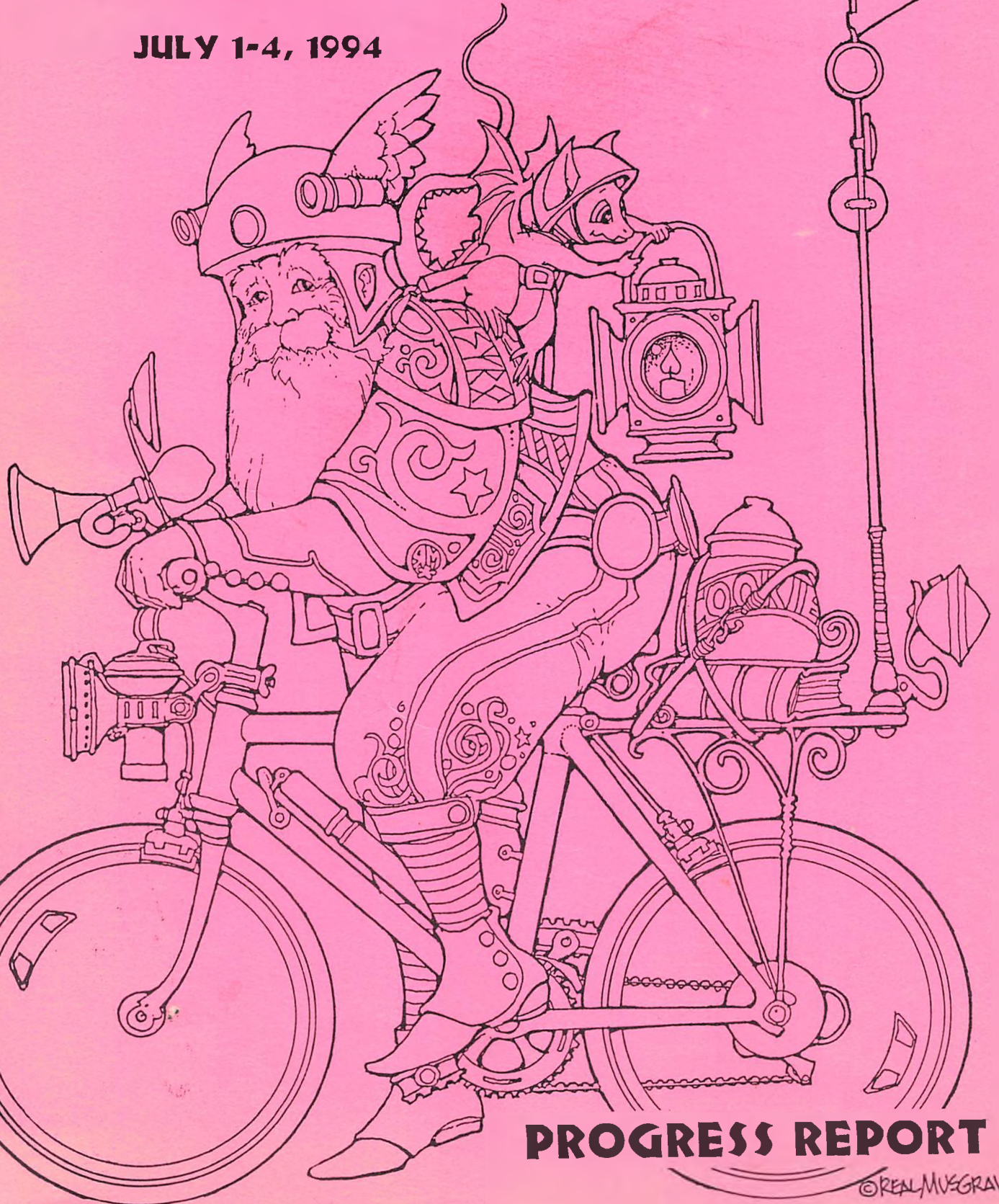


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Greetings from the Chairman

After the Northridge quake you may have wondered about this year's Westercon. Well, we're still here, "shaken but not stirred." Many committee members are in the process of rebuilding their homes. Our publications team has had to vacate their condo and move into their parents home. Bruce and Elaine Pelz have just finished the renovation of their home and are now moved back in. The rest of us are still in the process of putting our houses back together. My house will need over \$60,000 worth of repairs (to be started *after* Westercon!) But fortunately no one on the committee was seriously injured! So if we haven't answered your inquiry right away please know that **everyone** on the committee is working hard to catch up on convention business. Now at the beginning of May we are almost caught up and looking forward to a great Convention.

Check out the hotel info and you'll see that there was no damage to the hotel from the earthquake. In fact the Hotel is over 20 miles away from the area where the earthquake occurred.

Also in this PR you will find the ballot for Site Selection for 1996. If you want to vote by mail please follow the directions on the ballot. If you want to vote in person at the Con, Site Selection will be in the Pavilion area with the Dealers Room and Art Show.

See you there!

Noel Wolfman

Chairman Westercon 47/Conozoic

Conozoic: From Dinosaurs to Dragons

It's been going on for some time now, this merging of Reality and Fantasy. Many Science Fiction concepts of the past are our present realities. "Where do we go from here?" and "How did we get 'here' in the first place?" will be two of the many areas we will explore through our theme of "Dinosaurs to Dragons." Our Artist GoH, Real Musgrave, and his "Pocket Dragons" will assist us in this journey.

Guests of Honor

As previously announced, our Guest of Honor is:

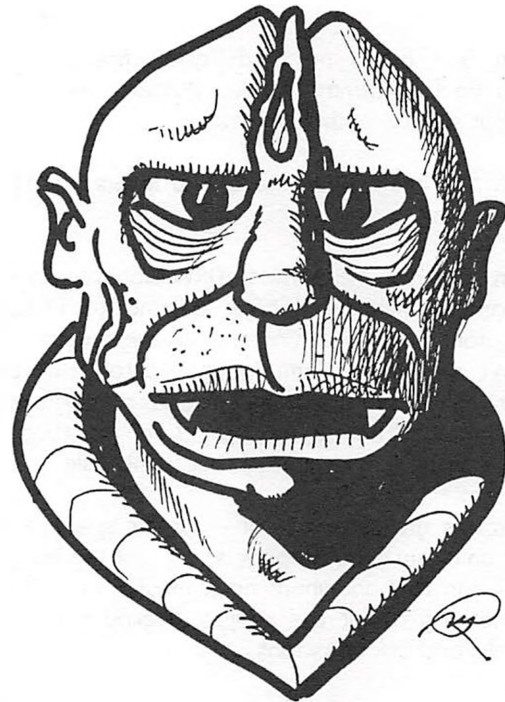
GEORGE R. R. MARTIN

And our Artist Guest of Honor is:

REAL MUSGRAVE

This Progress Report spotlights our fan Guest of Honor:

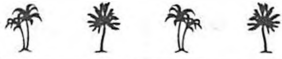
WILLIAM ROTSLER



FANDOM HAS BEEN VERRA, VERRA GUD TO ME by William Rotsler

Fifty years ago this fall I got two things in the same mail delivery — my first fanzine and my draft notice. Both items were to change my life. I eventually got discharged (we won) but fandom is still ongoing, for better or for worse.

The way fans got together in those days — if they didn't run into people reading *Astounding* or *Amazing* in drug stores, or leave notices of fan club meetings inside books and magazines — was to write to the *Startling Stories* mail column, and to those whose addresses were given.



I had read of the doings in Slan Slack in Michigan or Wisconsin or one of those winter-impaired states. That first fanzine was *Chanticleer*, by Walt Leibscher. The draft notice was from Franklin Roosevelt, but I liked Walt better.

Dope dealers say the first one is free, but I think I spent a quarter. Best "sticky quarter" I ever spent. I started sending drawings to fanzines — oh, what pitiful things they were! The first fan I met was Sgt. Forrest J No Dot Ackerman, who had the best job in the Army of the United States, and if I had met him a day earlier he'd have gotten me out of KP at the induction center. By that time I was on my first troop train and was pretty much a BNF. By default, of course, because fandom had so few artists.

Fandom has given me such good friends — notably Paul C. Turner, Charles Burbee, and Len Wein, but so many others as well.

Fandom has even given me a few lovers. [212 words deleted.]

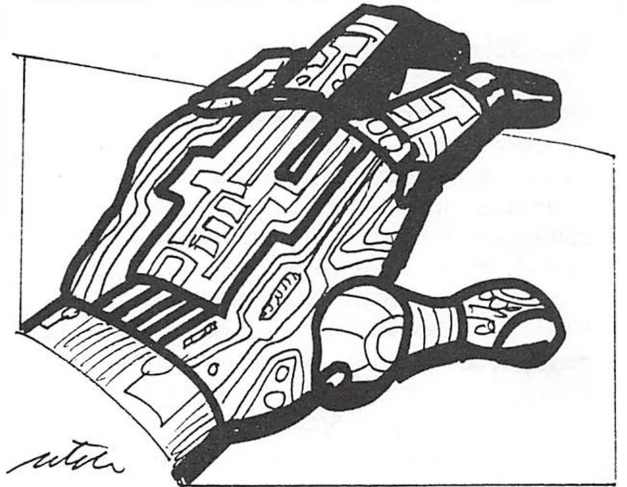
Fandom has given me a trade. After watching fans write and publish, and after getting to know actual professional everyone-knows-them writers, it wasn't such a big, formidable step to being a wordsmith. Part of it was inspiration, and part of it was, "Hell, if he can do that, I can do that." Trying to write didn't seem all that formidable.

Fandom has given me a skill — public speaking. You sit on a few hundred panels, you get the hang of it. I can talk anywhere now, maybe even if I know nothing about the subject (because I can speculate and ask questions).

Fandom has given me fun and silliness, parties and strange conversations in strange places.

Fandom has given me unique experiences: Drawing with Alexis A. Gilliland, being bailed out of jail by Harlan Ellison, a free trip Down Under, two Hugos (both awarded in parts of the United Kingdom, so I'm optimistic about 1995), a chance to develop several skills, a modest amount of fame, and friendly people who know me over much of the world.

But what have I given fandom? Rotsler's Rules, I suppose, but mostly just drawings — and I'd be doing those, anyway!



Hotel Information

January 16th, 1994. The site for this year's Westercon, the Los Angeles Airport Hilton had completed 95% of a year-long, multi-million dollar face lift. Not much was left to do.

Then, January 17th, the earthquake struck.

And nothing happened to the hotel.

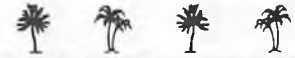
Nothing. Absolutely nothing. No cracked plaster. No broken crockery. Nothing.

The Los Angeles Airport Hilton & Towers is one of Los Angeles' finest convention facilities. It has been the site of many conventions over the years, including Creation Conventions' annual Star Trek salute, Universe 89 & 90, the first and third Gallifrey One, and countless gaming conventions.

The Los Angeles Airport Hilton & Towers is located at 5711 W. Century Blvd., less than a mile from Los Angeles International Airport. It's easily accessible from the 405 and 105 freeways.

The renovated hotel boasts brand new decor and facilities in all guest rooms, a heated pool and four jacuzzis — current pool hours are 10am to 10pm, but we're trying to extend that — a new W.H. Smith gift shop, a coin laundry, a fitness center and much more.

The LAX Hilton boasts five terrific restaurant/lounge facilities: The Cafe (casual dining, open 6am - 11pm), Andiamo (Northern Italian fine dining, open for dinner only Monday-Saturday, with Sunday brunch 10:30am-2pm), Landings (cocktail lounge with complementary



hors d'oeuvres each afternoon, open 11am-1:30am daily), the Poolside Snack Bar (grilled hamburgers, hot dogs, plus sandwiches and salads, open 11:30am - 5pm) and ... one of the best things yet about the Hilton ... The Bistro (a self-service deli with coffees, pastries, pizza, sandwiches and salads, **open 24 hours a day!**)

Los Angeles City ordinance prohibits smoking in restaurants and public areas. There will be a smoking area in the Con Suite and in the hotel bar.

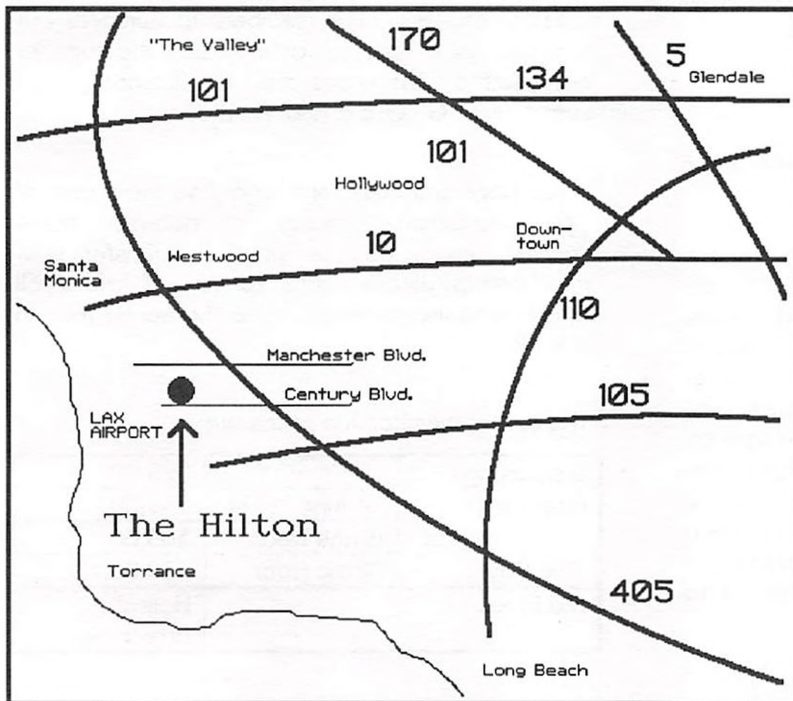
Getting to the Hotel

BY AIR: Fly into Los Angeles International Airport. Go out of the baggage area, to the Green "Tram" stop, where the free LAX Hilton Hotel shuttle will pick you up. The shuttle runs continuously.

~~**BY EARTHQUAKE:** Don't move; the hotel will come to you.~~

BY CAR: Take I-405 (the "San Diego freeway") to Century Blvd. and go west on Century to the hotel, which is on the north side. If you get to the Airport, you've gone too far. See map.

~~**BY RAIL:** Take Amtrak to the Los Angeles station. Find out what day it is and call the hotel to see if the convention is still running. Rent car and go see Disneyland.~~



Right rates

We're pleased to say that despite being in a first class hotel, we've been able to negotiate sleeping room rates for Westcon that are lower than they've been in some time. \$80 per night for single or double rooms, \$120 for either on the Towers Level. For those people considering an extended stay in the L.A. area, these rates will apply for your entire visit, not just the dates of the convention.

We recommend getting your reservation in as quickly as possible. The World Cup Soccer Matches will be in the area in July and rooms are at a premium. Once the hotel opens our block in June, rooms will disappear.

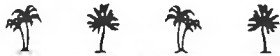
Sweet suites

The geography of the LAX Hilton is such that all of the rooms and suites on the Third Floor open onto either a garden courtyard or a pool area. The ability to open the sliding glass doors from your room and over-flow into these areas make it perfect for parties. If you want to have a party, request a Third Floor room. Because there are a very limited number of suites available on that floor, the Convention will take care of parceling them out. As noted on the Reservation Envelope, if you would like a Third Floor room, call 310/559-1622. Please *only* use this number for Third Floor Reservations.

Rates for suites are \$295 per night for a suite with one bedroom and a parlor, \$435 per night for a two bedroom suite with parlor. The parlors are approximately 400 square feet. On the Towers Level, suites are \$330 and \$465 per night, respectively.

Parking

Parking at the Hilton couldn't be easier! The underground parking facility, with a clearance of 5'10", boasts a low rate of \$4.00 for self-parking and \$7.00 for valet-parking for all those who are not registered hotel guests. There are no in and out privileges with this plan. Guests registered at the hotel can



self-park for \$6.00. \$8.00 gets you valet-parking, both with full in and out privileges. (Note: the hotel can accomodate SOME vehicles over 5'10" in VALET parking only.)

If you are staying at the hotel, please notify the hotel registration desk you're with Westecon and they'll be happy to apply these special rates immediately to your bill. Your parking will be handled through the hotel's front desk.

If, however, you're not staying at the hotel, please have your parking ticket validated at the Westecon Information desk.

If you have a van, RV, truck or other oversized vehicle, you can park at the Quick Park Airport Express located on 98th Street just east of Sepulveda Blvd., behind the L.A.X. Hyatt (\$8.00 per day, open air parking, about three blocks from the hotel, 310-216-3315); at Lot "C" Parking at the corner of Sepulveda Blvd. and 96th Street (\$7.00/day, open air parking, about five blocks from the hotel, and part of Airport long-term parking, 310-646-2911); or at WallyPark, just up Bellanca Avenue from the hotel (\$9.00 self park, \$12.00 valet park, about a block away from the hotel, open air and enclosed parking, 1-800-PK-WALLY). In addition, there is the CarBarn next door at \$12.00/day, valet parking only, with a 6'6" clearance, 310-642-0947. (Phone numbers are provided so you can call them directly for the best directions. The rates of these other facilities are provided by the LAX Hilton, are good as of January 1994 and do NOT include City Tax.)

Party on

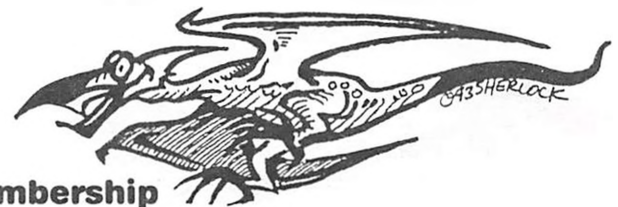
We've made special arrangements with the hotel for party givers.

Usually at conventions, a hotel's room service prices for soft drinks and potato chips are astronomical. \$1 to \$2 for a can of soda. Prices like that. So most folks throwing parties find a car, drive around until they spot a local supermarket, buy several cases of soft drinks, etc., drive back to the hotel, sneak the stuff in through a side door, carry it up the stairs or sneak it into an elevator disguised as boxes of books, load the sodas into the tub in their room, then go make a hundred and twelve trips to the ice machines on four different floors trying to get enough ice to cool their cans. So to speak.

It's a lot of work. But compared to a buck a can, it's worth it. It's cutting into the hotel's profit margin but, hey, who told them to charge so much for drinks?

The LAX Hilton wants to see if they can make it a win-win situation for everyone. They're preparing a special low-price list for party supplies. The prices may be a little higher than you'd pay in a supermarket but they come with the convenience of not having to lift a finger. Sodas will be delivered to your room already chilled. Chips will come in a bowl for serving. No more searching for a market. No more lugging stuff up the stairs and down the corridor. No more carrying ice from the 40-eleventh floor to your room on 12.

Write to us at the convention address for a price list and we will send you one as soon as it is finalized. Or you can pick up a copy at the Convention Registration or Information Desks.



Membership

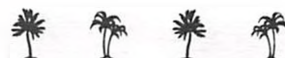
If you voted in Phoenix you have at least a supporting membership.

Your membership number appears on the mailing label of this PR. The membership numbers are followed by a code which indicates the type of membership. The codes are: A - Attending, S - Supporting, G - Guest and K - Kid.

If you have any questions regarding the status of your membership, change of address, name spelled wrong, etc. or want to transfer your membership please write to us. Address all inquiries to Memberships. Use the handy form in this PR.

The current membership prices are:

Supporting Attending		\$25.00
	To June 1, '94	\$55.00
One Day	At the Door	\$65.00
	At the Door	\$30.00
Kid in tow		Half of Attending



Programming

Hi, I'm Ken Porter and I'm running daytime programming for this year's Westercon.

I am hoping to have a number of new and different programs this year along with the old favorites. Some of the new topics we will be exploring are: Why Is Fandom So White, What Is Your Strangest True Story Incident Of The January 17th Quake, Verbal Storytelling At Its Best.

I am also planning a series of hands-on writing workshops that will run the entire four days of the convention. So sharpen your pencils, find your spiral pads, or run out and buy a notebook computer for this one!

As usual we will have plenty of published authors volunteering their time to help make these programs their very best.

Speaking of volunteering, I am putting out a call for volunteers for daytime programming. Daytime programming is in need of ("We Be Gofers") Volunteers. Please contact me care of the Westercon address printed elsewhere in this progress report.

If nothing else come by and say hello. I'm the tall "chocolate bunny" with the balloon tied to his belt. If I'm not around and you want to help, look for my assistant, "She who must be obeyed", Gail Selinger.

Guests

Confirmed Guests for Westercon 47 include:

Beth Avary
 Gregory Benford
 Michael Cassutt
 Sheila Finch
 Kelly Freas
 David Gerrold
 Ashley Grayson
 Keith G. Kato
 Randy Lofficier
 Warren Norwood
 Jefferson P. Swycaffer
 Chris Weber
 Marv Wolfman

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Films

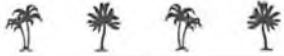
Highlights of our program, already confirmed, include Jeff Walker of Warner Brothers giving media presentations representing all major studios' upcoming releases and Eric Alba showing a ST:TNG presentation with a 45 minute Video of behind-the-scenes special effects, including Enterprise space shots, transporter effects and special effects of Riker meeting his twin.

Our film list will emphasize *recent* films. We are arranging to show as many Hugo nominees as possible. All major films will have short discussion events prior to screening, featuring either guests who worked on the film or science fiction personalities discussing aspects of the film. Our goal is to have actors, directors, cinematographers, editors, or special effects, makeup and computer effects people as well as production designers. Close-captioned video will be provided where possible.

We have an excellent venue in the Hilton theater for a quality presentation; good sound, a bright picture, comfortable seating, and a good view for everyone in the theater. We expect to have wide screen presentations in 35mm, 16mm and video projection.

Some of the things we have planned include an amateur film & video festival as well as parodies & serious film efforts.





Dino-Nite!

Friday night will be a very special event. We will be combining the Opening Ceremonies, Ice Cream Social, Authors' Reception and Carnival all in one big room and calling it Dino-Nite!

If your convention bid or club would like to host a carnival booth please contact Joyce Sperling at the Westercon 47 P. O. Box. Booths should be designed around your convention's theme and have some silly game or small give-away to add to the carnival atmosphere. For example: the Westercon 47 booth will be giving free dinosaur tattoos (the temporary ones!). We hope everyone will come and join the fun.

Masquerade

Welcome to the Westercon masquerade. We will be holding the masquerade Saturday night and, as usual, we expect it to be the highlight of the convention.

While we hope that everyone can and will enjoy themselves, there are some restrictions we feel are necessary to ensure the safety of all participants. The following is a list of no-nos:

1. No smoking back stage. Or on stage. There will be no open flames and no flash paper.
2. No costumes made from food products or other items which may rub off on other costumes.
3. No live steel.
4. No microphones.
5. No winning costume from a previous Worldcon may compete, nor any professionally made costume (purchased or rented) nor any costume which has been worn as a Hall Costume at Westercon 47 prior to Saturday night.

When in doubt, please use common sense. Don't do injury to your fellow costumers.

Please remember this is a visual medium. In order to keep things short, sweet and non-verbal, the following time limits will apply: 60 seconds for 1-4 people and 90 seconds for 5 or more people.

The MC will announce the entry number, division, class and title. Any additional narration will be limited to 25 words or less.

We will have three classes or skill levels and two divisions. The classes are: Master - three or more wins at the journeyman level; Journeyman - three or more wins at the novice level; Novice - No, one or two wins. A win is a major prize won at the Worldcon level. The divisions are: Original - designs created from your own imagination and Re-creation - taken from a visual source, i.e. movies, comics, etc.

Masquerade registration will be in the California room from 10 AM - 6 PM Friday and 10 AM - Noon Saturday.

The stage size is 32' wide by 24' deep and 2' high. Entrance will be from stage right and the exit will be stage center through the audience.



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Rotsler's Rules for Masquerades

Fan Guest of Honor Bill Rotsler provides the following:

1. There should be a weight limit on the purchase of leotards.[†]
2. Choose a costume suitable to your sex, size, age and appearance.
3. Every contestant must first see himself or herself from the rear.
4. Whether prince or pauper, act like it. Stay in character.
5. Learn to use the microphone, or don't use it. Speak distinctly, but not at length. When in doubt, keep your mouth shut.
6. If you are thinking of doing something funny, get a second opinion.
7. *Miller's Rule*: Short is better than long; funny is better than non-funny; short and funny is best.
8. Thy shoes shall match thy costume. No name tags on costumes. Learn to manage your props and accessories. Keep weapons sheathed until any actual demonstration.
9. If you have something for the Master of Ceremonies to read, keep it brief and leave out unpronounceable and incomprehensible words, or show how to pronounce them. Hand in a legible entry form.



10. If you are going to do a costume cliché, you must do it better than ever before and have a good variation.
11. Try on the costume well ahead of time to be certain it fits properly while you still have time enough to make changes. Figure out a way to eat and go to the bathroom. Wear the costume a while; any discomfort you feel will be multiplied several times for each hour you must wear it.
12. Parts of your costume should not fall off or smear onto the costumes of others.

13. Consider carefully before going nude or semi-nude. Get a second or third opinion from a disinterested party.
14. Remember, some people can grow beards and some can't.
15. Presentation is every bit as important as the costume itself.
16. Don't act, *be*.
17. Whatever you do, don't be boring.
18. Have something ready for a second appearance.

19. *Wein's Rule*: If you think these rules do not apply to you, you are wrong. Ignore these rules at your own peril.

20. Rehearse, *rehearse*, **rehearse!**

Reproduction of these rules for masquerades is not only permitted, but encouraged. Please do not read aloud before or during a masquerade so as not to reflect on those particular contestants.

These "rules" are not the sole work of this writer; many were conceived by others in concert.

[†] Of all these rules — which are really suggestions — this is the only one which caused adverse comment, and then only once. It came from a woman with more than sufficient *avoids*.

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Westercon 48

With Guests of Honor:

Writer—Vernor Vinge

Fan—Elayne Pelz

Artist—John Foster

June 30-July 3, 1995

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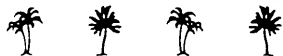
\$35 until July 15, 1994
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Children are Welcome!

That's the message we want to send. We have not yet completed our research into a formal "Children's Policy" but it has been the policy of all of our S.C.I.F.I. run conventions to welcome children. We will have children's programming and some form of baby-sitting. Most probably a bonded baby-sitting service. If you anticipate the need for baby-sitting services please write to us at our P. O. Box so that we have some idea of how many people will be using this service.

Children's Programming

The ages for Children's programming is 3 - 12.

We will have lots of nifty activities to keep young fans interested, including coloring fan artist sheets, jigsaw puzzles, books for young readers, origami, beading (necklaces, bracelets and earrings), and leather working with stamping as well as button making. Each child will have the opportunity to make his own (Creepy Crawly) dinosaur.

The Children's Programming will be in a sleeping room. The room number will be available at convention registration. Our room hours will be:

	Open	Close
Friday	11:00 AM	6:30 PM
Saturday	11:00 AM	6:30 PM
Sunday	11:00 AM	6:30 PM
Monday	10:00 AM	3:30 PM

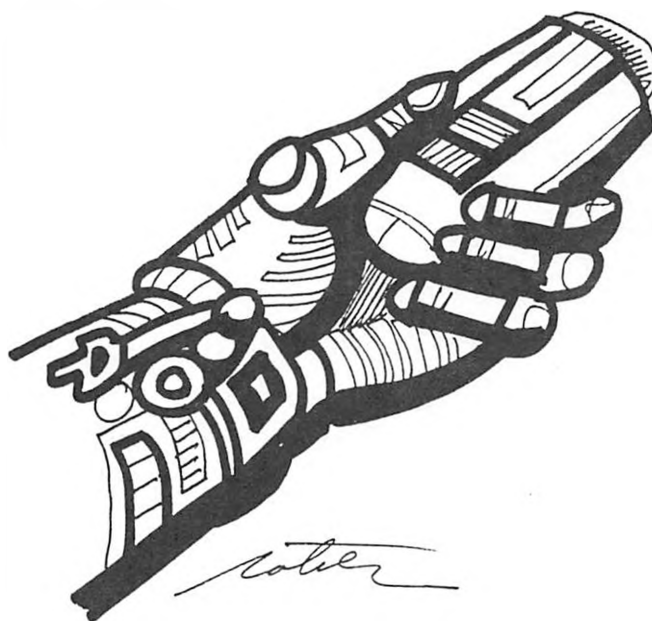
Weapons Policy

It is the policy of Conozoic that no real or realistic projectile weapons may be carried anywhere within the convention except during the masquerade or specially approved events. The use of a weapon during the Masquerade or during a programming event must be approved by the Masquerade Director or the Programming Coordinator respectively. No weapon of any kind may be drawn or wielded in any area of the hotel or convention space.

Conozoic defines a weapon as any object designed to cause damage, or any replica of such an object, or any object that the Committee determines to pose a risk to the safety of others or to personal or hotel property. The Committee reserves the right to alter or amend this definition and the right to impound weapons for the duration of Conozoic. Failure to surrender a weapon for impounding is grounds for immediate revocation of membership without refund and expulsion from the convention.

Dealers who sell weapons must securely wrap each item at the point of sale and provide each customer with a printed copy of these rules.

We at Conozoic know that most people who would like to carry weapons are sensible and careful individuals. However, we must keep in mind liability, legal issues and our relationship with the hotel. The safety of you, the members, must outweigh any other consideration and it is with this in mind that these policies have been formed.



Westercon 47 Registration Form

Name(s) _____

Badge Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip _____ Tel. # _____

Memberships		Number	Amount
\$25	Supporting	_____	\$ _____
\$55	Attending	_____	\$ _____
	Until June 1, 1994		
\$65	At the Door	_____	\$ _____
Half Attending	Kid in tow	_____	\$ _____

(Fold here — *Staple Shut*)

From: _____

Westercon 47
c/o S.C.I.F.I.
P. O. Box 8442
Van Nuys, CA 91409-8442

VOLUNTEER INTEREST FORM

Conozoic

Westercon 47

July 1-4, 1994

Los Angeles Airport Hilton

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Past Convention Experience: _____

What areas would you like to work in at Westercon 47? _____

What days will you be available to work at the convention? _____

Are you available to work before the convention? _____

When? _____

Will you have a car at the convention? Y N

Are you a member of Westercon 47? Y N

SITE SELECTION BALLOT

Voting for the Westercon 49 Site Selection shall consist of: (1) filling out this ballot; (2) paying a voting fee of \$20; and (3) turning in this ballot to the Westercon 47 committee for tabulation.

Voting is done by the "preference" method. Once you have chosen the site you wish to vote for, place a "1" next to that site. Place a "2" next to your choice for second place, a "3" next to your third choice, etc., until have either run out of choices or do not wish to vote further. If there is a mark next to only one site, the ballot shall be counted as having cast a first-choice vote for that site. Any ballot which has marks other than as described above, shall be disqualified for the count.

Votes will be tallied by the voter's first choices. If no majority is obtained, the site which places last in the initial tallying will be eliminated and the ballots listing it as first choice will be redistributed on the basis of those ballots' second choices. The process shall be repeated until a majority has been obtained.

You must be at least a supporting member of Westercon 47 in order to vote in the Westercon 49 site selection election. If you wish to join Westercon 47 at the same time you vote for the Westercon 49 site, include a separate check or money order, made out to "Westercon 47", for the appropriate amount (\$25 for supporting membership, \$55 before June 1st for attending membership, \$65 after June 1st for attending membership).

TO CAST YOUR VOTE BY MAIL:

Completely fill out Part 1 and Part 2. Your check will be your receipt. It is not necessary to complete Part 3.

Mail the completed ballot along with your payment of \$20 to:

Westercon 47 Site Selection
PO Box 2584
Portland, Oregon 97208-2584

TO CAST YOUR VOTE IN PERSON:

Completely fill out Part 1 of the ballot. Take the ballot with your voting fee to the site selection table. The clerk will fill out Part 3, which will act as your receipt, and return Part 2 and Part 3 to you. You may then use Part 2 to cast your site selection vote.

PART 1

PLEASE PRINT

MEMBERSHIP # _____ DATE _____

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____

ZIP _____ COUNTRY _____

ADDRESS OF RECORD (if different) _____

SIGNATURE _____

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PART 2 WESTERCON 49 SITE SELECTION

Mark in order of preference:

_____ **El Paso, Texas (Chairs—Willie Siros and Richard Brandt; Treasurer—Nina Siros; Location—Camino Real Paso del Norte; Sponsors—FACT and EPSFFA)**

_____ (This space provided for write-in votes)

_____ **None of the Above**

_____ **No Preference**

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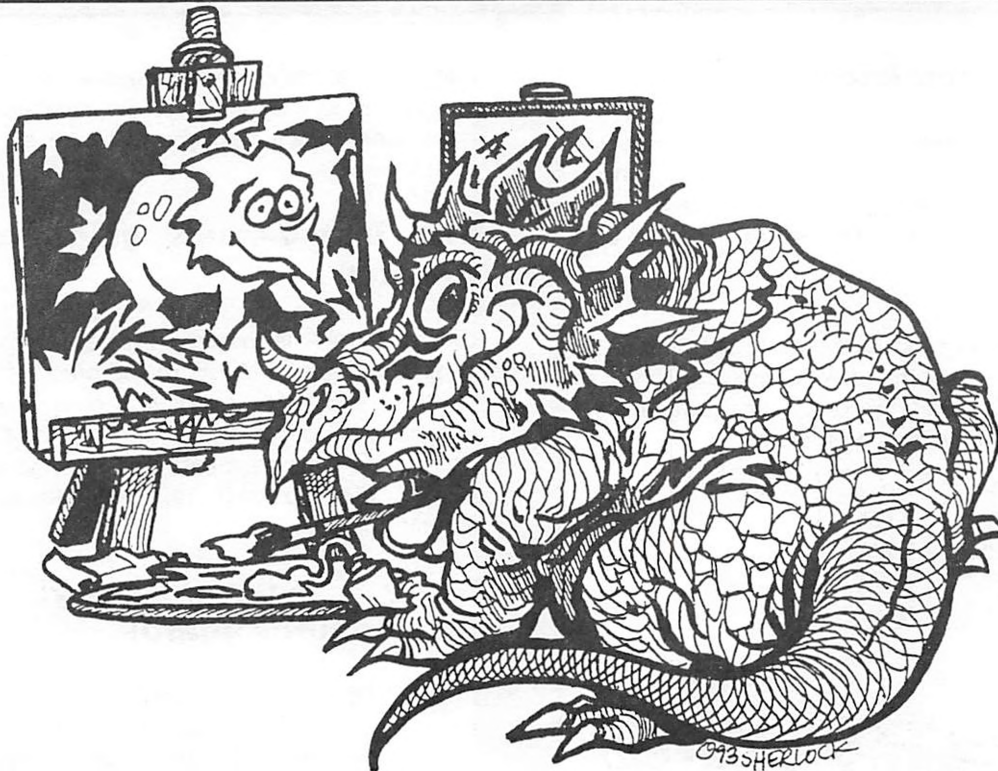
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Received from: _____

(Badge Name) _____

\$20 Voting Fee for Westercon 49 Site Selection.

COMMITTEE: _____ DATE: _____



Art Show

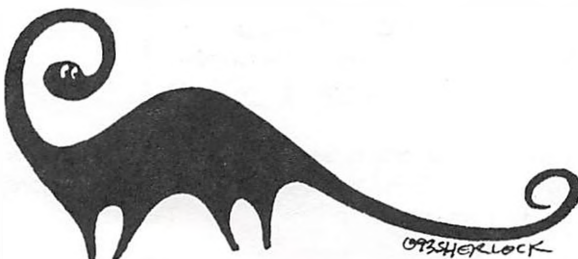
The Art show still has space! Write to Elayne Pelz, 15931 Kalisher St., Granada Hills CA 91344 for forms.

The Art show will be in the Pavillion Room, along with the Huxters, fan tables and book exhibit. The show hours are:

	Open	Close
Friday	Noon	6:00 PM
Saturday	10:00 AM	6:00 PM
Sunday	10:00 AM	6:00 PM
Monday	10:00 AM	11:00 AM
	1:00 PM	6:00 PM

Close-out bids will take place at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday. The Auction will take place at 11:00 a.m. Monday. Artwork may be picked up on Monday.

Cash, checks, travelers checks, Mastercard and Visa will be accepted.



Dealers Room

Dealers Room is sold out. Hours of operation are:

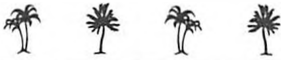
	Day	Open	Close
Setup	Thurs	Noon	8 PM
Open	Fri	10 AM	6 PM
	Sat	10 AM	6 PM
	Sun	10 AM	6 PM
	Mon	10 AM	4 PM
	Teardown deadline	Mon	

Fan Tables

Running a bid? Selling memberships for future conventions? Selling souvenirs from past conventions? Your club wants an information table? You need a fan table!

Fan tables will be allocated according to priority, with Site Selection, Westercon Bids, and Westercon membership sales getting the most desirable locations. Sales tables for other conventions and events will be assigned spaces in the same area. To reserve a table, and guarantee your organization a space, write to Gary Louie at the convention address.

The hotel does not allow flyers to be posted on the walls. Please use peg-board areas provided.



Handicapped Access

If you or someone you know will be needing handicapped access at Westercon please contact Lee Wygand at the convention address. The sooner I hear from you the better I can meet your needs.

Access features will include but are not limited to: first in room entry (Masquerade), first in autograph line waiting, large print programming information and autotape program.

Hours	Open	Close
Fri	10 AM	6 PM
Sat	10 AM	5 PM
Sun	10 AM	6 PM
Mon	10 AM	Noon



Member Services

The Westercon 47 Member Services Center is happy to help you during your stay at our convention. You'll find us located right in the middle of everything, in the International Foyer of the hotel right outside our major ballrooms.

At the Information Desk, you can discuss the program schedule with our staff and plan your days and nights. You can pick up "The Dine-O-Saur's Guide to Los Angeles," Westercon 47's official guide to nearby restaurants, ATM's and other services near the hotel, or a copy of the daily newsletter. You'll find a large-sized map for locating your favorite panels, and the official Westercon Party Board, where you'll find all the convention's parties listed in one location.

Volunteers also has a table at the Member Services Center, where you can arrange to help out the convention by speaking to one of their

handy representatives and finding out how YOU can volunteer. Or visit the Handicapped Access desk, where we'll help you out with any of your special needs.

The Dine-o-saur's guide to Los Angeles

Westercon 47 is proud to present its Dining, Shopping & Travel Guide to the area. If you care to leave the hotel, you'll find a wide range of suggestions for food and drink, local shopping, banks, gas stations, photocopying, fast food and more. Pick up your copy at the Westercon Information Desk.

Party party party: The Fiestasaurus board!

If you're having a party, don't spend hours trying to pass out flyers to people in the halls. Instead, head to the Information Desk, where we're happy to present the Westercon Fiestasaurus Party Board. Borrowing a hugely successful concept from Confrancisco (last year's WorldCon), we have a place you can list your party, theme, room number and more.

If you're searching for a party, search no more... drop by the Party Board. You'll find all of the convention's parties listed, for your convenience. And you won't have to spend your night hunting them down.

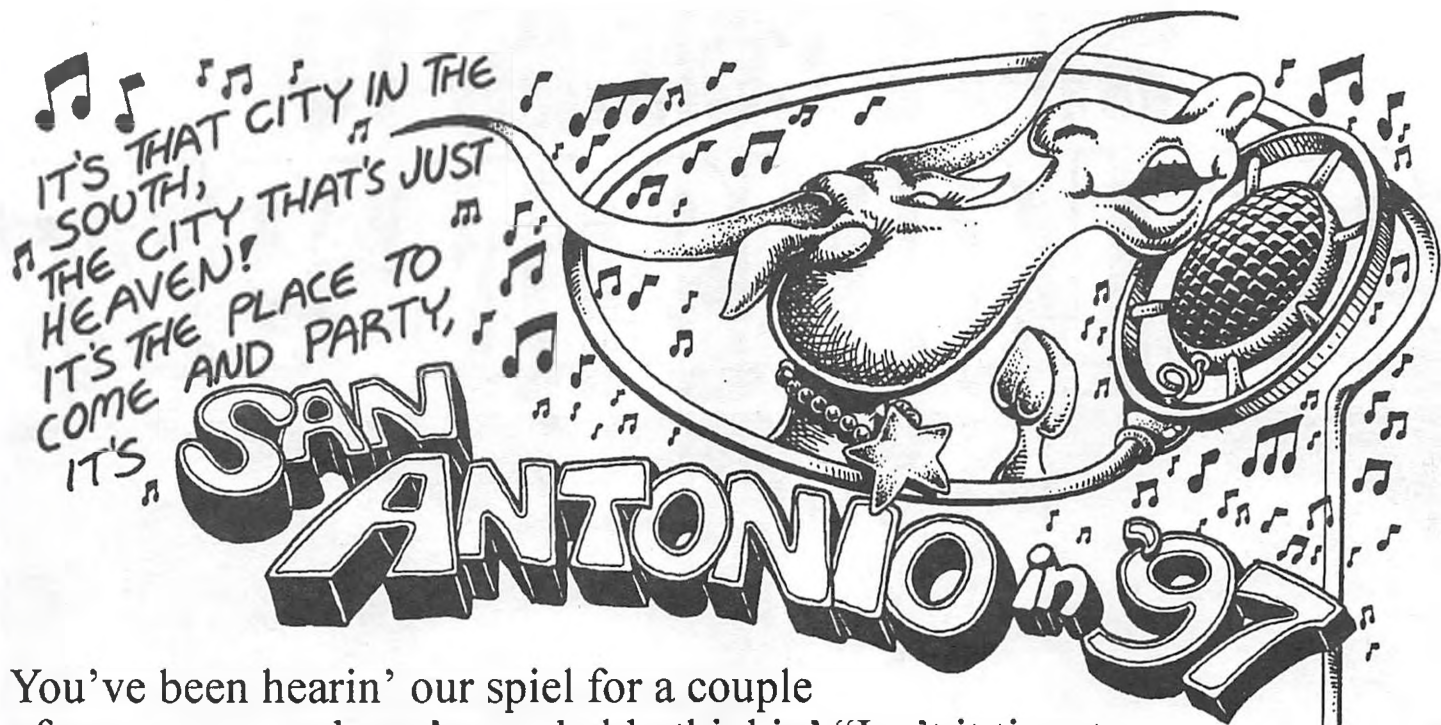
Additional peg-board areas will be designated for posting flyers as the hotel does not allow anything to be put on the walls.

Con Suite

Hours for the Con Suite are listed below. They may be extended if there is sufficient interest.

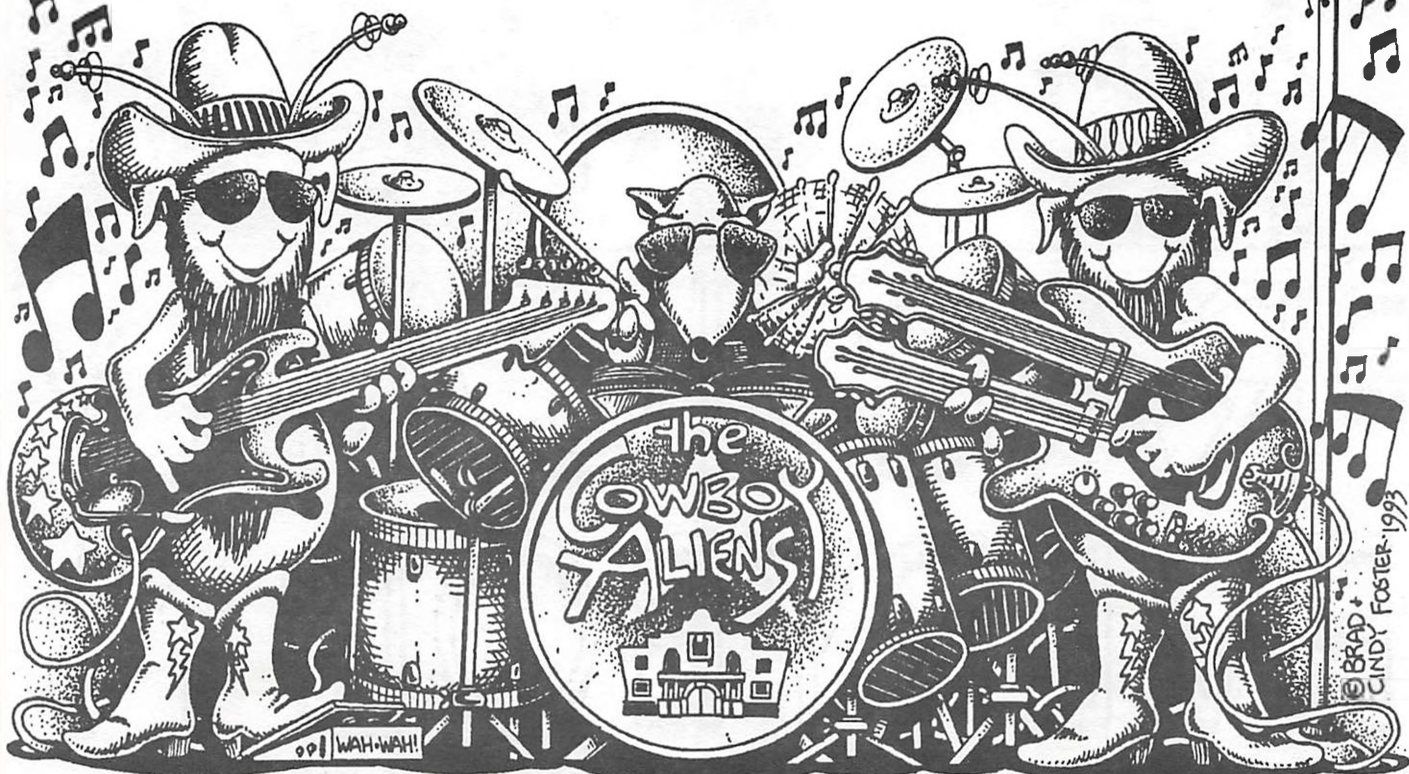
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Thursday	4:00 PM	2:00 AM
Friday	10:00 AM	2:00 AM
Saturday	10:00 AM	2:00 AM
Sunday	10:00 AM	2:00 AM
Monday	10:00 AM	5:00 PM

There will be a tea on Sunday afternoon at 4:00 PM. Also on Sunday there will be a birthday party for Bill Rotsler.



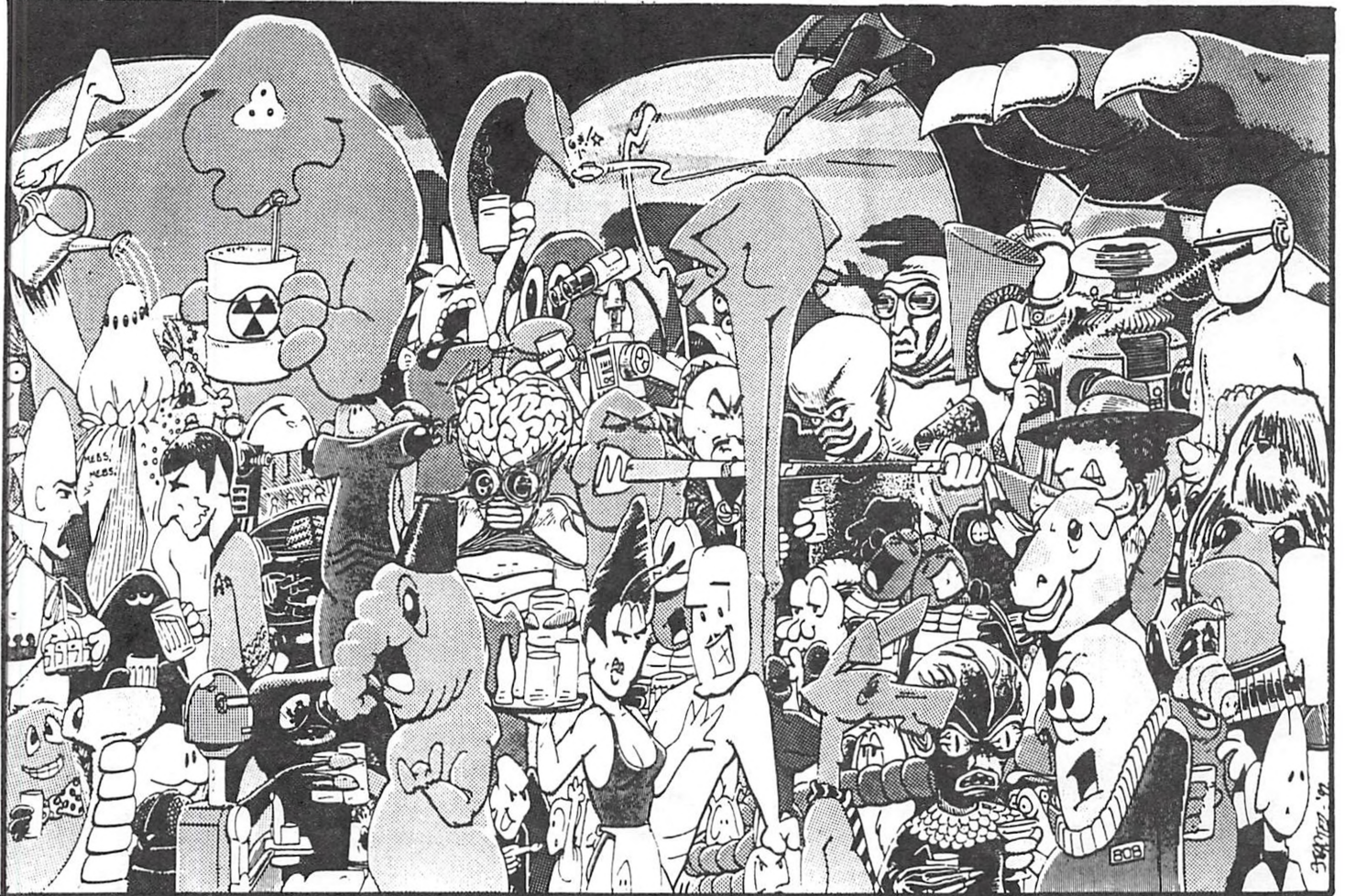
You've been hearin' our spiel for a couple of years now, and you're probably thinkin' "Isn't it time to vote yet?" Well, we're just about there. Voting will begin shortly and continue through Saturday, September 3rd at ConAdian.

Al and Mo, Bev and Tank, and all the rest of us thank you for all your support over the last few years, and hope y'all keep it up and vote for "San Antonio in '97." We're lookin' forward to being your hosts in a few years. Thanks for everything!



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WHO'S COMING TO ST. LOUIS IN '97?



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PRACTICALLY EVERYBODY!

Presupporting memberships \$10 - Preopposing memberships \$15

ST. LOUIS IN '97 P.O. BOX 1058 ST. LOUIS, MO 63188 1-314-FAN-3026



Daily Newsletter Classifieds

HELP WANTED: Newsgophers. Writers, Editors, Circulation, Field Reporters, Society & Gossip, Copy Collection, Rewrite Desk, Sketch Artist. No Experience Necessary. I'm looking for fans to help me produce the daily newszine at Westercon. Want to help? It should be fun. Writing skills are optional.

HELP WANTED: Sketch Artist. Can you draw what you see at the con? I'd like to print pictures in my tabloid, (I mean newszine.)

EARLY BIRDS POTLUCK PARTY. The Early Birds Potluck Party will be held in the Con Suite (LAX Hilton, 3rd Floor), on Thursday, June 30, starting at 7:00 pm. Look for the discreet "Early Birds" signs. Bring some finger food or a (nonalcoholic) sixpack. Mark your dishes if they're not disposable — I still have a bowl and a corkscrew left over from a previous party. If you decide you want to bring hot food and/or home-cooked food, please call me first to coordinate it. (We can't cook on-site.)

Interested in any of these? If so, contact me at: C.S.F. Baden, P.O. Box 1792, Redondo Beach CA 90278, (310) 542-5849, email: hazelchaz@netcom.com.

Calling all Fans

Conozoic wants **YOU!** If you are interested in working on the 47th Westercon then please send in the form below. As Westercon is a Regional convention we would like to have many different fan groups (and individuals) participate in this convention. If you or your fan organization would like to get a group together to work in a particular area please let us know. If you are not particular our volunteer manager will assign you to the most crucial area in need of an extra hand. You must be a member of Conozoic to work at the convention, but we are working on some special tokens of our appreciation just for our volunteers!

Professional Organization Liaison

Westercon 47 is corresponding with professional organizations that might be of interest to our members. Recognizing that we're bound to overlook some (perhaps even an entire professional category) we ask for your help. If there's an organization you'd like us to contact, please let us know.



The 52nd World Science Fiction Convention

ConAdian

September 1- September 5, 1994 in Winnipeg, Manitoba

With Guests:

Author

Anne McCaffrey

Artist

George Barr

Toastmaster

Barry B. Longyear

Fan

Robert Runte

CONADIAN - Post Office Box 2430, Winnipeg MB, R3C 4A7 Canada

Membership Rates

Rates through July 15, 1994

Attending Membership (\$US/\$CDN)

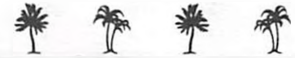
\$110/\$150

Supporting Membership (\$US/\$CDN)

\$25/\$30

Children 12 and under (\$US/\$CDN)

\$30/\$35



hors d'oeuvres each afternoon, open 11am-1:30am daily), the Poolside Snack Bar (grilled hamburgers, hot dogs, plus sandwiches and salads, open 11:30am - 5pm) and ... one of the best things yet about the Hilton ... The Bistro (a self-service deli with coffees, pastries, pizza, sandwiches and salads, **open 24 hours a day!**)

Los Angeles City ordinance prohibits smoking in restaurants and public areas. There will be a smoking area in the Con Suite and in the hotel bar.

Getting to the Hotel

BY AIR: Fly into Los Angeles International Airport. Go out of the baggage area, to the Green "Tram" stop, where the free LAX Hilton Hotel shuttle will pick you up. The shuttle runs continuously.

~~**BY EARTHQUAKE:** Don't move; the hotel will come to you.~~

BY CAR: Take I-405 (the "San Diego Freeway") to Century Blvd. and go west on Century to the hotel, which is on the north side. If you get to the Airport, you've gone too far. See map.

~~**BY RAIL:** Take Amtrack to the Los Angeles station. Find out what day it is and call the hotel to see if the convention is still running. Rent car and go see Disneyland.~~

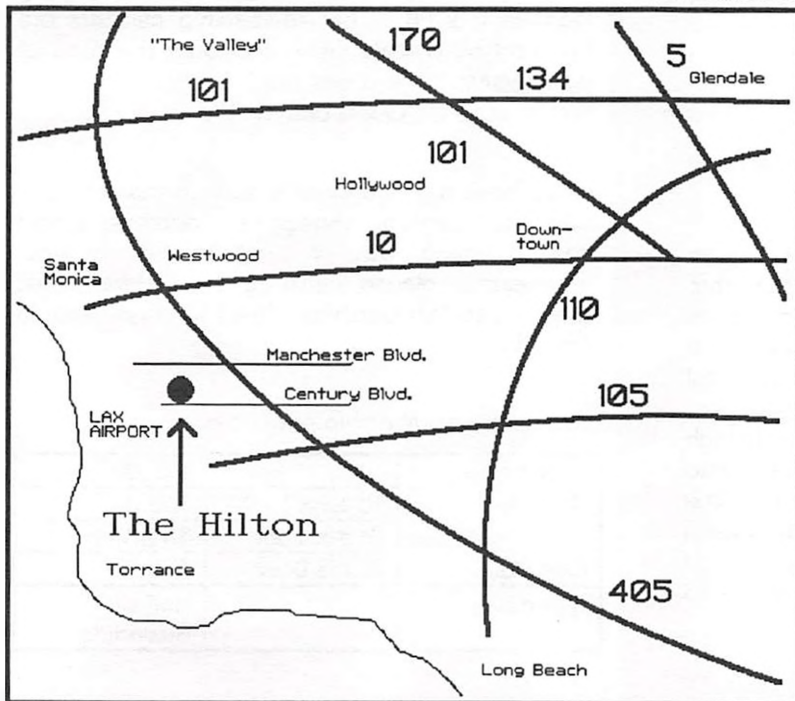
Right rates

We're pleased to say that despite being in a first class hotel, we've been able to negotiate sleeping room rates for Westcon that are lower than they've been in some time. \$80 per night for single or double rooms, \$120 for either on the Towers Level. For those people considering an extended stay in the L.A. area, these rates will apply for your entire visit, not just the dates of the convention.

We recommend getting your reservation in as quickly as possible. The World Cup Soccer Matches will be in the area in July and rooms are at a premium. Once the hotel opens our block in June, rooms will disappear.

Sweet suites

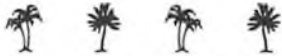
The geography of the LAX Hilton is such that all of the rooms and suites on the Third Floor open onto either a garden courtyard or a pool area. The ability to open the sliding glass doors from your room and over-flow into these areas make it perfect for parties. If you want to have a party, request a Third Floor room. Because there are a very limited number of suites available on that floor, the Convention will take care of parceling them out. As noted on the Reservation Envelope, if you would like a Third Floor room, call 310/559-1622. Please *only* use this number for Third Floor Reservations.



Rates for suites are \$295 per night for a suite with one bedroom and a parlor, \$435 per night for a two bedroom suite with parlor. The parlors are approximately 400 square feet. On the Towers Level, suites are \$330 and \$465 per night, respectively.

Parking

Parking at the Hilton couldn't be easier! The underground parking facility, with a clearance of 5'10", boasts a low rate of \$4.00 for self-parking and \$7.00 for valet-parking for all those who are not registered hotel guests. There are no in and out privileges with this plan. Guests registered at the hotel can



self-park for \$6.00. \$8.00 gets you valet-parking, both with full in and out privileges. (Note: the hotel can accomodate SOME vehicles over 5'10" in VALET parking only.)

If you are staying at the hotel, please notify the hotel registration desk you're with Westercon and they'll be happy to apply these special rates immediately to your bill. Your parking will be handled through the hotel's front desk.

If, however, you're not staying at the hotel, please have your parking ticket validated at the Westercon Information desk.

If you have a van, RV, truck or other oversized vehicle, you can park at the Quick Park Airport Express located on 98th Street just east of Sepulveda Blvd., behind the L.A.X. Hyatt (\$8.00 per day, open air parking, about three blocks from the hotel, 310-216-3315); at Lot "C" Parking at the corner of Sepulveda Blvd. and 96th Street (\$7.00/day, open air parking, about five blocks from the hotel, and part of Airport long-term parking, 310-646-2911); or at WallyPark, just up Bellanca Avenue from the hotel (\$9.00 self park, \$12.00 valet park, about a block away from the hotel, open air and enclosed parking, 1-800-PK-WALLY). In addition, there is the CarBarn next door at \$12.00/day, valet parking only, with a 6'6" clearance, 310-642-0947. (Phone numbers are provided so you can call them directly for the best directions. The rates of these other facilities are provided by the LAX Hilton, are good as of January 1994 and do NOT include City Tax.)

Party on

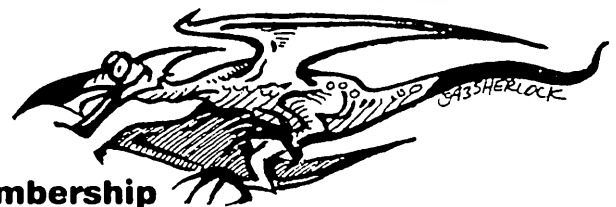
We've made special arrangements with the hotel for party givers.

Usually at conventions, a hotel's room service prices for soft drinks and potato chips are astronomical. \$1 to \$2 for a can of soda. Prices like that. So most folks throwing parties find a car, drive around until they spot a local supermarket, buy several cases of soft drinks, etc., drive back to the hotel, sneak the stuff in through a side door, carry it up the stairs or sneak it into an elevator disguised as boxes of books, load the sodas into the tub in their room, then go make a hundred and twelve trips to the ice machines on four different floors trying to get enough ice to cool their cans. So to speak.

It's a lot of work. But compared to a buck a can, it's worth it. It's cutting into the hotel's profit margin but, hey, who told them to charge so much for drinks?

The LAX Hilton wants to see if they can make it a win-win situation for everyone. They're preparing a special low-price list for party supplies. The prices may be a little higher than you'd pay in a supermarket but they come with the convenience of not having to lift a finger. Sodas will be delivered to your room already chilled. Chips will come in a bowl for serving. No more searching for a market. No more lugging stuff up the stairs and down the corridor. No more carrying ice from the 40-eleventh floor to your room on 12.

Write to us at the convention address for a price list and we will send you one as soon as it is finalized. Or you can pick up a copy at the Convention Registration or Information Desks.



Membership

If you voted in Phoenix you have at least a supporting membership.

Your membership number appears on the mailing label of this PR. The membership numbers are followed by a code which indicates the type of membership. The codes are: A - Attending, S - Supporting, G - Guest and K - Kid.

If you have any questions regarding the status of your membership, change of address, name spelled wrong, etc. or want to transfer your membership please write to us. Address all Inquiries to Memberships. Use the handy form in this PR.

The current membership prices are:

Supporting		\$25.00
Attending	To June 1, '94	\$55.00
	At the Door	\$65.00
One Day	At the Door	\$30.00
Kid in tow		Half of Attending

Westercon Bylaws

As of July 6, 1993

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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.

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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.

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 one hundred and fifty percent (150%) of the voting fee charged when the site of the Westercon was selected.

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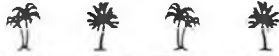
Attending members shall have all of the rights of supporting members, plus the right to attend the Westercon and the business meeting(s) held there, subject to the restrictions established by the other parts of these bylaws.

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 shall be printed on the label of all progress reports, 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 meetings. 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.

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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.

2 Westercon Business Meeting

2.1 Scheduling of Sessions

At least one (1) regular session of the Westercon business meeting must be scheduled at each Westercon. No regular session of the Westercon business meeting shall be scheduled to start prior to Noon, 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 Noon nor 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. 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.



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1.3.2 Attending Members

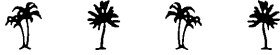
Attending members shall have all of the rights of supporting members, plus the right to attend the Westercon and the business meeting(s) held there, subject to the restrictions established by the other parts of these bylaws.

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 shall be printed on the label of all progress reports, 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 meetings. 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.

2 Westercon Business Meeting

2.1 Scheduling of Sessions

At least one (1) regular session of the Westercon business meeting must be scheduled at each Westercon. No regular session of the Westercon business meeting shall be scheduled to start prior to Noon, 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 Noon nor 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. 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.

2.5 Sunset Rule

Except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws, any committee or other position created by a Business Meeting shall lapse at the end of the next Business Meeting that does not vote to continue it.

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

3.2 North-South Rotation

Only sites north of the 37th north parallel shall be eligible in odd-numbered years, and only sites south of that parallel shall be eligible in even-numbered years. If no eligible bids are filed by the January 1st of the year of the site-selection balloting, then all sites defined in section 3.1 shall be eligible.

3.3 Exclusion Zone

No site within seventy-five (75) miles of the site of the Westercon administering the site-selection shall be eligible to bid, except as provided in section 3.6

3.4 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.

3.5 Deadline for Filing Bids

Only those bids whose filing paperwork required by section 3.4 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 current text of the above article, 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."}

3.6 Provisions When No Valid Bids are Received

If no valid bids are received by the deadline in section 3.5, then all sites defined in section 3.1 shall be eligible and the other site restrictions in this article shall be suspended.

3.7 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, including single-day memberships, 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."

3.8 Voting Fee

The voting fee shall be ^{Twenty} fifteen US dollars (US\$~~15.00~~²⁰) or the local equivalent unless the committees listed on the ballot and the administering Westercon agree unanimously to charge a different amount.

3.9 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.

3.10 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, the voting fee, minimum membership requirements, including the cost of a supporting membership in the administering Westercon, and the address to which site-selection 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.

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

3.12 Deadline for Voting by Mail

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

3.13 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.

3.14 At-Conference Voting

Site-selection shall be open for at least four (4) ⁶ hours between the hours of 6:00 PM and Midnight on the evening 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 four (4) ⁶ hours between the hours of 6:00 PM and Midnight on the next-to-last day of the administering Westercon. It is traditional, but not obligatory, for site selection to be open during the Saturday of the weekend on which the Westercon is held. ^{not}



3.15 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.

3.16 Counting of Ballots

The counting of ballots shall be arranged by the administering Westercon, 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.

3.17 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.

3.18 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.

3.19 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

4.1 Method of Adoption

Amendments to the Westercon Bylaws must be ratified by a two-thirds (2/3) vote at any Westercon business meeting, or 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

In the event a proposed amendment receives a majority, but less than two-thirds (2/3) vote, the secretary of the business meeting at which the proposed 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 but is amendable only to the extent that such amendment would constitute a lesser change to the bylaws than the original motion.

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 Westercos shall not be changed by amendments to the bylaws. Rules regarding eligibility and voting procedures for site-selection are not considered to be operating rules.

Standing Rules

1. 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.

Ad Rates and Information

The AD rates for the program book are defined in the table below:

Size	Program Book	
	Fan	Pro
Full Page	\$120	\$200
Half Page	\$80	\$130
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Size of AD	Image Size
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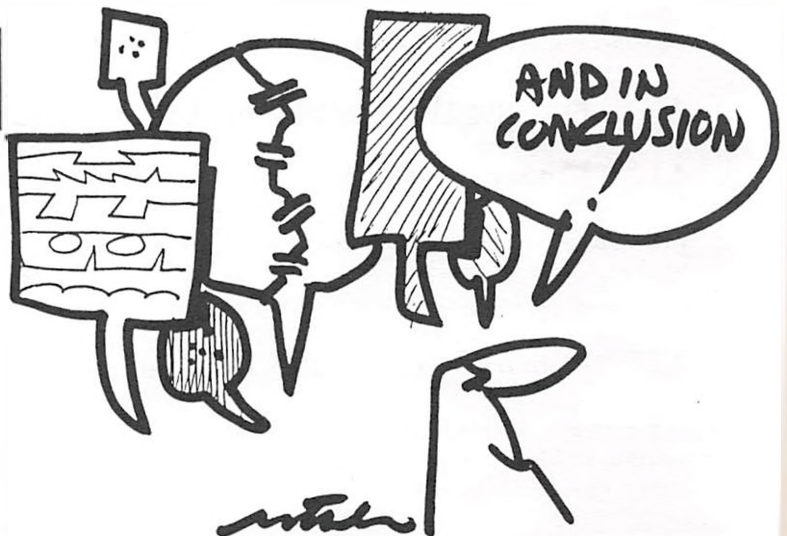
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- ④ Reappoint committee to remove confusion Ed Green
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