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Dear Chicago in 2000 Presupporter:

The End of Eternity approaches! At least, it sometimes seems that way after three years of Worldcon bidding. Our hearty thanks to all of our presupporters who have given money, time and enthusiasm to the cause. Now we are almost at the last step: the site selection vote itself.

Enclosed is an official site selection ballot for your use. In order to vote, you must be an attending or supporting member of this year's World Science Fiction Convention, LoneStarCon 2. If you haven't yet joined Lone-StarCon, you can do so when you mail in your ballot. Remember that buying a LoneStarCon membership is completely separate from voting. You must pay with a separate check or a credit card. Payments to LoneStar-Con do not count toward the voting fee or toward membership in the Chicago Worldcon.

Casting a vote is the least expensive way to become a member of the Chicago in 2000 Worldcon. By paying the \$40.00 voting fee plus an additional \$25.00 (\$0.00 if you collect 20 or more different "Chicago in 2000" trading cards), you will become an attending member of the Worldcon. When you fill out your ballot and send in your money, you have several options:

- 1. You can send \$40.00. (Make your check payable to "The 58th World Science Fiction Convention".) Later you can become an attending member by paying us an additional \$25.00 or presenting 20 trading cards.
- 2. You can send \$65.00. That payment will make you an attending member. If you later present 20 cards, we will refund \$25.00. (This option is not listed under "Voting Fee" on the ballot, but you may write it in.)
- 3. You can send \$80.00. That, too, will make you an attending member. After the balloting, we will end you a \$15.00 refund (\$40.00 if you present 20 cards).
- 4. Or you can not bother to vote. In that case an attending membership will cost you \$115.00 (\$125.00 for nonpresupporters).

The procedure for turning cards into memberships will be announced at LoneStarCon. Don't forget that these are trading cards; if you don't yet have 20, you can wheel, deal and cajole to make up the deficit.

Voting will be the end of one road but just the beginning of another: preparation for the Worldcon. Help us present the best World Science Fiction Convention of the millennium by requesting a volunteer form. You can get one by either writing to our post office box or sending e-mail to toveal@dttus.com. Please include your name, postal address and e-mail address (if any).

Thank you again for your support, both in the past and in the future.

Very truly yours,

The Chicago Worldcon Bid Committee

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