

Progress Report #1

www.westercon69.org

Writer GoH:

John Scalzi

Artist GoH:

Theresa Mather

Fan GoH:

David Levine

Special Guest:

Charlie Stross

And other guests to be named later ...

Message from the chair

Happy New Year! Time flies when you're having fun, and it's already 2015. We're very excited to announce that Theresa Mather has agreed to be our Artist Guest of Honor. We hope to have even more amazing news in the near future. Watch this space!

It's been more than a decade since Portland hosted a Westercon, and we look forward to welcoming the community back to Oregon. Again, I'd like to thank the people who worked so hard to bring the bid to Westercon 67, and I also thank the dozens of presupporters who offered us the resources to do so. The energy and welcome were wonderful, and we will pay that back in spades in 2016. Yet more thanks go to John Scalzi, Theresa Mather, David Levine, and Charlie Stross for agreeing to be our guests at Westercon 69. We look forward to seeing you in 2016!

GEAR Con

We are pleased to announce that GEAR Con 2016 will be part of our extended programming. GEAR Con is Portland, Oregon's annual festival of steampunk literature, art, music, and culture, and we look forward to its contributions to our theme, *Bridging Science and Imagination*.

Email or Hard Copy? Misspelled name?

If you voted at Westercon 67, we don't have an email address for you. If you purchased your membership on the website in the early days, we don't have your address! If you'd like to change your Progress Report delivery preferences, please send a note to chair@westercon.org.

If your name is misspelled on the address label, please let us know so that we can fix it! Drop a note to reg@westercon69.org, and let them know.

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Memberships

Attending

Presupported Friend of the Bid (thank you!)	Free
Presupported AND voted	Free
Presupport Basic OR Voted (thank you!)	\$20
New Attending membership	\$50.00

Supporting

Presupported or Voted	Free
New Supporting membership	\$20

Hotel

The Doubletree Portland in the heart of the Lloyd District of Portland, just east of downtown, will be the location for Westercon 69. The Doubletree Portland is well known as one of the best convention hotels in the city, providing over 38,000 square feet of total meeting space, including four (4) divisible ballrooms and an exhibit hall of 17,000 square feet. This includes the Executive Meeting Center, a wing of the Doubletree dedicated to comfortable and accessible meeting space located directly off the main lobby.

The Doubletree Portland is also located directly on the Max Line, Portland's light rail system. Not only does the system travel to

most of the major parts of the city, the Red Line connects directly to Portland International Airport to the east and the Portland Train Station (and Greyhound Bus terminal) to the west. For \$2.50, you can be delivered to less than a block from the main lobby of the Doubletree Portland.

DoubleTree by Hilton Portland
1000 NE Multnomah Street
Portland, OR, 97232

<http://www.doubletreeportland.com/>

Supporting Conventions

These are the conventions which graciously support Westercon.

All-Con (www.all-con.org) Dallas, TX – March 12-15, 2015

GameStorm (www.gamestorm.org) Vancouver, WA – March 19-22, 2015

ConDor (www.condorcon.org) San Diego, CA – March 13-15, 2015

BayCon (www.baycon.org) Santa Clara, CA - May 22- 24, 2015

OryCon (www.orycon.org) Portland, OR – November 22-25, 2015

RadCon (www.radcon.org) Pasco, WA - February 12 - 14, 2016

Potlatch (www.potlatch-sf.org) Seattle, WA – February 2016

Convention Information

Dealers' Room applications and Art Show information will be available in July of 2015.

Policies

This is an abbreviated list of the policies for Westercon 69. Please see the complete text on the Westercon website, <http://westercon69.org/convention-policies>.

Oregon Science Fiction Conventions, Inc. (OSFCI)

Code of Conduct

OSFCI does not tolerate discrimination or harassment of any kind, including but not limited to physical assault, battery, deliberate intimidation, stalking or unwelcome physical contact. This policy applies to your interactions with fellow con-goers, program participants, hotel employees, and guests of the hotel.

Be respectful of and courteous towards others. If you have graduated from kindergarten, we expect you to understand that you need to ask before you touch and that “no” means “no”. If someone tells you “no” or “go away”, your business with them is done. Note that falsely reporting harassing behavior is in itself a harassing behavior under this code of conduct.

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Masks policy

The hotel requires that no facial masks be worn in the lobby area for security reasons. There will be signs denoting where the boundaries of the maskless areas are. In addition, people wearing full face paint will not be served alcohol in the restaurant or bar. (They have to be able to tell whether you and your ID match.) For everyone’s comfort, please keep these rules in mind.

Weapons policy

The wearing and carrying of weapons will not be permitted, except as part of a Masquerade contestant’s costume, or as part of other designated events, and then only during the event, or in transit to and from the event.

The use of a weapon as part of the Masquerade must be approved by the Masquerade Director prior to the event. Failure to comply is grounds for immediate expulsion from the convention.

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Child policy

All children must be registered with the convention, and all children purchasing memberships must be accompanied by an adult.

Children ages 5 and under are admitted to the convention without charge and will be issued a badge that must be kept with the child (or a nearby diaper bag, for example) rather than with one of the parents. The child must be under the supervision of an adult, or in the official Child Care Area, at all times. If a young child is found unattended, he or she will be delivered to the Child Care Area and the responsible adult(s) will be billed.

Children ages 6-12 are admitted at half the adult price and may operate independently as long as they cause no problems. Those not capable of operating responsibly on their own must be kept under adult supervision or taken to the official Child Care Area.

All children 12 or under must be under direct adult supervision after 8 PM. Children 8 and over may work as convention volunteers, but those ages 8-11 may do so for no more than 4 hours per day. Those ages 12-16 may do so for no more than 6 hours per day.

Smoking and Vaping policy

By Hilton policy, smoking and vaping are prohibited in all DoubleTree properties, including but not limited to sleeping rooms, meeting areas, and the restaurant and bar. They are also prohibited outside in most areas close to the hotel entrances and air intakes.

You can smoke or vape outside the ballroom entrance if you remain more than 25 feet from the doorway. The park across the street is available until it closes at midnight. Please remember there is no smoking at the TriMet station either.

Party policy

What is a party? Any event held in hotel space where:

- Fliers are posted
- Public invitations are given out (verbally or written)
- If Convention Committee or Hotel Security deems it to be a party.

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Photo Policy

By entering the Westercon 69 convention space, members consent to video and/or audio recording by both Westercon 69 staff and other event attendees. Visual recording includes both photography and videography.

Some convention spaces or events will prohibit or restrict visual and/or audio recording; signs will be posted indicating such restrictions.

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Signage Policy

Signs at Westercon 69 must be printed on the Doubletree Hilton's template and posted using blue painters tape.

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Guests of Honor

Writer GoH: John Scalzi

John Scalzi has been writing professionally since 1991. He is best known as a writer of science fiction, with several novels in the genre published since 2005, including *Redshirts*, the 2013 winner of the Hugo Award for best novel. Scalzi's novel *Old Man's War* is being adapted into film by Paramount Pictures. Scalzi served as the Creative Consultant on the television show *Stargate: Universe* and wrote a column on science fiction film for the FilmCritic.com site. He was elected president of the Science Fiction and Fantasy Writers of America (SFWA) in 2010.

Artist GoH: Theresa Mather

A professional artist since 1989, Theresa Mather creates fantasy works featuring a variety of unusual creatures. Theresa is an artist who chooses to work outside of gaming and publication, exhibiting and selling her work at science fiction convention art shows across the country. Theresa exhibits at over 70 shows each year and is the recipient of numerous awards, including Popular Choice Best of Show at ConJose, the 2002 Worldcon.

Fan GoH: David Levine

David D. Levine attended his first SF convention in 1977. Since then he's attended over 120 conventions and has worked at many of them in some capacity. He has created many websites including the 1990 Portland Westercon's pioneering website, set up and ran the websites for OryCons 17 through 26 and Oregon Science Fiction Conventions Inc., and still maintains osfci.org and the OryCon and OSFCL mailing lists. He's also a Hugo-winning SF author.

Special Guest: Charlie Stross

Charles Stross, 49, is a full-time science fiction writer and resident of Edinburgh, Scotland. The author of seven Hugo-nominated novels and winner of the 2005 and 2010 Hugo awards for best novella (*The Concrete Jungle*--free to read online--and *Palimpsest*), Stross's works have been translated into twelve

languages. His most recent novels as of July 2014 are *The Rhesus Chart* (*Laundry Files* #6) and *Neptune's Brood* (a tale of interstellar banking skullduggery).

About Portland

There is plenty to do in Portland outside of the convention hotel. The Westercon 69 website has a nice list at <http://westercon69.org/about-portland>; here are some of the most-inquired about choices.

Lloyd Center

Forgot something? One of the largest shopping centers in Oregon, and it's across the street, just north of the Doubletree hotel. Over 100 stores, of nearly every type and price, a large food court—plus an ice skating rink! What more could you want?

Powells City of Books

A book lover's paradise, the largest used and new bookstore in the world. Located in downtown Portland, and occupying an entire city block, the City stocks more than a million new and used books. Nine color coded rooms house over 3,500 different sections, offering something for every interest, including an incredible selection of out-of-print and hard-to-find titles. Don't forget to visit the Rare Book Room. Directions from our hotel: Take the MAX Red, Blue or Green Line to the Streetcar, and Streetcar north to West Burnside Street/Powells.

Voodoo Doughnut & Wedding Chapel

Rumor has it that Voodoo Doughnuts loves to visit Portland science fiction conventions with their doughnut truck. But if a delivery to the convention hotel isn't enough for you, visit the holy gateway of sugary confections yourself. You can even indulge in a wedding ceremony there (legal and non-legal options are available). You can get there by taking the MAX Blue Line to the Skidmore Fountain stop and wandering over to SW 3rd Ave.

Beer & Wine

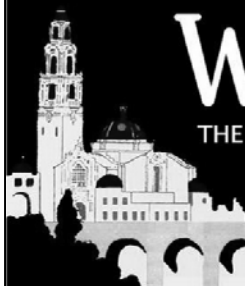
Portland is home to more breweries than any other city on earth. Beer lovers, look no further — in Portland, you'll find 53 breweries, scads of annual beer fests, brew 'n' view movie theaters, beer pairings at fine restaurants and tap lists galore. Driven by winemakers motivated to move their operations closer to where they live and socialize, Portland has nearly a dozen urban wineries.

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**Author GoH: Spider Robinson • Artist GoH: John Picacio
Fan GoH: Seanan McGuire • Special Guest: William F. Nolan
Conjecture GoH: Steven Brust • ConChord GoHs: Vixy & Tony
Interfilk Guests: Morva Bowman & Allan Pollard**

**Everyone but Nolan and Picacio will be on stage singing
Partial recreation of The Place from Spider Robinson's
Callahan's Key and Callahan's Con**

**Through December 31, 2014: \$55 Attending • \$15 Supporting
\$40 Upgraded from Supporting to Attending**