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NYCON MEMBERSHIP OVER 1150; MORE MEMBERSHIPS STILL COMING IN: The NYCon 3 or 25th World Science Fiction

Convention now has over 1150 memberships, the largest pre-convention registration in the history of science fiction conventions. Without any publicity, save in IF, ANALOG, & F&SF, plus the fan press and word of mouth, memberships have been coming in at the rate of from 20 a week (during lulls) to over 50 a week (immediately after publication of F&SF and IF). The response has been, to quote a well-worn phrase, "overwhelming." That the response has almost completely overwhelmed SF Weekly is plain to see; another comparison might be that of sizes of program books.

While the TRICON was a very large convention, it's (or maybe its') Program Book was 68 pages in length, counting covers. The NYCon 3 Program & Memory Book will be 120 pages counting covers, with so many ads received that several had to be returned at the last minute. In addition to what is the largest proportion of professional publishers' advertising in the history of sf conventions, the P&M Book contains articles, artwork, a contents page, and page numbers, which makes it perhaps the most impressive and ambitious program book ever published. In the words of the committee, "Gosh wow!"

The membership breakdown, based on 1145 available memberships (of 1146 exactly, as of 8/29/67) follows. Several states make very strong showings, and foreign memberships are also quite high.

NEW YORK 318	TEXAS 18	GEORGIA 5	ARKANSAS 2
NEW JERSEY 96	INDIANA 18	NEW MEXICO 5	OKLAHOMA 2
OHIO 88	CONNECTICUT 17	N. CAROLINA 5	VIRGINIA 2
CALIF. 76	MISSOURI 17	IOA 5	KENTUCKY 2
PENNA. 58	FLORIDA 13	MISSIS. 5	N. HAMPSHIRE 2
MASSACHU. 43	MINNESOTA 10	LOUISIANA 5	MAINE 2
MICHIGAN 41	TENN. 9	WISCONSIN 4	HAWAII 1
ILLINOIS 39	WASHINGTON 6	OREGON 4	ALABAMA 1
MARYLAND 37	DELAWARE 6	MONTGOM. 3	IDAHO 1
VIRGINIA 22	COLORADO 6	KANSAS 3	PUEERTO RICO 1
DIST. COL. 12	RHODE ISL. 6	S. CAROLINA 3	
CANADA 31	N. GERMANY 6	SPAIN 1	
UNITED KINGDOM 13	SWEDEN 4	SWITZERLAND 1	
AUSTRALIA 10	FRANCE 1	ITALY 1	

This list, revised to include attendees at the convention, will be published in a slightly different form in the final report of the NYCon 3.

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