The Worldcon Disambiguation Communicator

Sat Dec 18 PM

Sun AM Program Changes

8:30 AM: Are We Keeping Our Homes Too Clean? Congressional On-Site Viewing (Virtual) - Rodrigo Juri dropped off

10:00 AM: The Phylogenetic Tree of Space Opera, Blue Room - Arkady Martine, Catherynne Valente dropped 10:00 AM: Fanwork Factions, Cabinet Room - Moyed

10:00 AM: DisCon III Feedback – Sunday, Forum Room - Mary Robinette Kowal added. New item

10:00 AM: Horror in Popular Music, Harris (Virtual) - Seanan McGuire dropped. Eddie Louise, Thomas Whitmore, Kat Kourbeti, Sarah Pinsker added

10:00 AM: Sound and Color: A Graphic Novel Primer, Congressional On-Site Viewing (Virtual) - Charles Vess dropped

11:30 AM: Assembling an Anthology, Blue Room - Wendy Van Camp dropped. Kate JohnsTon added.

11:30 AM: Anime and Manga in Translation, Calvert Room - Dana L Little, Nick Mamatas, Nino Cipri dropped. Peter A. Behravesh assigned as mod; Nibedita added.

11:30 AM: Asteroid Mining and the Global Economy, Diplomat Ballroom - Bob Hranek dropped off.

11:30 AM: Science Fiction Movies Across the World, Older - Mazi Nwonwu dropped. Dilman Dila added. 11:30 AM: Kaffeeklatsch with Lindsay

11:30 AM: Kaffeeklatsch with Lindsa Ellis, Suite 325 - Rescheduled

11:30 AM: Songwriting Tips from the Pegasus Award Nominees, Thomas (Virtual) - Batya Wittenberg, Lawrence Dean, Summer Loraine Russell added

Lost & Found

Found – Jewelry piece – metal with stone. Lost & Found is in the Senate Room (con-ops)

Pandas at the Zoo

One of the zookeepers told me that the pandas are taken into their indoors habitat around 1-2pm. Apparently, some time ago a panda climbed up a tree and stayed there until 7:30pm or so, frustrating zookeepers, as the pandas don't stay out overnight. Not having seen the pandas on Thursday and bewildered by their absence, I returned to the zoo on Friday and was finally able to locate them indoors, ensconced in bamboo. chewing on bamboo. Mei Xiang even has a new cub (who was fast asleep on Friday afternoon), born a year ago, at Mei Xiang's then geriatric age of 22. Be sure to check the indoor habitat for the pandas if you don't see them roaming around otherwise. -- D.A. Xiaolin Spires

Site Selection Winner

Chengdu in 2023 won the site selection for the 2023 WorldCon on the first ballot with 2006 votes, including 1950 pre-con. Winnipeg in '23 had 807 votes, including 332 pre-con. The withdrawn 2023 Memphis bid had 7 votes. None of the Above had 6 votes, Free Hong Kong had 3, Taipei had 2, and several others got 1 vote. 75 ballots had no preference and 7 were invalid.

On Your Mark

Because there is no Business Meeting on Sunday, the WSFS Mark Protection Committee will meet at 10 AM in the Palladian Room, the space where the Business Meetings were held. Listings for later meetings of the MPC can be disregarded. The MPC is the only permanent body of WSFS, and manages the society's intellectual property such as the service marks "Worldcon" and "Hugo Award." The meeting is open to all members of the convention.

Business Meeting

The WSFS Business Meeting on Saturday opened with site selection results and congratulating Chengdu. The meeting heard reports and asked questions of Chicon 8, and Glasgow, the only 2024 bidder.

One Episode per Series, which would have reduced the number of episodes from the same short dramatic presentation series on a ballot from two to one, was defeated.

A proposal to incorporate into the Constitution the rules regarding the deadline for submitting new business and submitting reports to the Meeting passed, as did a rule requiring that Worldcons only share the contact details of their members with the following Worldcon if the member had consented to the data sharing.

An amendment changing deadlines in the constitution from months to days passed without objection.

A proposal regarding changing the rules on transfer of contact information between Worldcons was referred to a special committee.

A proposal for non-transferability of Voting Rights would split the membership into a non-transferrable "WSFS membership" with voting rights and a WorldCon membership with the right to attend the convention. This would make WSFS memberships more like that of professional organizations. This passed 35-22.

A proposal to create a Best Audiobook Hugo Award category was referred to the Hugo Awards Study Committee.

Those proposals that passed this year will be sent to Chicon 8, where they will have to be ratified by the WSFS Business Meeting there before they become part of the constitution.

Will all business concluded, the Business Meeting adjourned and will not meet again this year. There will be no Business Meeting on Sunday.

DeeCee's News Issue 7, Sat PM

Fan Fund Pickup

Several fans made the winning bid for items at the Fan Funds Table that did not go to auction. These items include:

T-Shirt: Blah, blah, Blah DiamondVision—-high bid by Julie Amundsen

Rocket Rubber Stamp & Gold Glitter— -high bid by Ruth Lichtwardt

Santa Buckee Stuffed Animal—-high bid by Eva Whitley

Please stop by the Fan Funds table in the Exhibit Hall to pick up and pay for your item between 10am & 2pm on Sunday. Cash, check or PayPal accepted.

Masquerade Pickup

Conrad Avery-Davis and Eva L. Elasigue – Your award certificates are in the Executive Room.

Sideways Award

The winners for the 2019 and 2020 Sidewise awards were announced this afternoon at DisCon III. The winners are:

2019 Short Form: Harry Turtledove. "Christmas Truce" *Asimov's*, November 2019.

2019 Long Form: Annalee Newitz. *The Future of Another Timeline*. Tor, 2019.

2020 Short Form: Matthew Kresal. "Moonshot". *Alternate Australias* (ed. Jared Kavanagh), Sea Lion Press, 2020.

2020 Long Form: Adrian Tchaikovsky. *The Doors of Eden*. Pan McMillan, 2020.

Saturday Night Parties

730 - Capclave Party, 8-?

520 – After the Hugos, Fan-vid Watching Party

825 – 9PM to Infinity Chengdu Worldcon Party

525 – PM - ? Winnipeg Finish Us Off Party

DisCon II Get Together

Would attendees of DisCon II be interested in getting together and talk about memories of long ago. Sunday morning in the hotel lobby – say 9am

Freas Posters Picked

To the person who left the set of Kelly Freas Apollo posters on the Freebie table: As I said to John Hertz, if a kilogram gold ingot had been sitting next to them, I would have faced a difficult choice. I fully mean to display and use them in a manner which honors the intent with which they were created – C.D. "publius" Carson.

Afghan Restaurant Reviews

The Afghan Grill (2309 Calvert Street (202) 234-5095, http://www.afghangrilldc.com/ We were delighted with the food, service and menu. Note - you enter up a flight of narrow stairs.

Once inside you are welcomed by the savory smells of fresh bread, kabobs, and minty vogurt goodness. Bread arrived first and was addictive with a cilantro oil for dipping. We started with the Aushak, leek dumplings with a yogurt meat sauce. Perfect for sharing-maybe enough for a light meal. Then Aaron had the Korma Chalao, which he found to be more tomatoey than the familiar sweet vellow Indian Korma. He loved it and the rice. I had a chicken kabob which served with a refreshing cucumber salad and the same yummy rice. The portions were generous with entrees priced about \$15-\$20.

Coffee lovers should not miss the chance to have a Turkish Coffee and dessert lovers will find the baklava to be light, and somehow more dense, than a sticky Greek Baklava. We highly recommend the Afghan Grill and plan to return. -- Shell Gosztyla

Keep the Fun of WorldCon

WorldCon is almost over but this doesn't have to be the end of your science fiction fun. Most cities have conventions of their own and science fiction clubs. Look on the web, the backpages of Asimov's, the flyer racks here, and ask friends if they know of anything. Meetup.com also is a great source of info on clubs and book discussion groups. If there is nothing where you live, start one. Most conventions will let you post flyers (or mail them) and may give you information about local attendees.

District Kitchen Review

If you're looking for upscale American comfort food, check out District Kitchen. The restaurant delivers wellexecuted versions of such staples as meatloaf, steak and fries, mac & cheese, etc. One of their offerings is your choice of appetizer, main entree and dessert for \$35, a decent value. The host warned us ahead of time that the kitchen was short staffed and the wait would be longer than usual on Friday night, but we weren't starving by the time the food arrived. To make up for the delay, the host offered us an additional dessert (which we declined) and gave us a discount. The excellent service was much appreciated! -Marisa Ong

Observations

If you look very closely at your irises in the mirrors in the hotel guest rooms, they look almost square from the rectangular lights. - Jack Rosenstein

Panel Ponderings

Sue Burke said, "I hate Zoom." Someone in the audience replied, "Zoom hates you back!" Burke quickly responded, "That explains a lot."



I DON'T CARE WHO YOU ARE! NO EATING IN THE HALLS!

Staff box: Chair Mary Robinette Kowal, Comms head Adam Beaton, Editor Sam Lubell, Business Kevin Standlee, Art Jaque Davison.