

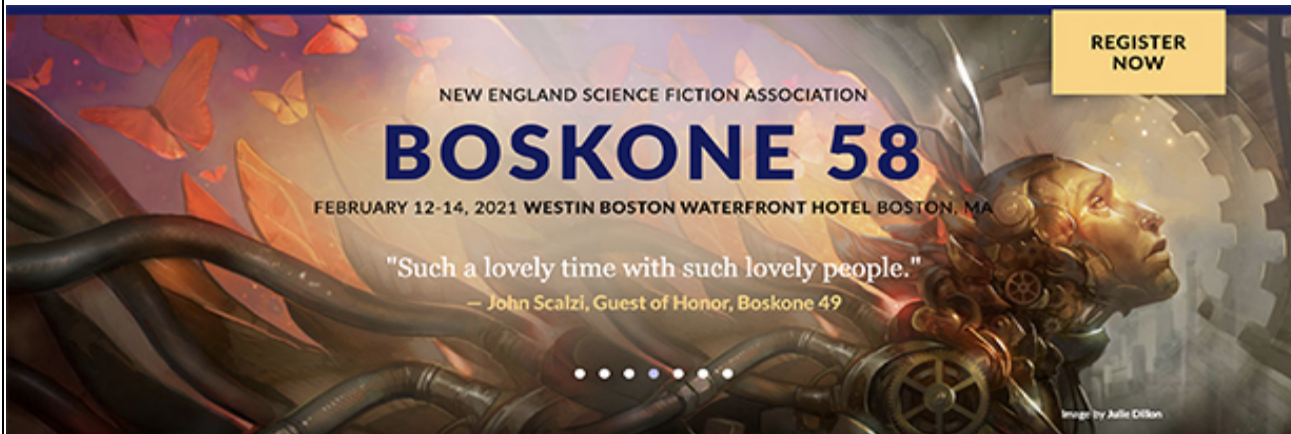
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# HELMUTH: The Boskone Newsletter

Special edition for past and current Boskone members.

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## Boskone 58 is virtually days away!

Boskone is nearly here. Since this is your final update before the convention, we are including only the critical things you will need to know to register, login, and move around the convention successfully.



The virtual Boskone event site is now available for viewing and is located at <https://sites.grenadine.co/sites/boskone/en/boskone-58/>

*Be sure to bookmark the Boskone 58 event site and make it easy to find!*

As we head into the final week before Boskone, I want to stress how lucky we are to have such a strong and wonderful community. Boskone really would not be possible, especially a virtual Boskone, without all of the amazing volunteers who have stepped up to help and all of the members who are willing to give virtual Boskone 58 a try!

We appreciate your support, your imaginations, and your company as we gather virtually as a community, February 12-14, 2021. We look forward to seeing you there!

Erin Underwood  
Chair, Boskone 58

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**WE'RE GOING  
VIRTUAL IN 2021!  
BOSKONE 58**



**Memberships: \$25**  
[Click to Buy](#)

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**It's been  
a long year.**

## LET'S GET SOCIAL!

Stay informed about the convention, read the upcoming Mini Interview Series, and be the first to hear about new schedule updates and announcements. Get social

## BOSKONE EVENT SITE

The bulk of the general information on the site is available February 1-28, 2021, but chat, zoom links, swag, and recorded videos are behind a password protected wall. You can now visit the site, view the schedule, register online, and login Grenadine to update your profile and to build your personalized schedule.

We recommend that you try logging into Grenadine now to make sure that your credentials work.

### Regular Members:

- Memberships purchased through NESFA's online store have been imported into the event website. You should now be able to log into the site.
- Memberships purchased directly through the event platform are instantly added to the database, giving you immediate access to logging into the site.

### Life Members & Past Boskone Guests:

- Life members and past guests have been added to the site and you should be able to login now.
- We are missing email addresses for some life members. If you try to login and experience a problem, please email [registration@boskone.org](mailto:registration@boskone.org) and confirm your email address with us.

### Logging Into the Event Platform:

- To log into the event platform you must use the name and email associated with your membership purchase.
- When logging in, the system will ask for your password. If you don't know it, click on the "Request Magic Link" option, and a link will be sent to the email address that you used to register.
- Every member must use a unique email address to login. Two members cannot use the same email address without creating problems signing into the system.

### Problems Logging In?

If you experience any problems logging into the system, please email [registration@boskone.org](mailto:registration@boskone.org) with a description of the error and (if possible) a screenshot of any error codes you see. This will allow us to help resolve your problem more quickly.

The most common login problems are:

- Members trying to login using an email that isn't registered with their account.

and connect with Boskone online.

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- Two members (usually family members) trying to log in with the same email address.
- Someone thinking they are logged in because they can see the schedule without actually being logged into their account.

### [Log Into the Boskone 58 Event Site Early.](#)

## **BUY YOUR MEMBERSHIP**

Boskone 58 is 3-day virtual convention, February 12-14, 2021. Published program times will be based on U.S. Eastern Time, and (dependent upon volunteer availability) on-demand recordings will be available within 24 hours.

## **Virtual BOSKONE 58**

### **Memberships:**

**\$25.00**



What does your membership include?

- 3 days of top-notch programming, over 150 program items to choose from!
- Early access to the Boskone 58 event site and content.
- Discussion with bestselling and award-winning authors, scientists, artists, and creators in the science fiction, fantasy, horror, and tech research fields.
- Never miss a panel! Access to recorded sessions is available through the end of February 2021.\*
- Online social spaces to connect with friends and like-minded fans.
- Access to individual chat rooms on each page and a site-wide chat channel.
- Ability to personalize your profile and connect with other members.
- Set your local time zone so that when you view an item description, you will also see when it is scheduled in your home region.

\*Most, but not all, program items will be recorded for later viewing. Find out what else your membership includes by visiting the [Boskone 58 website](#).

### [Register for Boskone 58 Now!](#)

## **KAFFEEKLATSCHES - What you need to know**

Because kaffeeklatsches are a fandom favorite, this is your notice that **signups began on Wednesday, February 3 at 12:00 noon (Eastern Time).**

You must be registered and logged into the Boskone event platform in

order to sign up for a kaffeeklatsch.

To sign up for a kaffeeklatsch, you will need to click on the "+" icon for the item and the system will "add it to your schedule."

### [View the Interactive Schedule.](#)

## **VOLUNTEER FOR BOSKONE 58**

Would you like to help out? We're looking for volunteers to help with a variety of tasks that include:

- Video Hosting Manager
- Overall Zoom Manager
- Zoom Host Training manager
- Design Dealers Room & Art Show Pages / training provided as needed
- Zoom Hosts
- PowerPoint Slide Design
- ... *and more!*



If you're interested in being a virtual Boskone 58 volunteer, please fill out our [Volunteer Form](#).

### [Visit the Volunteer Page.](#)

## **REMINDERS**

The best way to keep up to date before the con is to follow the [Boskone blog](#).

- Catch up on the [Boskone 58 Mini Interviews](#).
- [Quick Tips for Logging into the Boskone 58 Virtual Event Site](#).
- [3 Things to Know about Virtual Boskone](#).
- [Artists: Submit your Images for the Portfolio Review Session with Julie Dillon](#).

Here are some quick reminders about the convention.

- **Convention Start Time:** Programming begins at 3:30 pm (US Eastern Time) on Friday, February 12, 2021.
- **Event Site is Viewable:** As of February 1, 2021 the event site is publicly viewable and members can log into the site to set up their profiles and build their personalized schedule.
- **Program Item Length:** All program items are 60 minutes long
- **Break Length Between Items:** All breaks are 30-minutes long.
- **On-Demand Viewing:** Nearly all panels (i.e. webinar format items) will be recorded for later viewing. Items in Zoom meeting rooms (think Brady Bunch style-zoom) will not be recorded since we can not realistically get authorizations from all people who might appear on audio or video. These items generally include

readings, kaffeeklatsches, discussions groups, filk, etc.

- **Event Site Open Through February 2021:** To give you access to recorded material, chat, and other content, we will make the virtual Boskone event site available through the end of February 2021.

### [Visit the Boskone Website.](#)

### **WE'LL SEE YOU AT BOSKONE!**

To learn more about the convention, please visit [Boskone 58's website](#) and be sure to also review our [Code of Conduct](#). If you have any questions, please contact us at [info@boskone.org](mailto:info@boskone.org).

We look forward to seeing you online at Boskone 58 in February 2021.

Thank you for being a part of the Boskone community.

Boskone 58

Chair, Committee & Crew

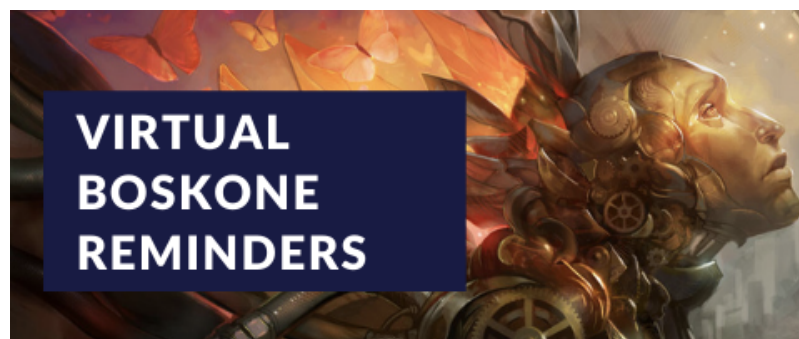
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February 12-14, 2021

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## **BOSKONE 58 ADDENDUM**



In our last email, we included several items that were new or specific to our virtual, online version of Boskone 58. To ensure that this information is easy for you to find, we are including it as an addendum at this end of this email

### **ONLINE CONVENTION FORMAT - *What to Expect***

Here is a quick list of bulleted highlights to give you a better sense of what to expect, with the caveat that some of these items are still in

process:

- A single sign on event site for interacting with each other and the convention.
- Embedded chat within each page.
- A global chat option that follows you around the convention.
- An expanded Souvenir Book, PDF only
- Access to the event site 24 hours before the start of Boskone and through the end of February 2021 so that you can view all of the recorded program items.
- We will not be using Discord.
- Each program item will have a unique chat panel that will be active during the program item and will exist after it ends for members to continue the conversation.
- Our virtual program rooms will be named after our real-life program rooms at the Westin.
- The event website will include virtual tables for Dealers, Artists, Fan Tables, and Sponsors.
- You won't have to travel to/from Boskone during a blizzard.
- The food lines are shorter in your own kitchen.
- Your creature comforts, and your creatures!, are within arm's reach during the convention.

We are also working on updating our Code of Conduct as well as our Access Policy for our online members, which you can [review on the website](#).

[Visit the Boskone 58 Website.](#)

## **INCOME TRANSPARENCY FOR BOSKONE 58**

Boskone is an all-volunteer organized event. Our team works hard, volunteering countless hours of their time, to help keep convention costs as low as possible for our members. Even without a physical location, there are still costs to hosting a virtual convention.

Here are some of the critical expenses your membership helps to cover:

- Expanded features in our event management platform, which includes scheduling, event management, virtual dealer/fan tables, art show space, and registration tools.
- Increased number of software licenses for staff who need access to the event management platform.
- AV costs for paid Zoom rooms and webinars.
- Closed captioning services.
- Video storage for OnDemand program video playback of recorded programming.
- Credit card processing fees for memberships.
- Marketing, promotion, and design.
- Awards for our annual awards ceremony.
- Guest thank you gifts.

- Email newsletter and communications software.

Any profits generated by virtual Boskone 58 memberships will be applied to future in-person Boskones to help with costs such as American Sign Language expenses, our New Voices Fund, and other critical expenses that will help to modernize and sustain Boskone in the future.

[Visit the Boskone 58 Website.](#)

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