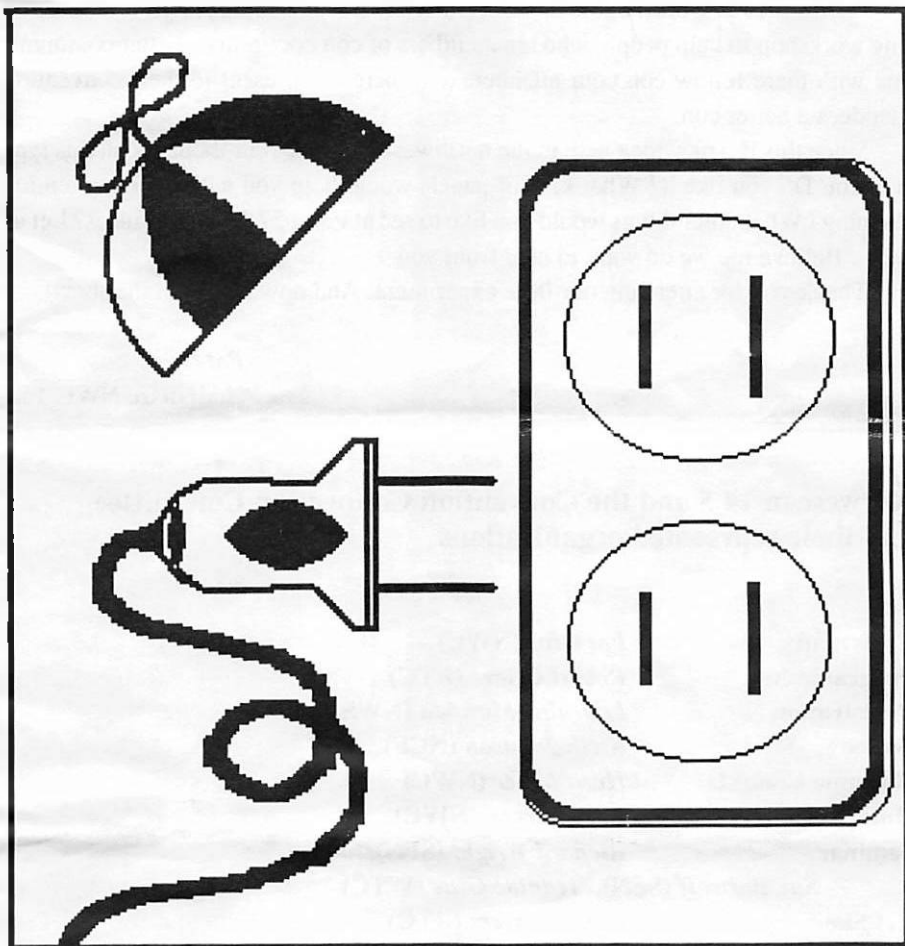


Norwescon 14.5

and the

Convention Connection



with the **Convention Planners Seminar**

September 6-8, 1991 University Plaza Hotel

Seattle, Washington

Welcome to Norwescon 14.5 and the Convention Connection

As you can see by the title, this years Point 5 will be a bit different than that of previous ones. With all the conventions there are too attend in the Pacific Northwest not to mention the rest of the planet, we thought that we would present to you a convention to help you plan for your convention experiences. Whether your are strictly a con goer or a con volunteer or both we will be presenting panels and workshops to meet both of these needs. We hope you will find them enjoyable and useful.

A side track of workshops is the Convention Planners Seminar. This is a weekend long workshop to help people who are members of con committees better communicate with there fellow con com members and therefore present to their convention attendees a better con.

Since this is a new idea here in the northwest we want your thoughts on this type of event. Do you like it? What kind of panels would help you with your convention planning? What other things would you like to see at Point 5? Any other ideas? Let us know. Believe me we do want to hear from you.

Thank you for attending our little experiment. And now...on with the show!

Pat Oros,
Chairman, NWC 14.5

Norwescon 14.5 and the Convention Connection Committee and their represented organizations

Chairman	<i>Pat Oros (NWC)</i>
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Art Show	<i>Chris Reavers (RTC)</i>
Dealers	<i>Judy Suryan (NWC)</i>
Hospitality	<i>Larry Baker (WTC)</i>
Publications	<i>Judy Suryan (NWC)</i>

PROGRAMMING SCHEDULE:

FRIDAY:

REGISTRATION OPEN	5:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.	<u>Main Floor</u>
OPEN GAMING	6:00 p.m. to 12:00 p.m.	<u>Lower Floor</u>
DEALER'S/ART SHOW	7:00 p.m.	<u>Arthur's Court</u>

6:30 p.m. Castle Hall
MODERATOR'S MEETING (*Closed Meeting*)

7:00 p.m. Castle Hall
CONVENTION RECEPTION

8:00 p.m. Castle Hall
"IF I RAN THE ZOO"

SATURDAY:

REGISTRATION OPEN	9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.	<u>Main Floor</u>
OPEN GAMING	8:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.	<u>Lower Floor</u>
DEALER'S/ART SHOW	10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.	<u>Arthur's Court</u>

8:30 a.m. Board Room
Convention Planners Seminar Session #1 (*Closed Meeting*)

10:00 a.m. Castle Hall
Budgeting Your Convention Habits

Cons, cons, everywhere, but who has the money to attend all of them? Come voice your opinion on a subject that effects everyone.

Alumni Room
Special Event Crews (*Moderators: Rolf Mogster, Kal Malone*)

What does it take to be one of those special people who set-up and produce Masquerades, Dances, and other Special Events at Northwest Conventions? Come and feel the glory that is Duct.

11:00 a.m. Castle Hall
The University Book Store Presents... (*Host: Duane Wilkins*)
The University branch of the University Book Store presents an hour with **Brian Herbert & Marie Landis**.

11:00 a.m. Alumni Room

Hospitality at Conventions (*Moderator: Chris Nilsson*)

Hospitality vary from one convention to the next, but all share some of the same problems. Part of the problem lies in what definition a convention gives for the purpose of the Hospitality Room. Come put your two cents worth into the foray.

Board Rom

Your Convention and the Evolving Fan Base

(*Moderators: Scott Boivin, Leroy Berven*)

Fandom has come a long way from the days of the Futurists. How has Northwest fandom changed from the days of Seacon? What problems do these changes pose for convention planners? SMOFers and fans are invited to discuss these issues and more.

12:00 a.m. Board Room

Security at Conventions (*Moderator: Kathy Smith*)

Most large conventions have security problems of one kind or another. So how do you plan security so that you can get an adequate number of volunteers, perform all the needed tasks, and not upset anyone's feeling in the process?

1:00 p.m. Castle Hall

Gaming (*Game Master: T. Brian Wagner*)

The Pacific Northwest's master gamer shares an hour about gaming with Norwescon Point Five.

Alumni Room

Record Keeping for Conventions (*Moderator: Lauraine Miranda*)

You can assemble an archive that doesn't threaten to consume your secretary every time they try to file more paperwork. Also, a hint on what to file and what to through away.

Board Room

Convention Planners Seminar Session #2 (*Closed Meeting*)

2:00 p.m. Castle Hall

Display and Costume Presents...

A Make-up Demonstration with Richard Stevens

Learn skills that will complete that award winning costume in the next masquerade Or find out a way to put the finishing touches on that Halloween outfit.

Alumni Room

Registration Systems (*Moderator: Lauraine Miranda*)

The lines never seem to diminish at registration. So how do you speed the process up? Is there a system that will work for all conventions?

3:00 p.m. Alumni Room

Publications (*Moderator: Michael Brocha*)

One of the highlights of any convention is digging out the program book from your registration bag. But, what about other publications. Come find out from the wizard of the press.

3:30 p.m.

Castle Hall

The Arcane Sciences (*Moderator: Selena*)

Come find out the latest about palm reading, Tarot cards, and auras in the modern world. What place does psi power have in a nuclear age?

4:00 p.m.

Alumni Room

Programming at Conventions

The core of any convention is its programming. But how many panels end up with the panelists outnumbering the audience? How about fan participation? What makes a successful panel tick?

5:00 p.m.

Alumni Room

Transportation and Storage (*Moderator: Craig Nelson*)

Not all that goes on at a convention happens at the con itself. Find out what happens to the massive amount of material and supplies it takes to put on a convention.

Board Room

Legal Responsibilities and Con Interaction

(*Moderators: Leroy Berven, Richard Wright*)

Putting on a convention means a lot of contractual obligations and responsibilities. There are contracts with the hotel, companies, and individuals for function rooms, equipment, and personal items. How does a convention go about covering its collective derrière from fiscal disaster?

6:00 p.m.

Castle Hall

Norwescon .5 and Con Connection Banquet

Alumni Room

Fan Clubs... Which One(s) are for me?

Federation Starships. Klingon Diplomatic Corps. Terran Empire. Clubs, clubs, and more clubs, but which one is for me?

Board Room

Norwescon .5 Surprise Panel (*Moderator: You*)

Show up and determine what will be discussed!

7:00 p.m.

Board Room

Open Filking Begins

Alumni Room

Volunteering at a Con: The Pros at Cons

(*Moderator: Beth Dockins*)

You have all heard about how everyone should volunteer to help at conventions. So what's in it for you? Find out what goes on behind the scenes during this panel about the bonuses of staffing a convention.

8:00 p.m.

Castle Hall

Norwescon .5 Masquerade (*Master of Ceremonies: Hans Meier*)

8:00 p.m. Alumni Room
Meeting of the Convention Hotel Liaisons
(Moderator: Scott Boivin)
A meeting for all those persons who have to deal directly with the hotels.

9:00 p.m. Castle Hall
Norwescon .5 Dance (Host: Keith Johnson)
Alumni Room
Meeting of the Convention Programmers
(Moderator: Bob Grieve)
A meeting for all those persons who create and plan the programming items for a convention.

10:00 p.m. Alumni Room
Meeting of Convention Operation Managers
(Moderator: Judy Suryan)
A meeting for all those persons who keep the convention together and oversee the "big plan" during the convention.

11:00 p.m. Alumni Room
Open SMOFing

SUNDAY

8:30 a.m. Castle Hall
Convention Planners Seminar Session #3 (Closed Meeting)

10:00 a.m. Castle Hall
Kids and Kons (Moderator: Sue Bartroff)
Come and join the people from the convention planners seminar as they practice the new techniques they have learned over the weekend by taking on a problem that is a concern for all conventions: What about the younger crowd?

11:00 a.m. Castle Hall
Volunteering (Moderator: Richard Wright)
A second problem for the convention planners seminar graduates and you to tackle. Putting on a convention means recruiting a large number of volunteers to do all the daily tasks. Also, how to find the people who have what it takes to work all year round, ie: the con committee. Where are the good ones hiding and how do we smoke them out?

12:00 p.m.

Castle Hall

Upcoming Conventions (*Moderator: Bob Grieve*)

Find out about what the local conventions are doing in the upcoming year. We hope to hear from all of them in this overview of Northwest conventions.

12:30 p.m.

Castle Hall

Next Year (*Moderator: Pat Oros*)

So what did you think about the changes in Norwescon Point Five this year? What improvements do you think could be made for next year? How about the Convention Connection? Or the Convention Planners Seminar? put your two cents worth in during this half hour onions and roses session.

1:00 p.m.

Castle Hall

Clean Up and Go Home

We have come to the end of
Norwescon 14.5 and the
Convention Connection.
We hope you have enjoyed
yourself. See you next year at
Norwescon 15.5 and at
conventions throughout the Pacific
Northwest!

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