

Dear Fan:

You have probably heard rumours about the Denvention II committee not wanting outside help in running Denvention II (If you haven't, you've been out of touch. See your local SNOF). They are not true, but there are reasons that they exist.

Denver is a fannish backwater. It's hardly a hotbed of fanzine activity and is geographically rather isolated (How isolated? The only S.F. conventions in a 400 mile radius are in or around Denver. There is one within 500 miles (Bubonicon in Albuquerque); Salt Lake City and Wichita are only a little over 500 miles away (road miles, not air). This part of the country is big and empty.). As a result, Denver fans have tended to be rather insular. Few of us know many people "outside", and our communication with the rest of the fannish world isn't very good.

We know we need your help. We want your help, but we don't know whose help to ask. We obviously can't shuffle lists of volunteers and assign them jobs at random. Not only do we not know the people we need, we hardly know who to ask to find them. Any advice would be appreciated.

Communication works both ways. Another problem is that the information about Denvention which would normally be spread via the fannish grapevine seldom leaves Denver. So permit me to mention that we have received letters from some of you, volunteering your services. We appreciate this, and thank you. However, if you are one of the many people who cornered one of us at a room party at 3 AM and volunteered to help, please write us. Paper is far more permanent than party impaired memory. I realize we haven't been overly efficient at getting back to you (whether you wrote or volunteered verbally) and it is something we hope to correct. In the meantime, don't give up. If you haven't heard from us- you will. It doesn't mean we don't want your help.

Sincerely yours,

Bruce M. Miller
for Denvention II

P.S. We would like to thank all of you who helped us track down our missing persons, particularly the Noreascon committee. See you at Noreascon II.