

*“Forty Years and Beyond:
Friendship, Successes, and Challenges”*

**USCPFA 27th
National Convention**
October 18 –20, 2019
Minneapolis, Minnesota



PRESENTATIONS (subject to confirmation)

University of Minnesota Asian Studies Prof. Emeritus **Edward (Ted) Farmer**, and early founder of USCPFA Minnesota Chapter: Ted Farmer has been a teacher and deep thinker about modern China since the 1960's, and brings deep insight into US-China relations during the 20th and 21st centuries.

Mr. **Wing Young Huie**, winner of 2019 Minnesota Book Award in Memoir and Creative Nonfiction for his book *Chinese-ness*: Mr. Huie is a professional photographer, mentor, and lecturer whose perspective on growing up Chinese-American in mid-20th century Minnesota is beautifully captured in this award winning book.

Ms. **Sarah Lande**: who provided Midwestern hospitality to Xi Jinping in Iowa in 1985 and again in 2012, will share her reflections on those experiences with President Xi and Iowa's then-Governor (now US Ambassador to China) Terry Branstad.

Minnesota Governor **Tim Walz**: Gov. Walz is an educator and former Congressman who taught in China (Taiwan) in the 1980s; he has been invited to speak about his experiences and Minnesota's connections with China.

Mme. **Li Xiaolin**, President, Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (You Xie) has been invited.

Representatives of the Harbin Foreign Affairs Office have indicated they will attend to share their experiences with the USCPFA-MN. Harbin has been Minneapolis' Sister City in China for over 25 years.

SCHEDULE

- Friday morning and afternoon, October 18: National Board meeting at hotel.
- Friday afternoon: Arrival and registration; free time at Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge (adjacent to Hotel)
- Ongoing: “40 Videos for 40 Years”
- Friday evening, October 18: Welcome reception and dinner. Greetings from USCPFA leaders; MC and comedy by Jack Tsai and/or Harkness and Shapiro (pioneering student visitors to the PRC)
- Saturday morning, October 19: Breakfast, Opening Plenary Session; presentations; discussion groups for resolutions or amendments
- Lunch at hotel [speaker TBD]
- Saturday afternoon, October 19: Field trip via bus to St. Paul – Changsha China Friendship Garden and Minneapolis Institute of Art Asian Art Collection.
- Saturday evening, October 19: Gala Convention banquet at hotel with awards and performances
- Sunday morning, October 20: Breakfast regional meetings; presentations, closing Plenary Session
- Convention ends at noon Sunday

Members who wish to submit resolutions, bylaw amendments and/or statements of candidacy for President or Treasurer should mail or email documents by August 1, 2019, to Paul Morris, Agenda Committee, 2234 NE 25th Ave., Portland, OR 97212, pemorris07@gmail.com.

The Membership Committee will send each chapter a notice with the September 1, 2019, cut-off date for membership valuation to determine members eligible for voting at the Convention. One copy of the Plenary Guide will be sent to each chapter leader to duplicate and share as necessary.



REGISTRATION
USCPFA National Convention
Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota • Oct. 18–20, 2019

Airport Hilton Hotel
 3800 American Blvd E, Bloomington, MN 55425

Name(s) _____

USCPFA Region: Eastern Southern Midwest Western / Chapter: _____

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Special needs and instructions: Please let us know if you have any dietary restrictions: e.g., vegetarian or diabetic, allergies or special needs, e.g., wheelchair access, hearing or visually impaired.

Convention fee: **\$225 (\$275 after August 15)** x Number Attending: _____

Fee covers five meals, including Gala, convention materials, and field trip to St. Paul – Changsha China Friendship Garden and docented tour of Asian Art collection at Minneapolis Institute of Art (Mia).

Mail form and check to: USCPFA-MN, Convention Registrar, P.O. Box 19464, Minneapolis MN 55419 . Check payable to "USCPFA-MN – National Convention."

Check the national and Chapter websites for the latest convention information: www.uscpfa.org and www.uscpfa-mn.org.

There will be separate fees for the hotel and the convention. Hotel Room: \$109 per night (plus applicable taxes) Friday and Saturday. Rate applies for three days before and three days after the Convention; contact Kate Vega at the Airport Hilton directly to book any extra days. Airport Hilton Hotel reservations by phone, 1-952-548- 0993; online <http://group.hilton.com/USChinaPeoplesFriendship>. **Reserve by September 26, 2019.** Any reservation after that date will be subject to availability and at the prevailing rate.

The hotel provides a free shuttle to and from Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport (MSP) and the nearby Mall of America. Light rail service is nearby for connection to downtown Minneapolis and St. Paul.

We encourage all attendees to arrive early and stay longer; Minnesota is beautiful in autumn, fall colors will be at their peak that week, and the Twin Cities offer a host of cultural, culinary and scenic treasures. In the spirit of friendship, local chapter members will be available to help you plan and enjoy these amenities.