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## Phoenix in '93 WorldCon Bid

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## **Knowledgeable Committee**

Terry Gish -- Bid Chair
Chair of 4 conventions including
WesterCon 41
Randy Rau -- Bid Treasurer

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Bruce Farr -- Vice-Chair Chair of 3 conventions including CactusCon, the 1987 NASFIC Plus a Cast of Hundreds **Co-Operative Facilities** 

Phoenix Civic Plaza Phoenix Hyatt Regency Sheraton Phoenix

All Facilities have hosted several successful science fiction conventions including the 1978 Worldcon, CactusCon, WesterCon 35, WesterCon 41, CopperCons, and LepreCons, and will host the 1988 SmofCon

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The prospects of Phoenix hosting the 1993 Worldcon are looking very bright as we hear from more fans from across the country. We and our representatives are planning to host over 20 parties in this next year, kicking our active campaign into a full gallop.

Speaking of active... Phoenix fandom has just about completed a very active two years, with two major conventions, its two annual conventions (CopperCon and LepreCon), and three annual relaxacon-style Fan Gatherings. We hosted the 1987 North American Science Fiction Convention (aka. NASFiC or CactusCon) when the Worldcon was held in Brighton, England. CactusCon was a smashing success with over 3100 fans attending from all over the country for the 6 event-days. WesterCon 41 was held on the 4th of July weekend of 1988 with 1600 members attending. Still to go this year is SMOFCon (coming in December), the international convention for convention-runners which gives us a real opportunity to share the experience we have gained and pick up pointers from the rest of the world's best con organizers.

What does it take to run a good Worldcon? More than anything else, experience! To have walked that road before. Know what works from having done it. Phoenix's bid leadership of Terry Gish, Randy Rau, and Bruce Farr, have chaired CactusCon, WesterCons 35 and 41, 1985 World Fantasy Convention, and numerous other conventions. (Bruce is the chair of SMOFCon and Terry will be doing hospitality.) In addition the rest of our board (Eric Hansen, Margaret Grady, Doreen Webbert and Doug Cosper) and many of our associate bid committee members have either chaired conventions or worked as committee on many conventions ranging from small locals to conventions national in scope. We also have almost 200 people locally with convention working experience and we have worked with fans from all over the country. Our bid leadership has had committee and staff postions on no less than 14 upcoming or past Worldcons and NASFiCs.

Facilities and Hotels? We have some of the best. The Civic Plaza (Across from the Hyatt Regency) has doubled in size since Phoenix hosted the 1978 Worldcon. In fact, for NASFiC we only had to use half of the available space. When you add the hotel's (currently) 50,000 square feet of funtion space to the Plaza's over 300,000 square feet of flexible space, you find more than enough room for a wonderful Worldcon. As to sleeping rooms, once the planned third major hotel is completed there will be 2000 available rooms within 2 blocks of the Plaza. And perhaps, best of all the newly landscaped Plaza Courtyard will be a shady and cool oasis in the heart of the convention.

Again, experience counts! The two established major hotels in downtown Phoenix have hosted 2 WesterCons, a NASFiC, a Worldcon, and 10 other science fiction conventions in the last 11 years. All of these conventions have had one or more of our committee working with the hotels as chair, hotel liaison, treasurer, or some other key position. These hotels know what fans are and what we are about and are more than willing to work with us in making things fun for you.

Become a Pre-supporting Member now! For your five-spot you'll recieve bid newsletters, a chance at winning a beautiful turquoise, coral, and sterling silver squash blossom necklace and concho belt (If we win!), and the exhilarting experience of backing a winning team. Our Prospecting Wizard has already found it, and you can find it too. Come help us find the gold of a great Worldcon.

P.S. If any of you wonderful folks would like to join our bid as an associate member or help us host some of those fun bid parties at a convention near you, just ask any of the Phoenix crew for details.

