



JeddiCon 2022 - Charter

Introduction

The Jeddi High Council (“the Council”) is an unincorporated association founded to campaign and bid for the World Science Fiction Convention (WorldCon) (“the Convention”) 2022 “May the 4th we’ll be with you” in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia (“JeddiCon”).

The aims of The Jeddi High Council are:

- 1- To promote Jeddah, Saudi Arabia (“the Site”) as a candidate location for the 2022 Worldcon.
- 2- To run a successful international campaign (“the Bid”) to secure the right to host the Convention.
- 3- In support of the Bid, to make timely submission of the required bid documentation (“the Filing”) with the 2020 Worldcon which will administer the 2022 site selection process, in compliance with the requirements of the World Science Fiction Society (“WSFS”) Constitution.
- 4- To undertake such activities as are required to prepare for the successful delivery of the Convention on the assumption of the Bid being successful, including but not limited to:
 - Establishing provisional facilities contracts on appropriate terms.
 - Preparatory arrangements for the legal structure (“the Company”) to act as a vehicle for the financing and operation of the Convention.
 - Establishing an appropriate organization and governance arrangements for the delivery of the Convention, and then transitioning to that structure and arrangements on completion of the Bid activities
- 5- To raise and ensure appropriate allocation and dispensation of the funds and assets necessary to support the Bid and associated activities.

Finance

The funds needed for the Bid will be solicited as donations from individual members of the global science fiction community and as grants from suitable organizations willing to support the Bid. These funds shall be used exclusively to fund the Bid. At the end of the Bid (assuming a successful outcome), any remaining funds shall be transferred to the 2022 Worldcon.



Governance

The Bid shall be overseen by The Jeddi High Council. The responsibilities of the Council shall be:

- To appoint the Master of the Order
- To confirm the appointment of a Treasurer or Co-Treasurers
- To ratify the Bid Budget
- To ensure that Bid Funds are spent within the spirit of this Charter
- To ensure that the Bid is undertaken in the spirit and traditions of the fannish and particularly the Worldcon communities.

Council Creation and Initial Membership

The Council shall come into creation on 26th Jan 2020. The Council shall normally comprise a minimum of 6 and maximum of 12 members.

All Council members must be legal residence of Saudi Arabia.

The initial members of the Council shall be:

- Yasser Bahjatt (proposed Master of the Order)
- Khalid Alsameti (proposed Grandmaster)
- Rami Hamzah (proposed Lore Keeper)
- Dr. Ashraf Fagih
- Ahmad Sabbagh
- Tamim Kashgari
- Mohammed Albakri
- Raneen Bukhari
- Thamer Alturaif

One member of the Council shall be appointed as Master of the Order and shall be responsible for leading discussions and decision making.

One member of the Council shall be appointed as Grandmaster and shall be responsible for leading government relations and approvals.

One member of the Council shall be appointed as Lore Keeper and shall be responsible for maintaining the Council's archives as well as any required administrative activities (meeting scheduling, minute taking, etc).



Council Changes

- Grandmaster is appointed by the Saudi Ministry of Culture but is only confirmed after approval of the Master of the Order.
- Any candidate for membership of the Council must be nominated by two existing members of the Council. New members must be elected by a simple majority of the whole Council.
- Resignations from the Council must be delivered to the Lore Keeper in writing and should give a minimum of one month's notice wherever possible.
- A member of the Council may be removed from the Council by a two-thirds majority of the whole Council.
- Master of the Order can only be removed by a four-fifths majority of the whole Council.

Meetings

- The Council may meet in person or electronically. Meetings and decision making may take place in real-time or asynchronously (e.g. via email conversation or WhatsApp group). The Lore Keeper shall ensure that adequate notice is given for any real-time meeting (in person or electronic) and that meetings are scheduled so far as reasonably possible to facilitate attendance by all Council members.
- For real-time meetings, the quorum for decision making shall be two-thirds of the whole Council membership.
- For asynchronously meetings, vote cutoff will be 48 hours after a resolution or proposal have been shared.

Decision Making

- Council decisions shall normally be taken by simple majority of those present (real-time meetings) or simple majority of the whole Council (asynchronous meetings e.g. decisions taken via email or the WhatsApp group), however in the event of a tie, the Master of the Order's vote breaks the tie, if the Master of the Order had not voted, the Grandmaster's vote breaks the tie, if neither of them voted the Lore Keeper must obtain the decision of the Master of the Order.
- Appointment of the Master of the Order and confirmation of the appointment of the Treasurer(s) shall require a two-thirds majority of the whole Council (excluding recused members -see below).
- All members of the Council shall normally be entitled to vote on all decisions excepting that of the Master of the Order and Treasurer



(if members of the Council) shall not be entitled to vote on their own appointments or dismissal.

Operation

The Bid shall be run by the Master of the Order. The Finances of the Bid shall be administered by the Treasurer(s).

The role of the Master of the Order shall be to:

- Provide overall leadership of the Bid
- Recruit a committee and team to actively campaign for the selected Site and for the award of the 2022 Worldcon to the Saudi Arabia.
- Ensure that the Bid Filing is submitted to the administering (2020) Worldcon in compliance with the requirements of the WSFS Constitution.
- Oversee the activities needed to establish the appropriate legal structure needed to insure the lawful and seamless execution of the event at an appropriate time and with appropriate governance.
- Ensure that appropriate activities are undertaken to prepare for the delivery of the Convention
- Ensure a smooth handover from the Master of the Order and team to the new Master of the Order in the event of a Council vote to change the Master of the Order or any of his team.

The role of the Grandmaster shall be to:

- Ensure all necessary government approvals are issued in a timely manner.
- Be the point of communication for all government related topics.
- Help facilitate government related processes (such as but not limited to VISA issuance for program participants and members, customs clearance and VAT compliance for international dealers, etc.)

The role of the Treasurer(s) shall be to:

- Develop a Budget and (once approved by the Master of the Order) present this to the Council for ratification.
- Establish the financial structures and mechanisms (bank accounts etc.) needed to support the Bid, and once successful the Convention.
- Monitor and regularly report on all incoming funds and outgoing expenses
- (In conjunction with the Master of the Order) ensure that financial expenditures and commitments made are in line with the Budget (subject to agreed tolerances).