

1998 Worldcon Site-Selection Ballot



**Please Read
All Four Pages
Before Voting**



**New rules apply
to “hand-delivered”
Ballots—see page 4**

OFFICIAL RULES AND INSTRUCTIONS

1. You must be an attending or supporting member of Intersection to be eligible to vote for the site of the 1998 World Science Fiction Convention (Worldcon 56). If you are not yet a member of Intersection, enclose a *separate* payment for a supporting or attending membership to Intersection with this ballot. Other classes of Intersection memberships, including children and single-day admissions, are not eligible to vote. You can vote by mail, in person at Intersection, or you can authorize someone else to deliver your ballot to Intersection for you.

2. **If you vote in person** at Intersection, the administrators will give you a validated ballot after confirming your eligibility and collecting the voting fee; after marking your ballot, deposit it in the ballot box. The polls are scheduled to be open at Intersection Thursday, August 24 14.00-18.00, Friday 10.00-20.00, and Saturday 10.00-18.00. (Hours are subject to change; check for notices at the convention.)

3. **If you vote by mail**, after marking the voting area below the solid line, fold the bottom half on the dashed line up to meet the solid line and seal the ballot by using a small piece of clear tape. *Please do not staple your ballot.* To vote by mail, send your ballot and voting fee to one of the two addresses below:

UK £:	US \$ and all credit card charges:
Intersection	Intersection
Site-Selection Voting	Site-Selection Voting
63 Drake Rd	PO Box 314
Chessington	Annapolis Junction MD 20701
Surrey KT9 1LQ	USA
GREAT BRITAIN	

4. **If you cannot vote by mail or in person**, you can authorize someone else to deliver your absentee (often called "hand-delivered") ballot to Intersection for you. Follow the special absentee voting rules on page 4. **Absentee voting rules have changed significantly since previous years!** Even if you have voted this way in the past, read the new rules. If you do not follow these rules, we will not count your ballot.

5. Complete the personal information requested on page 3 of this ballot. The information you give will be how the winning bid records you in its files, so please print carefully.

6. You must pay the voting fee (GB£18 or US\$25). **Make your cheque payable to "The 56th World Science Fiction Convention."** Do not make your cheque payable to Intersection or any bid committees. Payment of this fee entitles you to vote and makes you a supporting member of the 1998 Worldcon, no matter who wins the election. If you do not

pay the voting fee, you may not vote. Voting fees are not refundable. If you attempt to combine your voting fee payment with a membership to Intersection, your ballot will be rejected and returned to you.

7. You may convert your supporting membership in the 1998 Worldcon to an attending membership by paying a conversion fee to the winning Worldcon committee after the election. For at least 90 days after Intersection, the conversion fee will not be more than GB£36 or US\$50. The committee that wins the election is responsible for contacting you. If you do not hear from them by the end of 1995, you should contact them.

8. The bid committees that filed acceptable qualification papers by February 24, 1995 appear on the ballot. Also listed are "No Preference," "None of the Above," and space for a write-in vote. "No Preference" is the same as an abstention and is counted as if it were a blank ballot. "None of the Above" is treated as a candidate. If "None of the Above" wins, the site of the 1998 Worldcon will be decided at the World Science Fiction Society business meeting held on Sunday, August 26, 1995 at Intersection. Write-in votes will be counted, but a write-in committee can win only if it files acceptable qualification papers by the close of balloting at Intersection. If an ineligible bid polls a majority or causes a first-place tie, we will eliminate it from consideration.

9. Voting is by the "preferential ballot" system. Place a "1" besides your first choice, a "2" beside your second choice, and so on. You do not have to indicate any preference besides your first preference. If you mark an "X" with no further marks, it will count as a first-place vote with no further preferences. If the administrators are unable to determine your preferences, your ballot will be counted as "illegal/illegible."

10. Voters who are not "natural persons" (for example, "guest of" memberships or memberships in the name of clubs, companies, inanimate objects, or animals) may vote only for "No Preference." The administrators will change any ballot voted by a non-natural person to "No Preference" if necessary.

11. If you have more than one membership in your name, you must vote any ballot you cast (other than the first one) as "No Preference." The administrators will change the second and successive ballots cast by the same person to "No Preference" if necessary.

12. Each supporting and attending membership in Intersection may vote only once. If you have an Intersection membership which somebody else transferred to you, you may not vote if the original owner of the membership has already voted using that membership.

VOTER ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

Name: _____ Badge Name: _____
 Address: _____ Telephone: _____
 _____ E-mail: _____
 Signature: _____ Date: _____

(Unsigned ballots will be rejected. My signature certifies: 1. I have read all four pages of the ballot before voting. 2. I agree to this information being stored on a computer. 3. If I supplied credit card information below, I authorize credit card charges to such card(s).)

Voting Eligibility (check one):

- I am a supporting or attending member of Intersection. My membership number (if known) is _____.
- I enclose GB£90/US\$145 (payable to "Intersection") for an **attending** membership in Intersection.
- I enclose GB£15/US\$25 (payable to "Intersection") for a **supporting** membership in Intersection.

To pay for a membership in Intersection by credit card, please provide the following information:

___ Visa ___ MasterCard ___ American Express
 Card Number _____
 Expiration Date _____

Voting Fee (check one):

- I enclose GB£18/US\$25, payable to "The 56th World Science Fiction Convention," for a **supporting membership** in the 1998 Worldcon. (Note: the exchange rate for the voting fee is not the same as that for Intersection memberships.)
- I authorize a credit card charge of US\$25 for a **supporting membership** in the 1998 Worldcon.

To pay your voting fee by credit card, please provide the following information:

___ Visa ___ MasterCard ___ American Express
 Card Number _____
 Expiration Date _____

Keep voter information for winning bid

INTERSECTION MEMBERSHIP RATES:

Supporting (receives publications and can vote, but can not attend):
 Through close of voting,
 Saturday, August 26, 1995: GB£15 US\$25

Attending (receives publications, can vote, and can attend Intersection):
 Through July 27, 1995: GB£90 US\$145
 At the door GB£100 N/A

To join Intersection, include a cheque for one of the amounts above payable to "**Intersection**". (Or you can charge your Intersection membership to your credit card.)

To pay the voting fee, include a cheque for the correct amount payable to "**The 56th World Science Fiction Convention**." (Or you can charge your voting fee to your credit card; note that ballots with voting fee payment by credit card must go to the US address below, and that the voting fee charge will appear separately from your Intersection membership charge if you pay both amounts by credit card.)

Send ballots with payments in GB£ to:

Intersection
 Site-Selection Voting
 63 Drake Rd
 Chessington
 Surrey KT9 1LQ
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Send ballots with payments in US\$ or credit card charges to:

Intersection
 Site-Selection Voting
 PO Box 314
 Annapolis Junction MD 20701
 USA

We must receive your ballot by **August 1, 1995** to ensure it will be counted. Intersection is not responsible for delayed mail.

You may authorize another member to deliver your ballot to Intersection for you. **To authorize someone else to deliver your ballot for you, fill out the "absentee voter authorization" on the top part of page 4 of this ballot.** After preparing your ballot for delivery, seal your ballot and payment in an envelope and give it to the person you authorized to deliver it for you.

We prefer that you include a separate payment for each ballot cast and that you place each ballot in its own envelope. However, members of the same household may pay with a consolidated payment if necessary. (You still must pay your voting fee separately from your Intersection membership.)

To keep your ballot secret, please fold the bottom half on the dashed line on the other side of this page and seal it with clear tape (no staples).

UNAUTHORIZED MARKINGS WILL INVALIDATE THIS BALLOT. GROUPS REPRODUCING THIS BALLOT MAY INSERT THEIR NAME HERE:

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ABSENTEE VOTING ("HAND-DELIVERED" BALLOTS)

If you cannot vote by mail or in person at Intersection, you may authorize someone else to deliver your absentee (often called "hand-delivered") ballot to Intersection for you. Follow these steps:

1. Fill out and sign the voter information on page 3.
2. Fill out the ballot below.
3. Sign the absentee voter authorization below.
4. Seal this ballot and your payment in an envelope and give it to the person whom you authorize to deliver it to Intersection.

IMPORTANT: To improve handling of ballots, we ask that you include a separate payment for each ballot and that you place each ballot in a separate envelope. However, if absolutely necessary, members of the same household may pay with a consolidated payment and forward their ballots in the same envelope.

ABSENTEE VOTER AUTHORIZATION

I authorize _____ to deliver this site-selection ballot to Intersection for me.

Voter Signature

Date Signed

(My signature certifies that I have read the rules on this ballot regarding absentee voting. Absentee ballots without an authorized voter signature will be rejected.)

Fold on dashed line so that bottom of ballot meets solid line and seal with clear tape — no staples

Committee: **Atlanta in '98**
 Location: Atlanta, Georgia, USA
 Dates: 3-7 September 1998
 Facilities: Atlanta Market Center, Hyatt, Westin
 Organization: Atlanta Consortium for Multi-Genre Education, Inc. (ACME)
 Chair: Bill Ritch

Committee: **Boston in '98**
 Location: Boston, Massachusetts, USA
 Dates: 3-7 September 1998
 Facilities: Hynes Convention Center, Boston Park Plaza, other hotels
 Organization: Boston Convention Engineering Corporation, Inc. (BCEC)
 Chair: Donald Eastlake III, Jill Eastlake

Committee: **Baltimore in '98**
 Location: Baltimore, Maryland, USA
 Dates: 6-10 August 1998
 Facilities: Baltimore Convention Center, Omni, Marriott, Radisson, Holiday Inn Hotels
 Organization: Baltimore Worldcon 1998, Inc.
 Chair: Peggy Rae Pavlat

Committee: **Niagara Falls in '98**
 Location: Niagara Falls, New York, USA
 Dates: 3-7 September 1998
 Facilities: Niagara Falls Convention and Civic Center and surrounding hotels
 Organization: Niagara Falls Science Fiction Association (NFSFA)
 Chair: Joe Maraglino

Committee: **(Write In)**
 Location: _____

Committee: **None of the Above** ("I don't like any of these choices")
 Location: As determined by the World Science Fiction Society business meeting, Sunday, Aug 27, 1995.

(Write-in bid committees must file acceptable qualification papers with the Intersection committee by the close of site-selection balloting in Glasgow, 18.00 (6:00 pm) local time, Saturday, August 26, 1995. Votes for ineligible bids will be counted, but will be eliminated if they poll a majority or cause a first-place tie.)

Committee: **No Preference** ("I don't care who wins")
 Location: **Anywhere**

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(This is not the same as a vote for "None of the Above." A vote for "No Preference" is equivalent to an abstention or blank ballot, and any choices you list after "No Preference" will not be counted.)

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