

NEWSLETTER OF THE TEXAS IN 2013 WORLDCON BID

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Welcome Presupporters:

Thank you for your continued support and encouragement over the past several years as we have bid to host the 2013 Worldcon in San Antonio, Texas. You are appreciated.

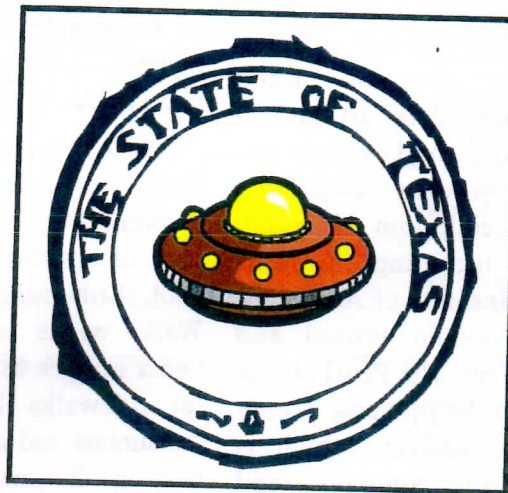
To bring the 2013 Worldcon to San Antonio, you must be a member of Renovation and vote for Texas in 2013 with the attached Site Selection ballot. We have made this an easy process by including a self-addressed, stamped envelope with this mailing for just this purpose.

Attending and supporting memberships in Renovation are available until July 17th, 2011. You may join online at: <http://www.renovation-sf.org>, or if you want to sign up by mail, you can download and print a PDF version of their standard membership form found at: <http://www.renovationsf.org/downloads/membership-form.pdf> and mail it to:

Renovation

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Portland, OR 97213-0278, USA



You can either mail in your Site Selection ballots early or you may have it brought directly to Reno by yourself or your designated agent. You do not have to attend Renovation to make your vote count.

The deadline for receipt of mail-in ballots is July 31st, 2011. Voting at the convention will end at 6:00 pm PDT on Friday, August 19th, 2011.

The choice is yours. We thank you for your support!

We will be throwing our final bid parties on Wednesday and Thursday nights at Renovation in the Atlantis Hotel and hope to see you there. We will also be hosting a

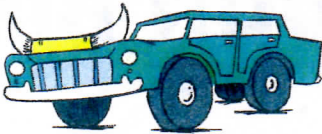
thank-you party on Saturday night and hope to see many of you there. As encouragement for our bid we would like to highlight our convention center, hotels and city.

Facilities

We will be using the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center located in downtown with the renowned River Walk only steps outside. The Convention Center boasts two halls (each over 120,000 square feet), large ballrooms, and scores of smaller meeting rooms. We have selected the Marriott Rivercenter and Marriott Riverwalk as our host hotels. They are literally across the street from each other, the Riverwalk hotel is directly across the street from the convention center and the Marriott Rivercenter is connected to the Rivercenter Mall with dozens of shops and restaurants. The mall, hotels and convention center are linked by the world-famous Paseo del Rio (River Walk), a portion of the San Antonio River. You can easily walk below street level from one to another, avoiding traffic and enjoying the cool, shaded comfort of the San Antonio River.

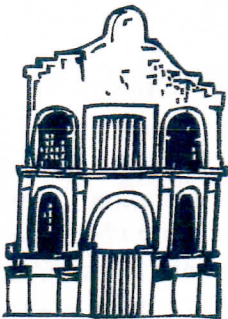
Welcome to San Antonio!

(Deep in the Heart of Texas)



San Antonio is currently the seventh-largest city in the US and sits at the crossroads of IH-10, which goes from east to west, and IH-35, which goes from north to south.

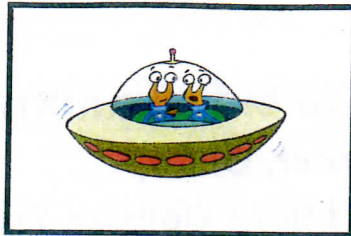
San Antonio is home to the Alamo, symbol of Texas liberty and freedom.



(Fun Fact: San Antonio is also home to the world's largest wooden roller coaster at Fiesta Texas.)

Market Square, or El Mercado, in downtown San Antonio is patterned after an authentic Mexican market. From early morning until late at night, fans can browse through the 32 shops. In addition, there are 80 specialty shops in Farmers Market Plaza. This is the largest Mexican marketplace outside of Mexico.

Things to Do!



The River Walk is currently being expanded and has opened the first phase, adding an additional two miles linking it with the San Antonio Museum of Art, famous for its Latin American folk art collection, and The Pearl, an historic brewery converted into a collection of restaurants, including the Culinary Institute of America's San Antonio school and restaurant. The Pearl also is host to the producer's only farmers market, which is open on Sundays and Wednesdays.

The downtown area features the Cathedral of San Fernando, HemisFair Park (home of the Tower of the Americas and the Institute of Texan Cultures), La Villita (an art community), El Mercado, the Spanish Governor's Palace, and the historic Menger Hotel. On the northern side of the Alamo complex, beside the Emily Morgan Hotel, is the San Antonio Cavalry Mu-

seum, which features cavalry artifacts and exhibits and is frequented by local re-enactors.

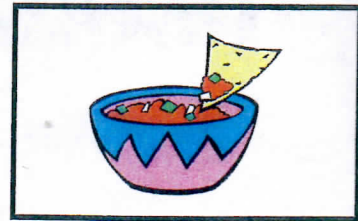
San Antonio has an amazing zoo! The San Antonio Zoological Gardens and Aquarium is a bus ride away, and is next to Brackenridge Park, home of the Japanese Gardens.

(Fun Fact: The zoo's bird collection is now one of the world's largest, and contains the world's second-largest aviary.)

And of course the River Walk is mere steps from the convention. Even in the heat of summer, this is a cool, shady walk. The River Walk winds and loops under bridges as two parallel sidewalks lined with restaurants and shops, connecting the major tourist draws from the Alamo to Rivercenter mall, to the



Arneson River Theatre close to La Villita, to HemisFair Park, to the Tower Life Building, to the San Antonio Museum of Art.



A Con Runs on Its Stomach!

What food comes to mind when you think of San Antonio? Tex-Mex, of course! But while you will find some of the spiciest, most flavorful Tex-Mex (and regional Mexican) food downtown, you will also find barbeque, steaks, seafood, burgers, Chinese, Japanese, and more! Have tacos for breakfast and fajitas for lunch, and don't limit yourself--that tiny place you pass on the way to the convention may be the best food you've ever had.

Downtown and the River Walk offer multiple and varying offerings of restaurants and shopping opportunities to satisfy even the most eclectic of fans...



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71st World Science Fiction Convention – 2013 Site Selection Ballot

Voter Identification (please print or type clearly)

Name	
Address	
Address 2 nd line	
City	State
Country	ZIP/Postal Code
e-mail address (optional)	
Signature – Unsigned ballots will be considered "No Preference" if otherwise valid	

Credit Card Details (please print or type):

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Name as it appears on the card	
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Expiration Date	Cardholder Billing Zip/Postal Code
Cardholder Signature	Date

Credit card charges will be made in US Dollars and will appear as "Reno Convention Fandom".

Eligibility to Vote (select only one)

You must be an attending, young adult or supporting member of Renovation to vote.

___ I am a member of Renovation. My membership number (if known) is _____.
(Your membership number may be found on the mailing labels of our pre-convention publications. Do not use your Hugo Voting PIN. You may still vote even if you do not know your membership number.)

___ I am not a member of Renovation. I wish to purchase a supporting membership in Renovation for \$50.

(The following choices are only available until **July 17th, 2011**. After that date, please join at the door and vote at the convention.)

___ I am not a member of Renovation. I wish to purchase a Young Adult membership in Renovation for \$100.

___ I am not a member of Renovation. I wish to purchase an attending membership in Renovation for \$195.

Select payment method for Renovation membership:

___ I enclose a check, money order, or traveler's check payable to "Renovation"
___ I authorize Renovation to charge my credit card for the amount indicated above in US dollars

Advance Membership (Voting) Fee (select only one)

This buys your supporting membership in the 71st Worldcon.

___ I enclose a check, money order, or traveler's check for \$60 made out to "71st Worldcon".

___ I authorize Renovation to charge \$60 to my credit card (details in the next column)

We must receive mail in ballots by July 31st, 2011.

At-con voting will close at 6:00 PM PDT on Friday, August 19th, 2011.

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Texas in 2013

Dates: August 29 – September 2, 2013

Bid Committee: William Parker (bid chair), Cathy Beckwith (treasurer), Karen Meschke, Randy Shepherd, Tim Miller, Kimm Antell, Pat Virzi, Laura Domitz, Kurt Baty, Fred Duarte.

Facilities: San Antonio, TX:
Henry B Gonzalez Convention Center
Marriott Rivercenter
Marriott Riverwalk

Website: <http://www.texasin2013.org/>

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Write-in

In order to win, a Write-in bid must file the required paperwork with Renovation before the close of voting.

No Preference

Equivalent to an abstention or blank ballot, a vote for No Preference means that, when it becomes your highest remaining choice, you don't care which bid wins. We will not count any choices numbered after this choice.

None of the Above

A vote for None of the Above indicates that you are opposed to all of the bids. If None of the Above wins, the WSFS Business Meeting at Renovation will select the site.

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Everyone who votes will become a supporting member of the selected 71st Worldcon

Rules (Please read carefully):

1. To be eligible to vote, you must be a living, natural person and either an attending, young adult, or supporting member of Renovation. Ballots cast for memberships held by non-natural persons, such as "Guest of" memberships, clubs, toys, et cetera, may only be voted as No Preference.
2. If you are not a member of Renovation and wish to vote by mail, you may become an attending, young adult, or supporting member by filling out the form on the reverse side of this ballot and sending a separate check for the appropriate fee made out to "Renovation". You may, if you prefer, charge your Renovation membership to one of the major credit cards listed overleaf. Do not mail cash.
3. You must include the Site Selection Advance Supporting Membership (Voting) fee of \$60.00 US. This payment automatically makes you a supporting member of the 2013 Worldcon. Make checks payable to "71st Worldcon." You may, if you wish, charge your Site Selection fee to one of the major credit cards listed overleaf. Do not mail cash.
4. You may cast your ballot by mail or in person at Renovation. Mail your ballot to Site Selection at the address listed below. **The deadline for receipt of mail-in ballots is July 31st, 2011.** Voting at the convention will end at **6 PM PDT on Friday, August 19th, 2011.**
5. Voting: Site Selection ballots are tallied by preferential balloting procedures. The winner is the first bid to receive a majority of those ballots expressing a preference. This means that you should indicate your favorite selection with a "1," your next favorite with a "2," and so on. If you mark an "X" with no other marks, that will count as a "1" for that bid and no other preferences.
6. After filling out both sides of the ballot, fold the ballot along the dashed line below then tape the fold shut at the solid line, in order to conceal your vote from casual viewing prior to the ballot count.
7. Include your name and address on your ballot. **You must sign your ballot.** In addition to being used to validate the ballot, we will provide the voter's name and address to the winning bid, so that they know who their members are.

Mailing Instructions:

8. Mark your vote and fill in the membership and payment details on the other side of this sheet.
9. Fold the bottom edge of the ballot up to the line with this side out, and tape or staple closed.
10. Mail the ballot, and any payment necessary, to Site Selection at the address listed on this side of this sheet. You may authorize someone else to deliver your ballot to the convention for you.

For the full details of the rules, see Article 4 of the WSFS Constitution. If you have any questions regarding this ballot or the application of Article 4 to the selection of the 71st Worldcon contact us at the address below or at siteselection@renovationsf.org.

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