially the Gothic. And, of course, many will dance sans mask, sans fancy dress. We just want people to enjoy the Ball.
  - **Do I have to wear a mask at the Bal Masqué?**
    - The choice is yours. If you would like one, we will have several tables of free masks available in the Ballroom Foyer. However, you might not feel comfortable gliding and skipping around the room wearing a mask—especially if you wear glasses!
  - **Do I need to bring my own dance partner to the Bal Masqué?**

- Absolutely not. We want people to mix and mingle! Further, in accordance with Regency custom, we encourage you to share each dance with a different person so that partners are not monopolized.

## **IN AND AROUND PORTLAND**

- **How do I get to the Central Library for the exhibit of first editions?**
  - Please see the walking map of downtown Portland in your AGM totebag. From the Broadway entrance of the Hilton, turn right and walk to Taylor St, then turn left and walk 3 blocks until you get to 10<sup>th</sup> Ave. Central Library is on 10<sup>th</sup> Ave between Taylor St and Yamhill St. Collins Gallery is on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of Central Library.
- **How do I get to the Portland Art Museum for the General Reception and Wild Rose Garland Dancers?**
  - Please see the walking map of downtown Portland in your AGM totebag. From the Broadway entrance of the Hilton, turn left and walk to Salmon St, and then turn right and walk 2 blocks to Park Ave. Turn left and walk an additional 3 blocks. Portland Art Museum is on Park Ave between Madison St and Jefferson St.
- **How can I plan a trip using public transit?**
  - Call TriMet's trip planning service at 503-238-7433, or visit [www.trimet.org](http://www.trimet.org). You can tell them your point of origin, your destination, and the time you want to leave (or arrive). They tell you which bus or train to take and when.
  - The downtown area offers **free MAX Light Rail and Portland Streetcar** service to most stops in the downtown area, Rose Quarter and Lloyd District. Please look for the "Free Rail Zone" emblem at the rail stations, or see the TriMet website for a map.
- **Can I sign up for an Azumano International tour once I get to Portland?**
  - No. Advance registration is required and due by September 8, 2010. For more information phone Azumano International Tours at 503-221-6109 and ask about the Jane Austen Tours.
- **Where do I go to meet the Azumano International folks for my tour?**

- All tours will meet in the Hilton Hotel Lobby. Exact locations will be posted on the information board at the AGM Registration Desk. And we will have people in the hotel lobby directing you to the buses.
- **What should my companion do while I am attending conference activities?**
  - Portland offers many exciting opportunities! Go shopping (tax-free!) and support the Portland economy. Spend half a day (or more) getting lost at Powell's Bookstore. Have high tea across the street at The Heathman Hotel. Please see the materials included in your AGM tote bag for more ideas.

## **AFTER THE CONFERENCE**

- **Will descriptions of all of the Breakout Sessions be published in “Persuasions,” the JASNA journal?**
  - Unfortunately no, the editor chooses a select few to publish.
- **I made a friend at the conference, but I didn't get their full contact information. Can JASNA help me?**
  - Please see the Portland AGM directory included in your conference tote bag. Most people are listed in the directory alphabetically, including address, phone and email.
- **Where can I find information for the 2011 AGM in Fort Worth, TX?**
  - Please visit the “upcoming AGMs” portion of the JASNA website, under the link labeled Annual General Meetings, or follow this [link](#).