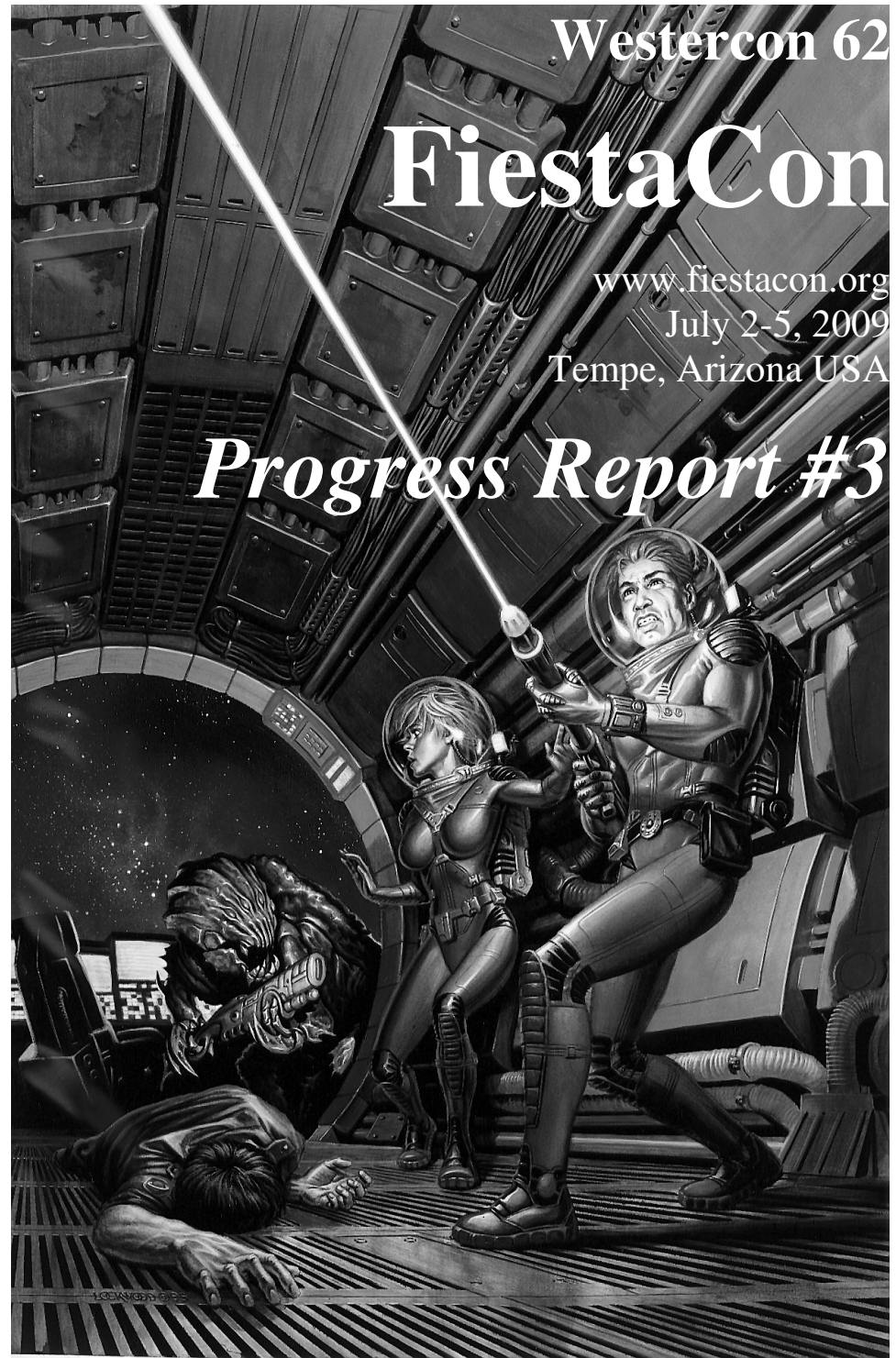


Westercon 62 (FiestaCon)
c/o Leprecon Inc
PO Box 26665
Tempe AZ 85285-6665 USA



General Information

Sponsoring Organization: Leprecon Inc, an Arizona non-profit volunteer corporation, www.leprecon.org on the Web.

Contact Information: Westercon 62 (FiestaCon), c/o Leprecon Inc, PO Box 26665, Tempe, AZ 85285-6665 USA; www.fiestacon.org ; +1-480-945-6890; community.livejournal.com/westercon62 .

Guests-of-Honor: Artist – Todd Lockwood (www.toddlockwood.com); Author – Alan Dean Foster (www.alandeanfoster.com); Editor – Stanley Schmidt (www.sfwa.org/members/stanleyschmidt/index.html); Fans - Jim & Doreen Webbert; Toastmasters – Patrick & Teresa Nielsen Hayden (www.nielsenhayden.com).

Chairman: Mike Willmoth, PO Box 8068, Scottsdale, AZ 85252-8068 USA; mwillmoth@cox.net or chair@fiestacon.org ; +1-480-945-6890 (24hr home office); mwillmoth.livejournal.com .

Location: Tempe Mission Palms Hotel, 60 E Fifth St, Tempe, AZ 85281 USA; www.missionpalms.com ; 800-547-8705 or 480-894-1400.

Dates: Thursday July 2 through Sunday July 5, 2009.

Rates: US\$119.00 per night (includes resort fee) plus tax, single / double / triple / quadruple; standard king, standard double, executive king, executive double, handicap accessible and suites.

Memberships: US\$80.00 for adults (thru 6/30/09); half rate for children ages 7-12, complimentary for children ages 0-6 (both as of the beginning of the convention), with an adult membership; Active Military US\$35.00.

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where they receive final ratification. Operating rules for already-selected Westercons shall not be changed by amendments to the bylaws. Rules regarding eligibility and voting procedures for site-selection are not considered to be operating rules.

Standing Rules

1. Close Debate. Before proceeding to take a vote on a motion for the Previous Question, the presiding officer shall ask for a show of hands of how many people still wish to speak to the pending motion. This rule does not allow debate on the motion for the Previous Question.

Business Passed On and Draft Agenda for Westercon 62

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Committee Reports**

2.1. 75-Mile Rule

A committee consisting of Kevin Standlee (Chair), James Stanley Daugherty, Christian McGuire, and Ben Yalow was appointed to consider a proposal to repeal the existing 75-mile exclusion zone in all cases where it currently applies, and to submit wording that would accomplish this.

3. **Pending Bylaw Amendments**

No bylaw amendments were passed by Westercon 61.

4. **New Business**

Bylaws amendments passed by the Westercon 62 Business Meeting will be passed on to the following year's Westercon for ratification.

5. **Announcements**

6. **Adjournment**

The above copy of the Bylaws, Standing Rules, and Business Passed On of the West Coast Science Fantasy Conference is hereby certified to be true, correct, and complete, effective as of the close of Westercon 61, July 6, 2008.

Ed Green, Chairman

Kevin Standlee, Secretary

Westercon 61 Business Meeting

bid committee shall be allowed to send at least two (2) observers to such ballot-counting. The count shall be by preferential ballot. The winner shall be that bid which gains a majority of those votes expressing preference for a bid. For the purpose of vote counting, "None of the Above" shall be treated as if it were a bid. "None of the Above" and votes for ineligible bids shall count toward the total number of votes cast. Blank ballots, illegal or illegible ballots, and votes for "No Preference" shall not count toward the total number of votes cast. All vote totals of final results and of all intermediate counts shall be made available at or before the closing ceremony.

3.17 Procedures When No Bid Wins or is Eligible

Should no eligible bid gain the needed majority, or should there be no qualified bidding committee, or should "None of the Above" win, a three-fourths (3/4) majority of the site-selection business meeting of the administering Westercon may award the Westercon to any bid, or a simple majority of the meeting may decide that they are unable to decide. If the business meeting does not choose a site, the Board of Directors of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society, Inc. shall choose a site within six (6) weeks of the close of the administering Westercon. If "None of the Above" wins, none of the bids which were on the ballot may be selected. A site chosen under the provisions of this section shall not be restricted by any portion of this article except this section and section 3.1.

3.18 Availability of Results

The results of the balloting shall be reported to the site-selection business meeting of the administering Westercon, if one is held. A record of the results of the balloting, including all intermediate counts and distinguishing between the by-mail and at-con ballots, shall be published in the first or second progress report of the winning Westercon.

3.19 Hand-Carried Ballots

The administering Westercon shall accept hand-carried ballots, which are otherwise valid ballots delivered to the administering Westercon by someone other than the member who prepared the ballot.

4 Procedure for Amendment of These Bylaws

4.1 Method of Adoption

Amendments to the Westercon Bylaws must be ratified by the majority vote of the business meetings in two consecutive years. Proposed amendments shall be read in full by the chairman of the business meeting immediately before being voted upon.

4.2 Primary and Secondary Ratification

The secretary of the business meeting at which an amendment receives primary (first year) ratification shall submit an exact copy of the amendment to the following year's Westercon business meeting. The question of secondary (second year) ratification is debatable and is amendable only to the extent that such amendments do not increase the scope of the original bylaw amendment.

4.3 Effective Date of Amendments

Unless otherwise provided, amendments shall take effect at the close of the Westercon

Who runs Westercon? Different non-profit groups run Westercon every year since the event moves from city to city. In 2009 it will be run by volunteers from North America and sponsored by Leprecon Inc, an Arizona non-profit volunteer corporation. Please visit www.leprecon.org for more information on the sponsoring organization for Westercon 62.

What is Westercon? Westercon is the West Coast Science Fantasy Conference and is held annually since 1948 in the western half of North America including Hawaii. It is a general interest science fiction / fantasy convention covering literature, art, science, costuming, gaming, music, television, movies, and any other topic of interest to sf/f fans. Westercon is a registered service mark of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society, Inc. and is used with permission. Please visit www.westercon.org for further details, bylaws, history, etc.

When is Westercon held? Westercon is traditionally held over American Independence Day Weekend, or one of the closest weekends, although this is not mandatory. It will be Thursday July 2 through Sunday July 5.

Where is Westercon held? It has been held from Hawaii to Spokane, from El Paso to Seattle. This year it will be in Tempe, Arizona, a suburb of Phoenix very close to Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport.

Why is Westercon held? Although it was started many years ago for those fans who could not afford to attend the World Science Fiction Convention, it has become an event for fans from around North America to travel to different parts of the West, to communicate with different communities and experience the flavor of the region, not only regarding sf/f, but also society at large.

How does it work? A group expresses interest in hosting a Westercon, be they in Los Angeles or Portland or wherever. They bid for the event starting about 4 years out, or 2 years prior to the vote. If they win the bid, then they have 2 years to organize it. They have to have a site, usually a hotel, a committee or team to run the event, they invite VIPs (professionals and fans) to draw in sf/f fans, they plan the program schedule, and advertise it. With help from the community it is successful.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

We are putting together our schedule of events for a great Westercon experience. We have included some updated information in this report to add to that contained in Progress Report #2. If you have any questions, comments, ideas, complaints, etc., please feel free to contact us using the information provided. We've also listed all current committee, staff and members. If you think the information is incorrect, let us know as soon as possible. As always check our website for regular updates. We look forward to seeing you in 2009 and hope you have a great time!

Mike Willmoth, Chair, FiestaCon

ADVERTISING

DEADLINE (ad & payment): Progress Report (PR) #4 – May 15 2009, Program Book (PB) – May 15 2009; all funds are in US dollars.

Type	(Width x Height inches)	PRO	FAN
PR-Full Page	(5.0 x 8.0):	\$ 75	\$ 50
PR-Half Page	(5.0 x 4.0 or 2.5 x 8.0):	\$ 45	\$ 30
PR-Qrtr Page	(5.0 x 2.0 or 2.5 x 4.0):	\$ 30	\$ 20
PR-Busn Card	(3.5 x 2.0):	\$ 15	\$ 10
PB-Full Page	(7.5 x 10.0):	\$165	\$110
PB-Half Page	(3.75 x 10.0 or 7.5 x 5.0):	\$115	\$ 80
PB-Qrtr Page	(3.75 x 5.0 or 7.5 x 2.5):	\$ 90	\$ 60
PB-Busn Card	(3.5 x 2.0):	\$ 65	\$ 45
PB-Back Cover	(7.5 x 10.0):	\$195	\$130
PB-Inside Cover	(7.5 x 10.0):	\$160	\$110

sent. The administering Westercon shall be responsible for the publication and the distribution of the ballots to the membership of the administering Westercon. All eligible bids received in accordance with sections 3.4 and 3.5 shall be included on the ballot. The ballot shall also include entries for "No Preference" and "None of the Above," and shall provide space for at least one (1) write-in bid. The ballot shall be a secret ballot, specially marked for preferential voting with an explanation of the method of counting preferential votes.

3.11 Distribution of Ballot

The site-selection ballot and full rules for site-selection voting, including the deadlines for voting by mail, shall be mailed on or before the May 10th preceding the voting to all members of the administering Westercon as of one week before the mailing. The ballot and full rules for site-selection, including the hours during which site-selection will take place and the location of the site-selection, shall be given to all attending members upon registration at the Westercon, or such information shall be prominently displayed at the registration area throughout the Westercon.

3.12 Deadline for Voting by Mail

All ballots received by the administering Westercon prior to June 20 shall be counted.

3.13 Bid Presentations

Each eligible bid committee shall have at least fifteen (15) minutes of scheduled program time on the first full day of the administering Westercon for the purpose of making a bidding presentation.

3.14 At-Conference Voting

Site-selection shall be open for at least six (6) hours between the hours of 11 AM and Midnight on the day before the business meeting at which site-selection business is scheduled. All on-site balloting shall be from one central location, under the supervision of the administering Westercon. If no site-selection business meeting is scheduled, then site-selection shall be open for at least six (6) hours between the hours of 11 AM and Midnight on the next-to-last day of the administering Westercon.

3.15 Verification of Ballots

Properly completed ballots shall contain: the member's printed name; the member's membership number as assigned by the administering Westercon; the member's dated signature; the member's address of record with the current Westercon; the member's current address if different; and the member's vote(s) as defined elsewhere in this article. Verification of the ballots shall consist of matching the name and number of the member with the records of the administering Westercon. Ballots received by the committee prior to June 20, and any others received by mail which may be counted, shall be held by the administering Westercon until the opening of the Westercon, at which time they shall be verified by the administering Westercon and the bidders.

3.16 Counting of Ballots

The administering Westercon shall arrange for the counting of ballots, and each eligible

3.6 Provisions When No Eligible Bids Are Received

~~If no eligible bids are received by January 1st of the year of the site selection balloting, then all sites defined in section 3.1 shall be eligible and the other site location restrictions in this article shall be suspended.~~

3.6 Filing Requirements

A Westercon bid committee must provide written evidence of the following: At least two (2) separate people declaring themselves Chairman and Treasurer; an organizing instrument such as bylaws, articles of incorporation or association, or a partnership agreement; and a letter of intent or option from a hotel or other facility declaring specific dates on which the Westercon shall be held; and, for a sponsoring organization from within the United States of America, evidence that the sponsoring organization is a non-profit association or corporation within the applicable state law of the sponsoring organization.

[Note: This section, formerly 3.4, was moved and renumbered by the Secretary of the 2008 Business Meeting as part of housekeeping changes related to the ratification of an amendment to the surrounding sections at that meeting.]

3.7 Eligibility of Voters

Site-selection voting shall be limited to those persons who are attending or supporting members of the administering Westercon and who have paid a voting fee toward their membership in the Westercon being selected. Other classes of membership may vote only upon the unanimous agreement of all qualified bidding committees. One person equals one membership equals one vote. Corporations, Associations, and other non-human entities may vote only for “No Preference.” “Guest of” memberships must be transferred to an individual before voting for anything other than “No Preference.”

3.8 Voting Fee

The voting fee shall be twenty US dollars (US\$20.00) or the local equivalent unless the committees listed on the ballot and the administering Westercon agree unanimously to charge a different amount.

3.9 Minimum Rights of Voters

The payment of the voting fee shall make the voter at least a full supporting member of the Westercon being selected, and may make the voter an attending member at the discretion of the winning bid.

3.10 Prototype Ballot

The Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society, Inc. (LASFS) shall prepare a prototype site-selection ballot, including instructions for preparation of the ballot, and shall provide the prototype to each administering Westercon at the same time the bylaws are provided to the administering Westercon as provided for in section 1.5. Upon receipt of the prototype, the administering Westercon shall complete the ballot by filing in the information about the eligible bid committees, including the dates of the proposed Westercons, the voting fee, minimum membership requirements, including the cost of a supporting membership in the administering Westercon, and the address to which site-selection ballots should be

GUESTS OF HONOR

Stanley Schmidt was born in Cincinnati, OH, and graduated from the University of Cincinnati in 1966. He began selling stories while a graduate student at Case Western Reserve University, where he completed his Ph.D. in physics in 1969. Since that time, he has written five novels and contributed numerous stories and articles to original anthologies and magazines. Since 1978, as editor of *Analog Science Fiction and Fact*, he has been nominated 29 times for the Hugo award for Best Professional Editor. He was Guest of Honor at BucConeer, the 1998 World Science Fiction Convention in Baltimore, and has been a Nebula and Hugo award nominee for his fiction.

Jim & Doreen Webbert have been Fan Guests at KublaKhan 10 & 20, in Nashville, TN; at TusCon in Tucson, AZ; at CopperCon in Phoenix, AZ; at ConFusion in San Diego CA; and now at Westercon in Phoenix AZ. Jim's first convention was the Portland, OR, Worldcon held in 1950. The 1960 Westercon held in Boise, ID, was the first convention Doreen ever attended. Both have been active in producing fanzines in Seattle and have served in many capacities at local conventions, Westercons, and Worldcons.

PROGRAMMING UPDATES

Welcome to FiestaCon/Westercon 62 programming We guess you're reading this because you want to know if you'll find anything interesting at our con. And we hope you find it.

You will find fun audience-participation events such as Pictionary with our Guest Artist, Todd Lockwood, and others. You can help your team win at SciFi Jeopardy or learn how to belly-dance. You'll be able to get a back massage or learn how to make your own armor. And there will be a really cool presentation of siege warfare through the ages from a bonafide expert. Gamers will have a unique opportunity to attend a 2-hour Game-Master Workshop with Dennis McKiernan. There will be more literature type panels that you can shake a stick at - including one on the nature of horror, a midnight discussion of all things vampiric, steampunk literature, and writers' workshops.

And don't forget that FiestaCon will be hosting the 1632 Minicon for fans of Eric Flint's 1632 series. And, there will be eight – count'em, 8 – panels devoted to the 1632 Universe.

We've got experts to talk about metaphysics including Making Your Own Magic, Past Lives and how to make your own Vision Board. You'll also have an opportunity to learn how to Dowse for Spirits. We'll have both a Regency Dance hosted by John Hertz, and a Modern Dance. Late at night, you'll have an opportunity to identify alien sex aids or stuff a pair of tights — if you're brave enough!

If you're into Science, we've got a couple of Planetary Geologists from our nearby university who will inform and educate you on the Lunar Recon Orbiter, NASA's planetary missions; and dazzle you with fabulous images from NASA's Cassini Mission. Your (potty-trained) 3-year-olds up to 12-year-olds can hang out in our kids' room staffed by a credentialed elementary school teacher who will provide a wide range of entertainments. And, if I've missed something of interest, it's only because I ran out of breath. Visit our website and follow the links for the most up-to-date programming information.

Catherine Book
Programming Director program@fiestacon.org

WRITERS WORKSHOPS

FiestaCon is proud to announce 2 Writers Workshops! Young Adult (YA) fantasy writer Janni Lee Simner will be conducting an intensive 4-hour workshop on YA writing. Space will be limited to 15 participants. Also, Emmy Award-winning screenwriter Craig Miller will be leading a screenwriting workshop. Participation will be limited so if you wish to participate in either of these Writers Workshops just email us at info@fiestacon.org for more information.

HOTEL

Our hotel will be the Tempe Mission Palms Hotel in downtown Tempe, Arizona, USA. Tempe is the closest suburb to Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport and the hotel has a complimentary shuttle if you're staying at the hotel

ian, or in the state of Hawaii, shall be eligible to be the site of a Westercon, except as restricted by the provisions of these bylaws.”

[Note: On a parliamentary inquiry based on a question of when the annexation must take place for a site to be eligible, the 2002 Business Meeting decided that a bid for an Australian site is eligible, even if the annexation has not yet taken place, provided that the annexation has taken place by the filing deadline for the intervening Westercon (the April 15th following the Westercon at which the Australian Westercon is selected), and that if the Australian site has been selected, and the annexation has not taken place by that date, then this shall constitute committee failure, as covered by Section 1.9.]

3.2 Site Selection Zones

The following Site Selection Zones are defined within the area defined in section 3.1:

3.2.1: North: Sites in North America north of the 42nd north parallel.

3.2.2: Central: Sites in North America between the North and South zones.

3.2.3: South: Hawaii; California south of and including San Luis Obispo, Kern, and San Bernardino Counties; Nevada south of and including Clark County; Arizona; New Mexico; and all countries, states, provinces, territories, or other political subdivisions southward within North America.

3.2.4: Other: Any location otherwise eligible under section 3.1 not part of the above zones.

3.3 Regional Exclusion Zone

No site within the Site Selection Zone containing the site of the Westercon administering the site-selection election shall be eligible to bid, except as provided in ~~section 3.6~~ this section. If no eligible bids are filed by the January 1st of the year of the site-selection balloting, then all sites defined in section 3.1 shall be eligible, ~~except sites within seventy five (75) miles of the site of the Westercon administering the site-selection subject to the provisions of section 3.4.~~

3.4 Local Exclusion Zone

No site within 75 miles of the Westercon administering the site-selection election shall be eligible to bid, except as provided in section 3.17.

3.5 Filing Deadline for Ballot

Only those eligible bids whose filing paperwork required by section 3.6 is in the possession of the administering Westercon by the April 15th preceding the balloting shall be listed on the ballot. ~~If no eligible bids are filed by the January 1st of the year of the site-selection balloting, then all sites defined in section 3.1 shall be eligible, except as provided in section 3.3.~~

[Note: On a parliamentary inquiry at the time of ratification of the text of the above section, it was ruled that “If the filing paperwork can be verified to be at the address of the administering convention, it is in the committee's possession.”]

ectors of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society shall determine alternate arrangements for that Westercon.

2 Westercon Business Meeting

2.1 Scheduling of Sessions

At least one (1) regular session of the Westercon business meeting must be scheduled at each Westercon. No regular session of the Westercon business meeting shall be scheduled to start prior to 11 AM, nor later than 2 PM, nor on the last day of the Westercon. A special session, at which site-selection business shall be the sole order of business, may be scheduled on the last day of the convention, provided that said special meeting is scheduled to begin no earlier than 11 AM nor later than 2 PM. All sessions occurring during the same Westercon, be they regular, adjourned, or special, shall be considered, for procedural purposes, as the same parliamentary session.

2.2 Site-Selection Business

Site-selection business shall be in order at any session of the business meeting. Site-selection business shall include, but need not be limited to, the announcement of the results of the balloting and of a winner if one is produced by the balloting, or of a site-selection resolution, as hereafter defined, if one is necessary [see Section 3.17]. The winner of the site-selection may be announced prior to the site-selection business meeting, if one is held.

2.3 Quorum

For business other than site-selection business, a quorum of fifteen (15) attending members of the current Westercon shall be required. For site-selection business, the quorum shall be those attending members of the current Westercon who attend the meeting. All those persons voting at any meeting must be attending members of the current Westercon. Except as noted in these bylaws or in such rules of order as may be adopted, all business requires a simple majority to pass.

2.4 Parliamentary Authority

The current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall be the parliamentary authority of the Westercon business meeting except where it conflicts with these bylaws or with any special rules of order which may be adopted by the business meeting.

3 Westercon Site-Selection

3.1 Eligibility of Sites

Any site on the North American continent west of the 104th west meridian, or in the state of Hawaii, shall be eligible to be the site of a Westercon, except as restricted by the provisions of these bylaws.

Provided that, upon the annexation of Australia by the United States of America or the annexation of the United States of America by Australia, Section 3.1 shall be amended to read:

“Any site in Australia, or on the North American continent west of the 104th west merid-

during the convention. For those of you with a wheelchair or scooter, their shuttle won't accommodate your equipment, but we've made arrangements to have us share the cost of Super Shuttle or equivalent transportation that can accommodate you with the hotel, so it is still complimentary to you. It's about 10-15 minutes from the airport to the hotel. If you're driving to the hotel, then you'll be glad to know that the hotel rates over the convention dates, plus or minus two days, are US\$119 per night plus tax for all room types including suites. There is a Hospitality Fee **included in this rate** which covers various things such as wireless internet, fitness center, etc. Rooms are Standard Doubles or Standard Kings with smoking or non-smoking rooms available. There are also Executive Doubles (party areas) and Executive Kings (quiet areas) which are slightly larger including additional furniture. The suites (six of them) are all in the name of the convention per the contract. We'll be using two of them on the second floor for Consuite and Staff Lounge. The other four will be for **parties**. All party suites are allocated to the 2010 Westercon (Pasadena), 2011 Westercon Bid (San Jose), 2011 Worldcon Bid (Reno) & Dark Ones. If you're interested in hosting a **party** in the party area, please contact us for details on how to make that happen. You can run a **party** out of a room (Standard or Executive), but you'll need to have that room located on the north side of the hotel, the party area. Some offer connecting rooms next door. Let us know what you have in mind and we'll assist you in making party plans. All sleeping rooms and suites are on the second, third and fourth floors. The hotel is shaped like a square ring, so sleeping rooms face into the courtyard or out to the parking lots. Rooms on the west side of the hotel face Mill Avenue, the main drag through Tempe. These rooms will possibly be noisier due to the events held on Mill throughout the weekend, including the special Independence Day stuff mentioned later.

You may make reservations by calling the hotel at 800-547-8705 or directly at 480-894-1400 or by fax at 480-968-7677. You may also use their website, www.missionpalms.com, and where appropriate use the online code 2T80CO (that's two-tee-eight-zero-see-oh). Once you book it you should receive a confirmation number. That should be used for any problems or updates to your reservation. If you have trouble using the online code for any reason, just give us a holler and we'll have the hotel look into it. They are very responsive and we've had good luck there for other events in the past, such as World Fantasy Con 2004 and SFWA's Nebulas 2006. So they're used to us by now.

Westercon Bylaws

As of Close of 2008 Westercon

The following document is the current text of the Westercon Bylaws and Standing Rules, as of the close of Westercon 61 (Las Vegas NV, 2008). Material added or inserted by amendments ratified at Westercon 61 is indicated by underline type. Material removed is indicated by ~~strike thru type~~. Kevin Standlee prepared this document based on the minutes of the Westercon 61 Business Meeting. No business is passed on to Westercon 62 (Tempe AZ, 2009), although a committee is scheduled to report, as shown following the Standing Rules in the draft Agenda for the 2009 Business Meeting.

1 General Provisions

1.1 Name and Date

It is traditional, but not obligatory, that the West Coast Science Fantasy Conference (Westercon) shall take place over the July 4th weekend.

1.2 Guests of Honor

It is traditional, but not obligatory, that Westercon Guests of Honor and other notables be selected from among SF personalities residing within the Westercon geographical area.

1.3 Membership Classes

There shall be at least two classes of membership in Westercon: supporting and attending. The committee shall notify the members of their membership class in a timely fashion.

1.3.1 Supporting Members

Supporting members shall receive any progress reports or any other generally mailed publications published after the member joins the Westercon, including the Program Book, and may exercise any voting rights permitted by any other part of these bylaws, except attending the Business Meeting. All Westercons shall be required to offer supporting memberships until at least thirty (30) days prior to the opening of the Westercon, and such supporting memberships shall not cost more than one hundred and fifty percent (150%) of the voting fee charged when the site of the Westercon was selected. Any class of membership offered by a Westercon costing at least as much as a supporting membership shall include a supporting membership.

1.3.2 Attending Members

Attending members shall have all of the rights of supporting members, plus the right to attend the Westercon and the business meeting(s) held there, subject to the restrictions established by the other parts of these bylaws.

1.3.3 Restriction of Memberships

Each Westercon committee shall have the right to limit the activities of its attendees, either individually or in groups, insofar as such activities endanger, physically or legally, other persons or property. Such limitations may include, but are not limited to, closing

down parties, ejecting persons from the Westercon, or turning offenders over to other authorities. No refund of membership need be given in such circumstances. Each member, in purchasing his/her membership, agrees to abide by these bylaws.

1.4 Name Badges and Membership Numbers

All committees shall issue name badges for all attending members. Name badges for pre-registered members shall display the member's name in no less than 24-point bold type. All committees shall assign a unique membership number upon processing of a membership. This number provided to each member with the site selection ballot and with each progress report, shall be printed on membership name badges, and shall be used for site-selection purposes. In the event a membership is transferred, the old membership number, if applicable, shall be noted, both on the badge and on registration information used for site-selection voting administration. Membership badges or other proof of membership remain the property of the Westercon committee for the duration of the conference and may be confiscated for cause; no refund of membership fees need be given in such circumstances.

1.5 Archive of Bylaws

The Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society, Inc. (LASFS) shall act as an archive to the Westercon bylaws and the minutes of business meetings. Each committee shall reimburse LASFS for the costs of copying and forwarding copies of the Bylaws and Minutes to those who request them. A copy of the minutes, including the text of motions passed by the business meeting, shall be sent to LASFS within two (2) months of the close of each Westercon by the administering Westercon. LASFS shall maintain the Westercon bylaws and shall forward one copy of the current bylaws, including the text of any amendment to the bylaws awaiting secondary ratification, to the current Westercon committee within four (4) months of the close of the previous Westercon. The current Westercon shall provide copies of the Bylaws to the committees of all Westercon bids for the year which that Westercon is administering the site-selection.

1.6 Distribution of Bylaws to Members

The Westercon Bylaws, as well as the complete text of any amendment awaiting secondary ratification, shall be published in at least one (1) progress report and in the program book of the current Westercon each year. Failure to publish this information shall not affect the procedure to amend the bylaws as stated in Article 4.

1.7 Westercon Service Mark

All Westercons shall publish, in all publications such as promotional flyers, progress reports, and program book, the following notice: "'Westercon' is a registered service mark of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society, Inc."

1.8 Responsibilities of Administering Westercon

It is a responsibility of each Westercon to enforce the provisions of these bylaws.

1.9 Committee Failure

Should a Westercon Committee declare itself unable to fulfill its duties, the Board of Dir-