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## San Francisco Science Fiction Conventions, Inc **PRESENTS**





Hi, everyone.

We're getting very close to the con itself and we're all very excited about the things we have planned, including a few surprises.

Speaking of close to the convention, the hotel room block is going to be closing very soon and if you haven't got your room already, I strongly encourage expert betting predictions you to do so as soon as possible so that you can take advantage of the convention rate.

In this PR, though, you will find a copy of the Westercon Constitution and this year's ballot in case you wish to vote by mail.

Hoping to see all of you there,

Glenn Glazer Chair, Westercon 64

### **MEMBERSHIPS**

If you pre-supported (or pre-opposed) the SJ 2011 bid and voted in 2011 Site Selection (or were a Friend of the SJ 2011 bid), you are automatically an attending member. Otherwise prices are as follows:

Attending memberships: \$75 Supporting memberships: \$25 Upgrade Supporting to Attending: \$50

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The prices above will also apply at the door.

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## Fairmont Hotel

Westercon 64 will be at the Fairmont San Jose in downtown San Jose, California.

Hotel room rates will be:

\$119 for single/double occupancy

\$144 triple

\$169 quad

The Fairmont is now accepting hotel reservations for Westercon 64. Go to our Website http://www.westercon64.org/?page\_id=3 then click on the link to book online or call **1-800-346-5550** and mention Westercon.

Rooms are filling up quick and get in your reservations before the Hotel Room Block gets filled.



#### Announcements

### 6. Adjournment

The above copy of the Bylaws, Standing Rules, and Business Passed On of the West Coast Science Fantasy Conference is hereby certified to be true, correct, and complete, effective as of the close of Westercon 63, July 4, 2010.

Kevin Standlee, Chairman Linda Deneroff, Secretary Westercon 63 Business Meeting



### WRITER GUEST OF HONOR

Patricia A. McKillip Patricia A. McKillip was born many years ago in Salem, Oregon on February 29, which probably has very little to do with anything, but you never know. An Air Force Brat, she left her birthplace at an early age and lived in Mississippi, California, Arizona, Germany and England, where, at age 14, she put pen to paper one day and turned out a thirty-page fairytale. She has been writing ever since. Moving back to California the same year, she attended high school



and college in San Jose. She entered San Jose State College in the memorable year of 1968 (when, during her first semester, the students, the teachers and the cafeteria workers all went on strike at once) and graduated from the upgraded San Jose State University with a Masters Degree in English Literature and three published novels.

One of those novels was THE FORGOTTEN BEASTS OF ELD, which won the first World Fantasy Award in 1975, given by the budding organization that, in 2008, gave her its Life Achievement Award. In between those awards, she supported herself with her writing. Among books published as YA novels by Atheneum, she wrote the RIDDLE-MASTER TRILOGY, and THE CHANGELING SEA. With some trepidation, knowing how exacting the readers of it can be, she experimented with science fiction in the adult novel FOOL'S RUN, and the YA novels MOON-FLASH, and THE MOON AND THE FACE. After living in the San Francisco Bay Area for a quarter of a century, she decided it was time for a change, and made a leap across country from San Francisco to a tiny village in the Catskills of New York. There she turned out a number of fantasy novels, both to keep her roof over her head and to satisfy a vision of a series of novels which, like a series of paintings, would have little in common with one another except that

they were done by the same person and they were all fantasy. Such novels include THE BOOK OF ATRIX WOLFE, SONG FOR THE BASILISK, WINTER ROSE, OMBRIA IN SHADOW, which won both the World Fantasy and the Mythopoeic Awards for Best Novel 2003, OD MAGIC and the contemporary fantasy, SOLSTICE WOOD, which also picked up a Mythopoeic Award in 2007. Interspersed with the novels, she wrote a number of fantasy short stories, most of which she collected in the 2005 anthology HARROWING THE DRAGON.

After fourteen years of shoveling snow in the Catskills, she married the poet David Lunde, then shoveling snow near Lake Erie, and moved with him back to Oregon. They live and work in the Coos Bay Area, on the south coast. Her latest published novel is THE BELL AT SEALEY HEAD, in which she made use of the various wonderful landscapes along the coast. She is, as always, in the midst of yet another novel.

### ARTISTS GUEST OF HONOR

Phil & Kaja Foglio are the creators of the Hugo Award-

are the creators of the Hugo Awardnominated Girl Genius series of graphics novels, which they describe as a "Gaslamp Fantasy" of a world ruled by Mad Science where "sparks" with uncanny scientific skills vie with each other for control of



a Europe torn by strife. The Foglios' graphic novels are serialized online three times a week, which, contrary to expectations of many who assumed that free online distribution would lead to nobody buying the graphic novel collections, has actually increased their overall sales and won them a dedicated world-wide following, including a nomination for the first-ever Best Graphic Story Hugo Award.

Phil Foglio's distinctive artwork style has been known to the SF/F world for more than twenty years. He has won two Hugo Awards for his artwork and garnered Hugo Award nominations in four categories. Among his best known works are his illustrations for Robert Asprin's MythAdventures novels and the graphic adaptation of Asprin's Another Fine Myth, the Buck Godot graphic novels, the XXXenophile comic books, and the long-running "What's New" comic series in the pages of Dragon and Duelist magazines. His works include rich characterization

### 4.1 Method of Adoption

Amendments to the Westercon Bylaws must be ratified by the majority vote of the business meetings in two consecutive years. Proposed amendments shall be read in full by the chairman of the business meeting immediately before being voted upon.

## 4.2 Primary and Secondary Ratification

The secretary of the business meeting at which an amendment receives primary (first year) ratification shall submit an exact copy of the amendment to the following year's Westercon business meeting. The question of secondary (second year) ratification is debatable and is amendable only to the extent that such amendments do not increase the scope of the original bylaw amendment.

#### 4.3 Effective Date of Amendments

Unless otherwise provided, amendments shall take effect at the close of the Westercon where they receive final ratification. Operating rules for already-selected Westercons shall not be changed by amendments to the bylaws. Rules regarding eligibility and voting procedures for siteselection are not considered to be operating rules.

## **Standing Rules**

1. Close Debate. Before proceeding to take a vote on a motion for the Previous Question, the presiding officer shall ask for a show of hands of how many people still wish to speak to the pending motion. This rule does not allow debate on the motion for the Previous Question.

Business Passed On and Draft Agenda for Westercon 64

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Committee Reports

There are no active committees of the Business Meeting.

3. Pending Bylaw Amendments There were no amendments passed by the Westercon 63 Business Meeting.

### 4. New Business

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Bylaws amendments passed by the Westercon 64 Business Meeting will be passed on to the following year's Westercon for ratification.

and each eligible bid committee shall be allowed to send at least two (2) observers to such ballot-counting. The count shall be by preferential ballot. The winner shall be that bid which gains a majority of those votes expressing preference for a bid. For the purpose of vote counting, "None of the Above" shall be treated as if it were a bid. "None of the Above" and votes for ineligible bids shall count toward the total number of votes cast. Blank ballots, illegal or illegible ballots, and votes for "No Preference" shall not count toward the total number of votes cast. All vote totals of final results and of all intermediate counts shall be made available at or before the closing ceremony.

## 3.16 Procedures When No Bid Wins or is Eligible

Should no eligible bid gain the needed majority, or should there be no qualified bidding committee, or should "None of the Above" win, a three-fourths (3/4) majority of the site-selection business meeting of the administering Westercon may award the Westercon to any bid, or a simple majority of the meeting may decide that they are unable to decide. If the business meeting does not choose a site, the Board of Directors of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society, Inc. shall choose a site within six (6) weeks of the close of the administering Westercon. If "None of the Above" wins, none of the bids which were on the ballot may be selected. A site chosen under the provisions of this section shall not be restricted by any portion of this article except this section and section 3.1.

## 3.17 Availability of Results

The results of the balloting shall be reported to the site-selection business meeting of the administering Westercon, if one is held. A record of the results of the balloting, including all intermediate counts and distinguishing between the by-mail and at-con ballots, shall be published in the first or second progress report of the winning Westercon.

### 3.18 Hand-Carried Ballots

The administering Westercon shall accept hand-carried ballots, which are otherwise valid ballots delivered to the administering Westercon by someone other than the member who prepared the ballot.

## 4 Procedure for Amendment of These Bylaws

and world-building. A close examination of the backgrounds of Phil's work will reward the reader with many hints of a wide world outside of the main frame of the story.

In addition to his graphic novel endeavors, Phil also co-authored the novel Illegal Aliens with Nick Pollotta, and co-authored the non-fiction book Saturday Night Poker with James Ernest and Mike Selinker, a collection of odd and interesting poker variations that are definitely not According to Hoyle.

Kaja Foglio is a self-described "cartoon girl," and her husband has described her as the embodiment of the "Dixie Null" character from his "What's New" series. Although her contribution to Girl Genius is credited as co-writer with Phil, she is also an artist in her own right. Among her credits are many cards for collectable card games such as Magic: The Gathering.

The Foglios have two children, a son Victor (a budding artist and entrepreneur in his own right) and daughter Alex. They live in Seattle, where their home also serves as the headquarters for their Airship Entertainment imprint and Studio Foglio, leading to the occasional consternation of neighbors when trucks arrive to unload cases of new Girl Genius collections fresh from the printer into their driveway.

Kevin Standlee

### **FAN GUEST OF HONOR**

## Mike Willmoth

has been a science fiction fan since an early age. After starting out reading comic books he moved on to Tom Swift Jr, then EE "Doc" Smith, Asimov, Clarke & Heinlein. He is also a fan of fantasy, particularly of Tolkien and Brooks. Besides literature Mike enjoyed Lost In Space growing up and, of course, Star Trek. He's been to opening day, usually the opening showing, for every Star Wars movie since the beginning.



With the popularity of sf/f on television his most recent favorites are Babylon 5, Farscape and Stargate: SG1.

Mike's fannish career started when his friend from work, Jean Goddin,

asked him to meet her at LepreCon 13, the local art sf/f convention in Phoenix, in 1987. From friend to girlfriend to wife, Jean and Mike entered fandom with CactusCon (NASFiC 1987 in Phoenix, AZ) with Jean Committee for Computer Game Room and Mike as Senior Staff. Mike went on to run a few computer rooms himself, then programming for LepreCons and CopperCons and Westercon 45 before becoming Online Liaison with the advent of the internet. Most recently he has been Hotel Liaison and Chair, particularly of World Horror Con 2004, World Fantasy Con 2004 and Westercon 62 in 2009, all in the Phoenix area.

He is currently Chairman of the Board of Leprecon Inc, President of ASFA Inc (Association of Science Fiction & Fantasy Artists), board member of the World Horror Society and World Fantasy. Besides conventions his hobbies include traveling, ham radio, scuba diving, and reading. He is self-employed as a computer consultant, travel agent and runs the family business. He lives in Scottsdale, AZ, with his wife, Jean, their dog Lambchop, and a herd of cats.



tending members upon registration at the Westercon, or such information shall be prominently displayed at the registration area throughout the Westercon.

## 3.11 Deadline for Voting by Mail

All ballots received by the administering Westercon prior to June 20 shall be counted.

#### 3.12 Bid Presentations

Each eligible bid committee shall have at least fifteen (15) minutes of scheduled program time on the first full day of the administering Westercon for the purpose of making a bidding presentation.

## 3.13 At-Conference Voting

Site-selection shall be open for at least six (6) hours between the hours of 11 AM and Midnight on the day before the business meeting at which site-selection business is scheduled. All on-site balloting shall be from one central location, under the supervision of the administering Westercon. If no site-selection business meeting is scheduled, then site-selection shall be open for at least six (6) hours between the hours of 11 AM and Midnight on the next-to-last day of the administering Westercon.

### 3.14 Verification of Ballots

Properly completed ballots shall contain: the member's printed name; the member's membership number as assigned by the administering Westercon; the member's dated signature; the member's address of record with the current Westercon; the member's current address if different; and the member's vote(s) as defined elsewhere in this article. Verification of the ballots shall consist of matching the name and number of the member with the records of the administering Westercon. Ballots received by the committee prior to June 20, and any others received by mail which may be counted, shall be held by the administering Westercon until the opening of the Westercon, at which time they shall be verified by the administering Westercon and the bidders.

## 3.15 Counting of Ballots

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The administering Westercon shall arrange for the counting of ballots,

## 3.7 Voting Fee

The voting fee shall be twenty US dollars (US\$20.00) or the local equivalent unless the committees listed on the ballot and the administering Westercon agree unanimously to charge a different amount.

## 3.8 Minimum Rights of Voters

The payment of the voting fee shall make the voter at least a full supporting member of the Westercon being selected, and may make the voter an attending member at the discretion of the winning bid.

## 3.9 Prototype Ballot

The Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society, Inc. (LASFS) shall prepare a prototype site-selection ballot, including instructions for preparation of the ballot, and shall provide the prototype to each administering Westercon at the same time the bylaws are provided to the administering Westercon as provided for in section 1.5. Upon receipt of the prototype, the administering Westercon shall complete the ballot by filing in the information about the eligible bid committees, including the dates of the proposed Westercons, the voting fee, minimum membership requirements, including the cost of a supporting membership in the administering Westercon, and the address to which siteselection ballots should be sent. The administering Westercon shall be responsible for the publication and the distribution of the ballots to the membership of the administering Westercon. All eligible bids received in accordance with sections 3.4 and 3.5 shall be included on the ballot. The ballot shall also include entries for "No Preference" and "None of the Above," and shall provide space for at least one (1) write-in bid. The ballot shall be a secret ballot, specially marked for preferential voting with an explanation of the method of counting preferential votes.

### 3.10 Distribution of Ballot

The site-selection ballot and full rules for site-selection voting, including the deadlines for voting by mail, shall be mailed on or before the May 10th preceding the voting to all members of the administering Westercon as of one week before the mailing. The ballot and full rules for site-selection, including the hours during which site-selection will take place and the location of the site-selection, shall be given to all at-

## Committee & Contact

The current members of the convention committee and their contact details are as follows. If a partial e-mail address (e.g. "chair@") follows a name, it means you can contact that person/area by using that address @westercon64.org.

Chair: Glenn Glazer (chair@)

Flying Monkey: Allison Hershey

Treasurer: Lisa Deutsch Harrigan (treasurer@)

Hotel: Dave Gallaher (hotel@)

Party Liaison: Bobbie DuFault (parties@) Web: Cheryl Morgan, Kevin Standlee (website@)

Registration: Jordan Brown (registration@)

Registration Webapp: Kevin Roche Publications: Maurine Starkey (pubs@)

Program Book: Eleanor Farrell (programbook@)

Dealers Room: David W. Clark (dealers@)

Autograph Sessions: Regina Reynante (autographing@)

Art Show: Elizabeth Klein-Lebbink and Jerome Scott (artshow@)

Fan Tables: Bobbie DuFault (fantables@)

Operations/Con Office: LaMont Jones (ops@)

Information Desk: Cathy Mullican

Logistics: Aaron Spielman

Programming: Deirdre Saoirse Moen (programming@)

Advisors: Richard Foss and Jim Hay

Science Track: Talin

Anime Room: Todd Allis (anime@) Children's Programming: Allison Stern

Filking/Music: Lynn Gold (filk@)

Business Meeting: Kevin Standlee (business@)

BM Secretary: Linda Deneroff

Westercon 2013 Site Selection: Sharon Sbarsky

(siteselection@)

Deputy: Rick Kovalcik

Guest of Honor Liaison: K. Dawn Plaskon (goh@) Masquerade: Jennifer "Radar" Wylie (masquerade@)

Hospitality: Sarah Pugliaresi (hospitality@)

## Committee & Contact, continued

Deputy: Sandra Childress

Staff Lounge: David Schlosser & Kay McCutcheon Hospitality Staff: David Bratman, Sarah Pugliaresi

Fanzine Lounge: Chris Garcia (fanzinelounge@) Staff: Leigh Ann Hildebrand, España Sheriff

## Restaurant Guide Published

By Kevin Standlee

Want to do some advance planning for your meals while you're attending Westercon? Check out our Local Color & Dining Guide for tips on area restaurants, both those downtown within walking distance (of which there are many) and also those that are worth making a more extended dinner expedition.

# Masquerade

by Jennifer "Radar" Wylie

"Hi everybody! I am Jennifer "Radar" Wylie, and I'm doing to be your Masquerade Director. We're going to have a lot of fun this year with costuming and sincerely hope that you'll cross the stage in your finest frockery. We'll be using a modified version of the ICG Guidelines, so all participants will be competing in fair fields. If you would like to participate, please e-mail me to let me know so that I can start compiling information- particularly if you plan on having a large group.

"I am also in need of judges, green room assistants, and general volunteers. If you'd like to be on my staff, please let me know and I'll see what I can do."



### 3.4 Local Exclusion Zone

No site within 75 miles of the Westercon administering the site-selection election shall be eligible to bid, except as provided in section 3.17.

## 3.4 Filing Deadline for Ballot

Only those eligible bids whose filing paperwork required by section 3.5 is in the possession of the administering Westercon by the April 15th preceding the balloting shall be listed on the ballot.

[Note: On a parliamentary inquiry at the time of ratification of the text of the above section, it was ruled that "If the filing paperwork can be verified to be at the address of the administering convention, it is in the committee's possession."]

### 3.5 Filing Requirements

A Westercon bid committee must provide written evidence of the following: At least two (2) separate people declaring themselves Chairman and Treasurer; an organizing instrument such as bylaws, articles of incorporation or association, or a partnership agreement; and a letter of intent or option from a hotel or other facility declaring specific dates on which the Westercon shall be held; and, for a sponsoring organization from within the United States of America, evidence that the sponsoring organization is a non-profit association or corporation within the applicable state law of the sponsoring organization.

## 3.6 Eligibility of Voters

Site-selection voting shall be limited to those persons who are attending or supporting members of the administering Westercon and who have paid a voting fee toward their membership in the Westercon being selected. Other classes of membership may vote only upon the unanimous agreement of all qualified bidding committees. One person equals one membership equals one vote. Corporations, Associations, and other non-human entities may vote only for "No Preference." "Guest of" memberships must be transferred to an individual before voting for anything other than "No Preference."

Westercon, except as restricted by the provisions of these bylaws.

Provided that, upon the annexation of Australia by the United States of America or the annexation of the United States of America by Australia, Section 3.1 shall be amended to read:

"Any site in Australia, or on the North American continent west of the 104th west meridian, or in the state of Hawaii, shall be eligible to be the site of a Westercon, except as restricted by the provisions of these bylaws."

[Note: On a parliamentary inquiry based on a question of when the annexation must take place for a site to be eligible, the 2002 Business Meeting decided that a bid for an Australian site is eligible, even if the annexation has not yet taken place, provided that the annexation has taken place by the filing deadline for the intervening Westercon (the April 15th following the Westercon at which the Australian Westercon is selected), and that if the Australian site has been selected, and the annexation has not taken place by that date, then this shall constitute committee failure, as covered by Section 1.9.]

#### 3.2 Site Selection Zones

The following Site Selection Zones are defined within the area defined in section 3.1:

- 3.2.1: North: Sites in North America north of the 42nd north parallel.
- 3.2.2: Central: Sites in North America between the North and South zones.
- 3.2.3: South: Hawaii; California south of and including San Luis Obispo, Kern, and San Bernardino Counties; Nevada south of and including Clark County; Arizona; New Mexico; and all countries, states, provinces, territories, or other political subdivisions southward within North America.
- 3.2.4: Other: Any location otherwise eligible under section 3.1 not part of the above zones.

## 3.3 Regional Exclusion Zone

No site within the Site Selection Zone containing the site of the Westercon administering the site-selection election shall be eligible to bid, ex

## Art Show

We are now accepting applications for the Westercon 64 Art Show. Download the application form and general art show information sheet from the website;

http://www.westercon64.org/?page\_id=601

Art Show space is available in units of panels or half tables. A panel is 3' wide by 4' high, and is made of pegboard. Materials for hanging artwork will be provided by the convention. Table space is approximately 3' long by 2.5' deep, half a standard hotel table. Each unit of Art Show space is \$7.50. Full details, including Print Shop Sales, commission and payment arrangements, and hanging fee information, are available in the Art Show Information Package.

For more information, questions about the Art Show, or if you need a paper copy of the Art Show Information Sheet/Application Form mailed to you, contact Elizabeth Klein-Lebbink and Jerome Scott at 1010 E. Acacia Ave., El Segundo CA 90245 (note that this is not the main Westercon 64 mailing address) or e-mail artshow [at] Westercon64.org. Please do not post requests to the web site here, because it will result in the request being delayed until the web site team can forward the request to the Art Show.



## Dealers Room

Dave Clark, Dealer Coordinator

For a list of confirmed and accepted dealers scheduled to be in the Westercon 64 Dealers' Room, see our Dealer List.

The following dealers are scheduled to appear in our Dealers Room as of 7 April 2011. This list does not include any dealers whose applications are still pending. We will update the list as we complete the necessary paperwork.

Book Universe Pendragon Costumes Cargo Cult Books & Notions **Tachyon Publications** Phil Davis Books and Treasures Maria Berry Enterprises The Dawn Chapel Fo'Paws Enterprises Indigo Lights Rown's Books LionLight/TigerEye Don Simpson The Other Change of Hobbit Soundtrack Random Factors Renaissance E-Books, Inc **Springtime Creations** Jim & Melody Rondeau Stuffe & Nonsense Willow Jewelry Airship Entertainment/Studio Foglio, LLC Diana Challis/Semi-Precious Wire Works Dawno's Beaded Lanyards & Jewelry

Because the Dealers' Room is now full, we are now accepting applications for a waiting list for the Westercon 64 Dealers Room. In case of any cancellations, we will take dealer applications from the waiting list. Do not send payment until you receive notification that you have been accepted after submitting a waiting-list application.

## Cost and Application Data

Westercon 64 Dealers' Tables are \$110.00 per six-foot table, including one membership (\$75.00 for whose who already have an attending membership), with a request limit of two tables per dealer. A third table may be available as circumstances permit; contact the Dealer Coordinator (see below) for details.

For more information, or if you want to have a copy of the Dealers Room Information Sheet/Application Form mailed to you, contact Dave Clark at Westercon 64, ATTN: Dealers Room, P.O. Box 61363, Sunnyvale, CA 94088-1363, or e-mail dealers [at] Westercon64.org.

We are accepting applications for a waiting list. Go to;

http://www.westercon64.org/?cat=13

must be scheduled at each Westercon. No regular session of the Westercon business meeting shall be scheduled to start prior to 11 AM, nor later than 2 PM, nor on the last day of the Westercon. A special session, at which site-selection business shall be the sole order of business, may be scheduled on the last day of the convention, provided that said special meeting is scheduled to begin no earlier than 11 AM or later than 2 PM. All sessions occurring during the same Westercon, be they regular, adjourned, or special, shall be considered, for procedural purposes, as the same parliamentary session.

### 2.2 Site-Selection Business

Site-selection business shall be in order at any session of the business meeting. Site-selection business shall include, but need not be limited to, the announcement of the results of the balloting and of a winner if one is produced by the balloting, or of a site-selection resolution, as hereafter defined, if one is necessary [see Section 3.16]. The winner of the site-selection may be announced prior to the site-selection business meeting, if one is held.

### 2.3 Quorum

For business other than site-selection business, a quorum of fifteen (15) attending members of the current Westercon shall be required. For site-selection business, the quorum shall be those attending members of the current Westercon who attend the meeting. All those persons voting at any meeting must be attending members of the current Westercon. Except as noted in these bylaws or in such rules of order as may be adopted, all business requires a simple majority to pass.

## 2.4 Parliamentary Authority

The current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall be the parliamentary authority of the Westercon business meeting except where it conflicts with these bylaws or with any special rules of order which may be adopted by the business meeting.

### 3 Westercon Site-Selection

### 3.1 Eligibility of Sites

Any site on the North American continent west of the 104th west meridian, or in the state of Hawaii, shall be eligible to be the site of a 18

ings. Each committee shall reimburse LASFS for the costs of copying and forwarding copies of the Bylaws and Minutes to those who request them. A copy of the minutes, including the text of motions passed by the business meeting, shall be sent to LASFS within two (2) months of the close of each Westercon by the administering Westercon. LASFS shall maintain the Westercon bylaws and shall forward one copy of the current bylaws, including the text of any amendment to the bylaws awaiting secondary ratification, to the current Westercon committee within four (4) months of the close of the previous Westercon. The current Westercon shall provide copies of the Bylaws to the committees of all Westercon bids for the year which that Westercon is administering the site-selection.

## 1.6 Distribution of Bylaws to Members

The Westercon Bylaws, as well as the complete text of any amendment awaiting secondary ratification, shall be published in at least one (1) progress report and in the program book of the current Westercon each year. Failure to publish this information shall not affect the procedure to amend the bylaws as stated in Article 4.

### 1.7 Westercon Service Mark

All Westercons shall publish, in all publications such as promotional flyers, progress reports, and program book, the following notice: "Westercon' is a registered service mark of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society, Inc."

## 1.8 Responsibilities of Administering Westercon

It is a responsibility of each Westercon to enforce the provisions of these bylaws.

## 1.9 Committee Failure

Should a Westercon Committee declare itself unable to fulfill its duties, the Board of Directors of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society shall determine alternate arrangements for that Westercon.

## 2 Westercon Business Meeting

## 2.1 Scheduling of Sessions

At least one (1) regular session of the Westercon business meeting



## Westercon T-Shirts Available

Girl Genius Steampunk Horse. The official Westercon 64 T-Shirt, designed by Phil and Kaja Foglio, is now available for order online. Previously only available at our staffed fan tables at other conventions, now you can order yours for \$20 from OffWorld Designs, Westercon 64's official merchandise vendor. http://www.offworlddesigns.com/p-659-westercon-2011-t-shirt.aspx



Westercon 66 Site Selection Ballot Version 1.1 (20110525)

## 2013 Westercon Site Selection Ballot Rules

Members of Westercon 64 are eligible to vote on the site of Westercon 66, the 2013 West Coast Science Fantasy Conference. You can vote using this ballot either at the convention or by mail. You may authorize another person to deliver your ballot to the convention for you. To be eligible to vote, you must be a member of Westercon 64 and you must pay a voting fee of US\$25.00. You must pay this voting fee at the same time you vote. Make the check or money order for your voting fee payable to "Westercon 66." Credit cards are not accepted. You must vote using a paper ballot; there is no web or e-mail voting. Do not send cash through the mail. Westercon will not be responsible for any ballots lost in the mail. We will not count your ballot if it arrives without a voting fee.

The voting fee entitles you to at least a supporting membership in whichever site is selected to host the 2013 West Coast Science Fantasy Conference (Westercon 66). The winning bid may require you to pay a conversion fee to convert your supporting membership into an attending membership. Determination of such a conversion fee is the prerogative of the winning bid.

Voting is by preferential ballot. Place a "1" next to the site you want to win. Place a "2" next to your second choice, a "3" by your third choice, and so forth. If you want to vote for a write-in bid, write the name of the bid in the space provided and write your preference next to your choice as with any other choice on the ballot.

The balloting period at Westercon 64 is scheduled to end at 7 PM PDT on Saturday, July 2, 2011.

If no bid receives a majority of the first-place votes cast, the ballot cast for the candidate which received the least number of votes will be redistributed based on the next-highest preference listed on those ballots. This process continues until one candidate receives a majority.

"None of the Above" counts as though it were a bid. Votes for "No Preference" do not count toward the total number of votes cast, and

Westercon 64, Progress Report #2 one hundred and fifty percent (150%) of the voting fee charged when the site of the Westercon was selected. Any class of membership offered by a Westercon costing at least as much as a supporting membership shall include a supporting membership.

## 1.3.2 Attending Members

Attending members shall have all of the rights of supporting members, plus the right to attend the Westercon and the business meeting(s) held there, subject to the restrictions established by the other parts of these bylaws.

### 1.3.3 Restriction of Memberships

Each Westercon committee shall have the right to limit the activities of its attendees, either individually or in groups, insofar as such activities endanger, physically or legally, other persons or property. Such limitations may include, but are not limited to, closing down parties, ejecting persons from the Westercon, or turning offenders over to other authorities. No refund of membership need be given in such circumstances. Each member, in purchasing his/her membership, agrees to abide by these bylaws.

## 1.4 Name Badges and Membership Numbers

All committees shall issue name badges for all attending members. Name badges for pre-registered members shall display the member's name in no less than 24-point bold type. All committees shall assign a unique membership number upon processing of a membership. This number provided to each member with the site selection ballot and with each progress report, shall be printed on membership name badges, and shall be used for site-selection purposes. In the event a membership is transferred, the old membership number, if applicable, shall be noted, both on the badge and on registration information used for site-selection voting administration. Membership badges or other proof of membership remain the property of the Westercon committee for the duration of the conference and may be confiscated for cause; no refund of membership fees need be given in such circumstances.

## 1.5 Archive of Bylaws

The Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society, Inc. (LASFS) shall act as an archive to the Westercon bylaws and the minutes of business meet-



## Westercon Bylaws

### As of Close of 2010 Westercon

The following document is the current text of the Westercon Bylaws and Standing Rules, as of the close of Westercon 63 (Pasadena CA, 2010). Amendments to the Westercon Bylaws ratified at Westercon 63 are indicated by strikethrough type except for renumbering of sections and cross-references required by the removal of what had been Section 3.4. Linda Deneroff and Kevin Standlee prepared this document based on the results of the Westercon 63 Business Meeting. No items of business are passed on to Westercon 64 (San José CA, 2011). Following the Standing Rules is the draft Agenda for the 2011 Business Meeting.

### 1 General Provisions

#### 1.1 Name and Date

It is traditional, but not obligatory, that the West Coast Science Fantasy Conference (Westercon) shall take place over the July 4th weekend.

#### 1.2 Guests of Honor

It is traditional, but not obligatory, that Westercon Guests of Honor and other notables be selected from among SF personalities residing within the Westercon geographical area.

### 1.3 Membership Classes

There shall be at least two classes of membership in Westercon: supporting and attending. The committee shall notify the members of their membership class in a timely fashion.

## 1.3.1 Supporting Members

Supporting members shall receive any progress reports or any other generally mailed publications published after the member joins the Westercon, including the Program Book, and may exercise any voting rights permitted by any other part of these bylaws, except attending the Business Meeting. All Westercons shall be required to offer supporting memberships until at least thirty (30) days prior to the opening of the Westercon, and such supporting memberships shall not cost more than

we will not count any of your choices ranked after "No Preference." (In other words, "No Preference" ballots are counted as if they were blank, so voting that way is a way of abstaining.) A single "X" or similar mark will be counted as a first place vote for that candidate with no other preferences. Any other marks will invalidate your ballot! The Site Selection Administrator must be able to clearly determine how you voted in order to count your ballot.

If you have more than one Westercon 64 membership in your name, you can vote only once for anything other than "No Preference." (That is, if you have multiple memberships, you can vote them all, but you must vote for "No Preference" on any ballot other than the first one.) Memberships held by corporations, associations, or "Guest of" memberships can vote only for "No Preference". The Site Selection Administrator is authorized to mark ballots to enforce these rules. Should "None of the Above" or an invalid bid win the election, the site for 2013 will be selected by the Westercon Business Meeting at Westercon 64 as provided for in the Westercon Bylaws. The results of the site selection will be announced at a session of the Westercon Business Meeting or by announcement in the convention newsletter or other means of general announcement. The time and place of this meeting (if one is required) will be announced in the program book, and will be available at the Site Selection table.

## To vote by mail

Fill out parts 1 and 2 of the ballot, enclose a check for US\$25.00 payable to "Westercon 66" and mail it to:

WESTERCON 66 Attn: Site Selection PO Box 61363 Sunnyvale CA 94088-1363

Your ballot must arrive by June 25, 2011 or else we may not count it (postmark date does not count). If you are not yet a member of Westercon 64, you must include a separate payment, payable to "Westercon 64", for the correct amount. Please do not include other convention correspondence in your ballot, because we may not open your ballot until after the convention starts. Your cancelled check will be your receipt.

## 2013 Site Selection Ballot - Westercon 66

Your mail-in ballot must arrive no later than June 25, 2011 to ensure that it is counted. Send ballots to:

WESTERCON 64

PO Box 61363 Sunnyvale, CA 94088-1363

ATTN: Westercon Site Selection

You may cast your vote in person at Westercon 64. On-site voting ends on the evening of Saturday, July 2, 2011.

### PART 1

2013 SITE SELECTION VOTING FEE RECEIPT – V	VESTERCON 66
NAME:	
ADDRESS:	
CITY:	
STATE/PROVINCE:	
E-MAIL:	
COUNTRY (If not USA)	
ZIP/POST CODE:	
SIGNATURE:	
Voting Fee:	
() I enclose a check payable to "Westercon 66"	for US \$25.00.
Check one:	
() I am a member of Westercon 64 (Membersh	ip number, if
known)	
( ) I am not a member of Westercon 64. I enclo	se US \$25 for a
supporting membership.	
( ) I am not a member of Westercon 64. I enclo	se US \$65 for an
attending membership (until May 31, 2011; US	\$75 thereafter).

### PART 2

2013 SITE SELECTION VOTING FEE RECEIPT – WESTERCON 66
Voting Fee: US \$25.00 (payable to "Westercon 66")
Received from:
Mail-in Ballot:
Received by:
Date:
This voting fee entitles the voter to at least a full supporting
membership in Westercon 66.
PART 3
2013 SITE SELECTION BALLOT – WESTERCON 66
Number your choices in order of preference (1 for most preferred, 2 for
next-most preferred, etc.):
Portland in 2013 Thursday, July 4 through Sunday, July 7, 2013
Committee: Chair: Gene Armstrong Vice Chair: Shyrl Hester & Matt
Brooks Treasurer: Paul Brinker. <i>Facilities</i> : Red Lion Hotel on the River,
Portland, Oregon. Bid Website: http://www.westercon66bid.com/
Write-In Vote:
Write-in bids must file acceptable bid papers by the close of the
balloting in order to be eligible.
None of the Above: As selected by the Westercon Business
Meeting as provided for in the Westercon Bylaws.
<b>No Preference:</b> This choice is the equivalent of an abstention or
blank ballot. No preference votes do not count toward the total number
of ballots cast for the purposes of determining a majority. Choices
ranked after this one will not be counted.