

Chapter 98

*It is a time of change, when
fandom unites to overcome a
facilities empire.*

*A group of fans have banded
together to create a new Boston
in 1998 WorldCon bid.*

*The best of the old and the new
have combined to answer
the challenge of...*

Boston in 1998

A bid for the 56th World Science Fiction Convention

Boston in '98 is the only 1998 Worldcon bid featuring a castle among its facilities.

Facilities: Hynes Convention Center, Boston Park Plaza Hotel and Castle, "57" Park Plaza Hotel, Back Bay Hilton, and others. **Committee & Ambassadors:** Jim Belfiore, Kris Benders, David Dyer-Bennet, Dave & Terry Berry, Brigid Cassidy, Amysue Chase, Anton & Peggy Chernoff, Ed Council, Ed Dooley, Donald & Jill Eastlake, Dale Farmer, Maria Gavelis, Susan de Guardiola, Joell Herda, Richard Hill, Martin Hoare, Suli Isaacs, Christine Ivey, Jeff Jordan, Walter Kahn, Sheri Kaplowitz, Allan Kent, Johnna Klukas, Zanne Labonville, Holly Love, J. Shaun Lyon, Lois Mangan, Warren Mayer, Phil Nathanson, Mark Norton, Sheila Oranch, Lee Orlando, Ross Pavlac, Bill Powers, Anita Raj, Mary Robison, Joe Ross, Robert Sacks, Nicholas Shectman, Rich Stoddart, and Pat Vandenberg. **Pre-supporting:** \$8.00 to P. O. Box 98, Carlisle, MA 01741 USA.

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What is a Worldcon?

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The members of each Worldcon select the winners of the annual Hugo Awards, the most prestigious awards in the science fiction field, which are presented at a ceremony during the convention. In addition, each Worldcon normally has Guests of Honor which they have selected and who are given special prominence in their publications and programming.

Worldcons are normally held from Thursday through Monday of Labor Day weekend if they are in North America and usually held a couple of weeks earlier if they are outside North America. All recent Worldcons have been organized on a non-profit basis and are some of the largest events in the world entirely run with unpaid, volunteer labor.

What is "bidding"?

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The Committee for Boston in 1998 is such a committee.

Why 1998?

There is a "zone rotation" system in the rules which limits the eastern part of North America to every third year. The 1989 Worldcon was held in Boston, Massachusetts, and the 1992 Worldcon was held in Orlando, Florida. The 1995 Worldcon site has already been selected as Glasgow, Scotland (sites outside of North America can bid for any year). Thus, 1998 is the next available eastern zone year.

In addition, very successful Worldcons were held in Boston in 1971, 1980, and 1989. 1998 would continue this tradition of a Boston Worldcon every nine years. (Note: Boston in 1998 is not affiliated with the organization which ran the last two Worldcons in Boston.)

How do I vote?

To vote in the 1998 site selection, you have to join the 1995 Worldcon, which is being held in Glasgow. Like most Worldcons, it has adopted its own name which is "Intersection". Worldcons have two membership levels: Supporting and Attending. Supporting gets you all the publications from a Worldcon and allows you to vote by mail. Attending membership, of course, also includes the right to attend the convention in question. Supporting membership in Intersection is \$25. Their USA address is c/o Theresa R. Smith, PO Box 15430, Washington, DC 20003.

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