

Worldcon 76 in San Jose

FANNISH INQUISITION QUESTIONNAIRE

Who will represent your convention at WC76 and how can they be contacted?

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What are the dates for your convention?

- TBD. We are considering dates ranging from mid-August through Labor Day weekend.

Is your convention site in a city center location or a suburb?

- If a suburb, what are the transport options into the city center? How far is the site from the city center?
 - TBD – we are looking at several sites in the Chicagoland area.

What is the typical current airfare to your closest airport from world cities such as Auckland, Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Dublin, Helsinki, London, Los Angeles, Melbourne?

- Based on Expedia searches done in August 2018 for June 2019:
 - Auckland: \$1380-\$1900 (1-2 stops)
 - Boston: \$190-\$300 (nonstop available)
 - Chicago: FREE!!!
 - Dallas: \$350-\$430 (nonstop available)
 - Dublin: \$480-\$1000+ (nonstop available)
 - Helsinki: \$660-\$860 (nonstop available)
 - London: \$375-\$670 (nonstop available)
 - Los Angeles: \$355-\$370 (nonstop available)
 - Melbourne: \$1260-\$2000 (1-2 stops)
- Is your closest airport a hub for a major carrier?
- Do international flights, as well as domestic, fly into your local airport?
- If not, where is the closest international airport?
- Which airlines service your airport?
 - Most major carriers, both domestic and international, can be found at O'Hare, with the exception of Southwest, which has their hub at Midway. O'Hare is a hub for both American Airlines and United Airlines.

How far is your convention site from the nearest airport/train station and what is the likely cost of getting to the hotels by both public transport and taxi from that airport/train station?

- There are multiple transportation options. Union Station (Amtrak train) and Greyhound (Bus) are both downtown.
- The Blue Line elevated train comes in from O'Hare Airport, and the Orange Line from Midway.

Mode	Cost: O'Hare to downtown	Travel time: O'Hare to downtown	Cost: Midway to downtown	Travel time: Midway to downtown
CTA trains	\$5 or less*	45 min	\$2.25 or less*	25 min
Taxi	around \$40	25-90 min	around \$25	15-40 min
Shuttle Van Services	over \$25	25-90 min	over \$15	15-40 min

What hotel(s) are being used for the convention?

- How many rooms?
- How many Singles/Doubles/Kings?
- What other types of rooms are available? How many are handicap accessible?
- Are there any accessibility issues?

- What are your hotel room rates?
- Do these rates include breakfast?
- Do they include internet in the room?

- What is the distance from the main hotel(s) to the closest entrance of the convention site?
- What are the transportation options for those who prefer not to walk or who have mobility difficulties?

Please describe your convention site facilities. For example, the quantity and sizes of function rooms, tech options, accessibility issues, etc.

- We are talking with multiple venues in downtown Chicago and one suburban location. No decisions have been made regarding hotel / convention facilities.

Where will your large events (for example the Hugo Ceremony and Masquerade) be held?

- TBD

Please describe the restaurant scene near your site.

- Chicago is a world-class city for restaurants.

What are the policies/laws regarding smoking at your:

- Hotel(s): Some hotels have smoking rooms
- Convention Center: No smoking or vaping allowed in convention facilities
- City: No smoking or vaping in enclosed public spaces
https://www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/cdph/supp_info/inspections---permitting/smoke_free_illinoisact.html

What type of weather can we expect at the time of year your convention is to be held?

- Average temperatures in August are 63-82F / 17-28C

What are some of the main tourist attractions of your city?

- Museums – The Art Institute of Chicago, The Museum of Science and Industry, The Adler Planetarium, Shedd Aquarium, Field Museum of Natural History, and Museum of Contemporary Art, to name a few.
- Parks – Millennium Park and Grant Park (home to Buckingham Fountain) are both downtown. Both have several free music festivals and other events during the summer.
- Arts – There are several Broadway-quality theaters in downtown, and dozens throughout the city as a whole. Orchestra Hall, home of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, is downtown, as is the Lyric Opera.
- Sports – during the summer, there are opportunities to see the World Series Champion Chicago Cubs and Chicago White Sox (baseball) and the Chicago Fire and Chicago Red Stars (soccer).
- And more! Too much to name here.

What arrangements will be made for evening socializing and party space?

- Do you have a corkage waiver and a forklage waiver?
 - TBD

Do you currently have a code of conduct in place for your bid/convention?

- If so, what is it?
- If not, do you intend to have one?
 - We are currently developing our Code of Conduct.

Are you planning to have any membership discounts for specific groups, such as young adults, military, seniors or families?

- TBD