

FAN GUEST OF HONOR

In PR1 we presented some information about our Pro Guest of Honor. In PR2 we present our Fan Guest of Honor, Robert Lichtman, writing a bit about himself.

Robert Lichtman: A Fannish Autobiography

My first appearance was in 1942, but due to mundane considerations I didn't discover fandom until 1958, when I ran across Robert Bloch's fanzine review column in an odd issue of William Hamling's IMAGINATION, a now long-vanished prozine. I'd seen fanzine review columns before that, in yellowing and crumbling issues of AMAZING from the 1940's on frequent visits to large used book stores in Hollywood (Larsen's on Sunset near Western, if you remember it). Rog Phillips' "Clubhouse" columns showed me an interesting world of fanzines and s-f clubs spread around the country and, apparently, the world; but somehow it didn't occur to me that such a phenomenon might still exist until Bloch's column proved otherwise. I promptly taped some quarters to 3x5 cards, rendering them "sticky," and soon received my Very First Fanzines (OOPSLA, GRUE and A BAS being the first three). Fantisted by these, I sent away for more and soon was hooked on fandom, most especially "fannish" fandom, a vice which has persisted, with interruptions, to this day.

Publication of my own fanzine soon followed. The first issue of my first genzine, PSI-PHI, appeared in the waning months of 1958, coedited with Arv Underman, whose father was a paper salesman (thus, free paper) and who had a ditto machine. I had just turned 16. We sent this rather typical (i.e., pretty awful but promising) first issue to some 75 unsuspecting fans, names and addresses culled from the Bloch columns and from the letter and fanzine review sections of the handful of fanzines I'd received up to that point. To our considerable amazement, it was actually somewhat well received. Letters of comment and even contributions towards a next issue trickled in. PSI-PHI went on to publish seven issues as a genzine, though Arv dropped out after the sixth issue when he left Los Angeles to attend university in the Bay Area. (He became a doctor and eventually returned to Southern California. Some years back, my parents sent me a newspaper shot of him holding a dead snake which had been found by some unsuspecting person in his mailbox, it having been placed there by disgruntled Synanoners. Arv treated that person's snakebites.)

During this time I began joining apas. After PSI-PHI folded, for several years I published most of my fanzines in apas. In those days, there were only a handful of fannish apas, and gradually I became a member of all of them. But by 1963, the time seemed right for a return to genzine publishing.

With the connivance of Greg and Jim Benford, Calvin Demmon and Don Fitch, I launched FRAP, a bimonthly ultra-fannish fanzine that actually appeared on schedule for the one year of its existence and was very well received. It was done in by the ugliness of the Walter Breen affair, which wiped out a lot of fannish fandom's momentum at the time. I once again retreated into the apas, though fewer of them, and my fannish activity receded gradually until by the end of the decade I was primarily active (barely) publishing for FAPA and writing letters of comment to the genzines that showed up.

In 1971, I went to The Farm, a commune in Tennessee, and my fan activity went into nearly complete hibernation. When I returned to California in 1980 and began working with Paul Williams, I once again began seeing other fanzines. Ted White and Dan Steffan began publishing PONG that fall and I avidly read the early issues that arrived at Paul's door. They were fannish as hell (you never forget what "fannish" is like) but because fandom had so many new players, they also had an air of being something fresh and new. Yet somehow desirable. Soon it was too much to continue to semi-ignore and I wrote a letter of comment, a dangerous move marking the end of my gafiation.

In 1983 I started publishing a genzine again, TRAP DOOR, which has now seen twenty-one issues and received Hugo nominations in 1987 and 1992. I also rejoined SAPS and FAPA, two of the apas I'd been in during the '60s, and am still active in both of them. I'm the current Secretary-Treasurer of FAPA, fandom's oldest apa which currently has a non-existent waiting list. (Drop me e-mail at robertlichtman@yahoo.com if you're interested in joining.) And I'm in two small invitational apas as well.

In 1989 fandom awarded me the honor of being that year's TAFF delegate. My trip took me to Jersey in the Channel Islands, just fourteen miles off the coast of France, to a British National Convention (Eastercon). At about 800 attendees, it seemed small to me but it was apparently one of the larger Eastercons. I also traveled considerably in England and Wales, mostly by train except for one memorable drive from Bristol to Llangorse, Wales. My trip also included a flight to Northern Ireland, where I spent several days with Walt and Madeleine Willis, also visiting with James and Peggy White. Before Eastercon, I also spent one rather memorable evening with fellow SFPA waitlister Linda Krawecka, her former hubby Greg, Alun Harries and Abi Frost. But I'd better stop before I begin writing my trip report, something I've not managed except for bits and pieces. I like to think my continued participation in fandom, publishing fanzines and all, is of more significance. Yes, it's a rationalization, but it's *my* rationalization and I'm sticking with it.

- - Robert Lichtman

CONAGERIE - WESTERCON 55

Hotel Information

*****New, Lower Room Rates!!!!!!*****

HOTEL DESCRIPTION

The Radisson Hotel at Los Angeles International Airport, located at the entrance of the airport (within walking distance from Terminal One!), completed an \$18,000,000 renovation in July 2001 (really, honest – the scaffolding is down!). Each of the 600 newly remodeled guest rooms include an oversized desk, 2 – two-line telephones with data port & speakerphone, iron & ironing board, upgraded bathrooms with granite vanity & marble tile floor, hair dryer, coffee maker and a 25 inch television. The hotel offers complimentary 24-hour shuttle service to LAX, an Olympic size outdoor heated swimming pool & whirlpool, 24-hour fitness center, 24-hour business center, 42,000 square feet of meeting space, and Starbucks coffee.

NEW SLEEPING ROOMS RATES (still a 2-tiered system so PLEASE PAY ATTENTION!!!)

Single (1 person, 1 bed), double (2 people, 1 bed), double double (2 people, 2 beds), triple (3 people, 2 beds), and quad (4 people, 2 beds) rooms are available at the special convention rate of **\$95** per night (plus occupancy/sales tax which is currently 14.1% combined) **if reserved before May 31, 2002**. You procrastinators, i.e. those reserving a room after May 31st will pay \$115 (plus occupancy/sales tax, of course!).

These rates are based on a maximum of 4 persons to a room on existing bed arrangements. Additional beds are \$25 each per night. Westercon rates are good from 6/29 through 7/10. Check-in time is after 3pm and checkout time is before 12 pm. Baggage storage areas will be available for early arrivals and late departures.

Reservations can be made via the accompanying reservation form (either mailed or faxed to the hotel), by calling either the hotel directly or Radisson Central Reservations, or from the Radisson LAX web site. When calling either the hotel direct or central reservations, you must mention Westercon 2002 in order to get the convention rate.

As is customary, all reservations must be guaranteed, either with a credit card or payment of one nights room rental. Please note that a \$50 deposit per night is required upon check-in of all guests who will settle their accounts by cash. Cancellations should be received 72 hours before your stated arrival in order to avoid being charged for the first night's stay.

SUITES

A limited number of parlor and 1-bedroom suites are available for \$125 per night. Because of the limited number available, suites must be reserved through the convention rather than

through the hotel directly. The Westercon Suite Czar, Ben Yalow, will monitor suite inventory and any reservations or requests for information should be made through him. Ben can be reached at ybmcu@panix.com.

To reserve a suite, please complete the standard room reservation form (enclosed) using the SUITE option and send it to WESTERCON SUITES, P.O. Box 8442, Van Nuys, CA 91409. Please do not send the completed form directly to the hotel. Please do not call the hotel or Radisson's Central Reservations to reserve a suite. It will only confuse them.

AIRPORT SHUTTLE

The **Radisson Hotel at Los Angeles Airport** offers 24-hour shuttle service from LAX. Shuttles run every 20 minutes and can be hailed from the "red zone" outside of the baggage claim area.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS

Best way from the South: 405 Freeway north, exit Century Blvd. west; 1 mile west on Century Blvd. (past the ramp into LAX), turn right on Vicksburg street & into parking lot for self-parking or turn right into the front of the hotel for valet parking.

Best way from the North: 405 Freeway south, exit Century Blvd. west; 1 mile west on Century Blvd. (past the ramp into LAX), turn right on Vicksburg street & into parking lot for self-parking or turn right into the front of the hotel for valet parking.

Best way from the East: 105 west, exit Sepulveda North/LAX Airport; north on Sepulveda through tunnel & past Airport/Century East off ramp; bear right after ramp to stop light (hotel will be in front of you, slightly to your left); proceed straight ahead on Vicksburg street & into the parking lot for self parking or turn left on Century to the front of the hotel for valet parking.

PARKING

There are a variety of parking rate options available to Wester-Con 55 attendees:

- Self park day rate - \$5 per 12 hour period with no "in & out" privileges
- Self park guest of hotel rate - \$10 per 24 hour period, unlimited "in & out" privileges
- Valet park day rate - \$7 per 12 hour period with no "in & out" privileges
- Valet park guest of hotel rate - \$14 per 24 hour period, unlimited "in & out" privileges
- Over-sized vehicle rate – as above per parking space taken up by vehicle.

- - Bobbi Armbruster

CON SUITE

Welcome to the Conagerie convention suite. In honor of Westercon 55's theme we thought of calling ourselves "The Arena, a place where fans can gather to hoot, howl, meow, bark, and growl at each other before they advance toward their just desserts." But then we considered that perhaps that would be more of an inducement to violence than we would like, so the idea has been temporarily shelved.

So, for now, we continue to hunt through the menagerie of ideas on our plates for the perfect way to reflect and expand upon the convention's theme and guests for our name and banner. No need to wait for our theme though, to hear a little of what is in store for the fan who enters our lair. You can use our space to continue that wonderful conversation started in a panel that you now have to vacate because the next panel is about to begin. We can be a rendezvous spot when you've gone one direction and your partner another among the myriad options available at Conagerie. Or you can seek out original thought and stimulating dialog among your fellow convention members in a couch pit in the corner.

Whatever the reason, the Conagerie Con Suite is there for you. It's the membership's space to see, be seen, hear, and speak to all who pass through. And at one point or another, all con members shall wend their way through our doors.

See you there!

- - *Christian McGuire*

ART SHOW

Artists: There will be a mailing of rules and forms by the end of the year. If you wish to make sure you're on the Art Show mailing list, please e-mail your mailing address to FuzzyNiven@aol.com or send that information by mail to the Westercon address.

Attendees: Do plan to visit the Art Show during the convention. You're sure to find interesting things.

- - *Fuzzy Niven*

MASQUERADE

Yes, there will be a masquerade at Westercon. So clean out your closets, dredge up an old costume; or, better yet, make a new one out of all that fabric you've been storing for years.

A complete set of rules and stage layout will be published in the next PR. Any pressing questions can be sent to me c/o the

convention address. In the meantime, start working on those costumes!

- - *Kathy Sanders*

LOCUS AWARDS BANQUET

In the continuing Westercon tradition, Conagerie will be having a Locus Awards Banquet!

The Locus banquet is an awards ceremony, where the Locus Awards are presented. We usually have an engaging toastmaster - last year was Connie Willis! And many of the authors, editors, and artists attend the function to receive their awards. Anyone who wishes may attend the Banquet. Tickets are a separate cost from your convention membership, and are available for purchase in advance. Limited numbers of tickets may also be available at the con, but if you really want to attend, it's best to buy your tickets ahead of time.

Complete details are still being worked out, like menu, cost, toastmaster, etc., but you should save time in your convention schedule for Friday night. The next Progress Report will contain further details, along with how to go about purchasing your tickets. If you have any questions, please contact our Locus Banquet coordinator, Liz Mortensen, at lyzard13@yahoo.com.

If you would like to see a picture from last year's event, you can do so at Locus Magazine's website:

<http://www.locusmag.com/2001/News/News07a.html>

Hope to see you there!!

- - *Liz Mortensen*

VOLUNTEERS

Every single convention is always asking for volunteers. Why? Because it is run by volunteers. NO-one gets paid at a convention, not even a chair at a WORLDCON. Why do people volunteer? Well, it's a great way to meet people, earn free stuff from the con, and have special benefits. What's another reason for volunteering? One can feel good as a volunteer, you're helping out in your community, and, most of all, **it's to have fun**. I really stress the point of **HAVING FUN!** After all, if you're not having fun at a convention, what's the point of going to them? Right, right? Now, through a little hypnosis: let's relax now, you're so relaxed, you're feeling good. You ARE going to volunteer and you ARE going to have fun! Now that I've got you under my control, please get out your pen and paper or go to your computer and e-mail tradeshow@mailcity.com. Let me know you want to volunteer. The sooner the better will do. We'll look forward to hearing from you.

- - *Eylat Poliner*

WESTERCON 55

Rates from July 10, 2001 through February 28, 2002:

How much does it cost?

"I didn't vote for Westercon 55."

Supporting \$25

Attending \$60

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THE MUSIC OF SF

Yes, there is music at this convention - and not just at the dances. Come join us at the Filksing.

You don't know what filksinging is? Join us and learn.

You *think* you know what filksinging is? Join us and find out what *we* think it is. Hint #1: A lot of filksong is to original tunes. Hint #2: Some of the filkers you'll hear have commercially recorded tapes and CDs.

You don't know any filksongs? Join us and borrow a filksong book.

Looking for the late night entertainment? Join us.

Forgot to pack the bucket you carry a tune in? Join us (but don't sing louder than whoever's leading the song).

Wow, that's a Rule. Here are a few other, usually unwritten Filksong Circle Rules (adapted from Melinda Hunter's Rules).

Rule #0: Everyone who wants to participate gets a turn. Eventually.

Rule #1: No apologies *before* performing!

Rule #2: If you're in a Bardic Filksong Circle, when it gets around to your turn, you can:

Play a tune, sing a song, tell a story.

Request that someone else play, sing, or tell a story.

Pick a subject and see if anyone's written a song about it.

Postpone your turn 'till later, or

Buy a vowel for \$50

(in which case we all get pizza which we'll eat during one of the longer songs).

Rule #2B: If you're in a Chaos Filksong Circle, wait 3D6 microseconds after the last performer is done and then loudly strum your guitar or other instrument and start to play and/or sing. If you sing *a capella*, STAND UP and start to sing. (You can sit down once the room is obviously listening to you.)

Rule #3: PLEASE, take conversation into the hall if someone is performing.

Rule #4: No apologies *after* performing!!

Rule #5: If you do NOT want accompaniment, say so. Otherwise we will join in at the darnedest times and in the darnedest keys.

Rule #7: Bawdy songs are traditionally sung after midnight.

Rule #8: Traditional folksongs are welcome. So are pop songs that seem to have something to do with science fiction, fantasy, and high tech. Or cats, role-playing, or Neopaganism.

Rule #9: No apologies *in the middle of* performing.

Rule #10: If someone asks people to turn off their recorders, please do so.

Rule #11: No apologies *instead of* performing. If you don't want to perform, say "Pass."

Come to the Filksing and hear our fabulous songs.

- - Lee Gold

DANCING

REGENCY DANCING

I confess being addicted to English Regency aristocrats (about the year 1800) by women, Fuzzy Pink Niven and Mary Jane Jewell. Georgette Heyer's wonderful novels help. Jane Austen isn't bad either.

The Regency period appeals to the fannish sense of whimsy. The Prince Regent was - - well, anyone who would build Brighton Pavilion must have been interesting.

We've been doing these dances at s-f cons for years now. I teach them. Come in period costume if you like. Or wear a hall costume, the science fiction and fantasy clothes fans wear to wander the halls - - until you've done the Figure of Eight with a five-foot-tall orange cat, you haven't lived. Or come as you are.

Try one of Heyer's Regency romances, witty, lively, and historically accurate, gosh. *Frederica* is a good introduction. Most of *A Civil Contract* takes place after the lead characters marry. The ugly duckling of *Cotillion* isn't even the protagonist. Book dealer Marty Massoglia says Heyer is his best-selling author at cons.

About when she died, Patrick O'Brian began writing about a Regency sailor, Jack Aubrey, and a physician, Stephen Maturin. These tales too are wonderful.

If you read fanzines, you probably saw my article in *Mimosa* 26. I tried to explain. Really.

- - John Hertz

ROCK AND WHATEVER

I'll be spinning rock and whatever music from the beginning of time to last week. If it's got a beat and you want to hear it, I'll probably play it. SF and con favorites too. I'll be scouring the waves for new tunes so if you have a fave you want played send it to me at slartibartfast7@yahoo.com. I need animal related suggestions too. Send a title and artist and I'll look it up. If it ROCKS I'll play it. Come on out and have a good time, I look forward to seeing you on the dance floor!

- - Scott Beckstead

WESTERCON 55

at the L.A. Airport Radisson (Wyndham) Hotel
(see page 6 for information)

SATURDAY NIGHT DANCE

"Saturday Night Dance: Dread in monochrome, dead on adrenochrome. Grit in your teeth, pounding music in your ears, a delirium of light and video for your eyes. Join us for the Adrenochrome Dance. Email the DJ (lynxcat@pe.net) for requests or questions, and prepare for a one of a kind sensory experience."

- - Lynx

DAILY GNU'S ZINE

Karl Lembke has been selected to run the Daily News Zine. In keeping with the animal theme, he has selected the gnu as his logo. The publication he runs will be the "Daily Gnu's Zine".

Karl is looking for an assistant editor to help with content and production, so he can have some chance of seeing some of the convention. Anyone wishing to assist can contact him at [<gnu@lasfs.org>](mailto:gnu@lasfs.org).

- - Karl Lembke



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WESTERCON BYLAWS

As of Close of 2001 Westercon

1. General Provisions

1.1 Name and Date

It is traditional, but not obligatory, that the West Coast Science Fantasy Conference (Westercon) shall take place over the July 4th weekend.

1.2 Guests of Honor

It is traditional, but not obligatory, that Westercon Guests of Honor and other notables be selected from among SF personalities residing within the Westercon geographical area.

1.3 Membership Classes

There shall be at least two classes of membership in Westercon: supporting and attending. The committee shall notify the members of their membership class in a timely fashion.

1.3.1 Supporting Members

Supporting members shall receive any progress reports or any other generally mailed publications published after the member joins the Westercon, including the Program Book, and may exercise any voting rights permitted by any other part of these bylaws, except attending the Business Meeting. All Westercons shall be required to offer supporting memberships until at least thirty (30) days prior to the opening of the Westercon, and such supporting memberships shall not cost more than one hundred and fifty percent (150%) of the voting fee charged when the site of the Westercon was selected. Any class of membership offered by a Westercon costing at least as much as a supporting membership shall include a supporting membership.

1.3.2 Attending Members

Attending members shall have all the rights of supporting members, plus the right to attend the Westercon and the business meeting(s) held there, subject to the restrictions established by the other parts of these bylaws.

1.3.3 Restriction of Memberships

Each Westercon committee shall have the right to limit the activities of its attendees, either individually or in groups, insofar as such activities endanger, physically or legally, other persons or property. Such limitations may include, but are not limited to, closing down parties, ejecting persons from the Westercon, or turning offenders over to other authorities. No refund of membership need be given in such circumstances. Each member, in purchasing his/her membership, agrees to abide by these bylaws.

1.4 Name Badges and Membership Numbers

All committees shall issue name badges for all attending members. Name badges for pre-registered members shall

display the member's name in no less than 24-point bold type. All committees shall assign a unique membership number upon processing of a membership. This number shall be printed on the label of all progress reports, shall be printed on membership name badges, and shall be used for site-selection purposes. In the event a membership is transferred, the old membership number, if applicable, shall be noted, both on the badge and on registration information used for site-selection voting administration. Membership badges or other proof of membership remain the property of the Westercon committee for the duration of the conference and may be confiscated for cause; no refund of membership fees need be given in such circumstances.

1.5 Archive of Bylaws

The Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society, Inc. (LASFS) shall act as an archive to the Westercon bylaws and the minutes of business meetings. Each committee shall reimburse LASFS for the costs of copying and forwarding copies of the Bylaws and Minutes to those who request them. A copy of the minutes, including the text of motions passed by the business meeting, shall be sent to LASFS within two (2) months of the close of each Westercon by the administering Westercon. LASFS shall maintain the Westercon bylaws and shall forward one copy of the current bylaws, including the text of any amendment to the bylaws awaiting secondary ratification, to the current Westercon committee within four (4) months of the close of the previous Westercon. The current Westercon shall provide copies of the Bylaws to the committees of all Westercon bids for the year for which that Westercon is administering the site-selection.

1.6 Distribution of Bylaws to Members

The Westercon Bylaws, as well as the complete text of any amendment awaiting secondary ratification, shall be published in at least one (1) progress report and in the program book of the current Westercon each year. Failure to publish this information shall not affect the procedure to amend the bylaws as stated in Article 4.

1.7 Westercon Service Mark

All Westercons shall publish, in all publications such as promotional flyers, progress reports, and program book, the following notice:

“ ‘Westercon’ is a registered service mark of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society, Inc.”

1.8 Responsibilities of Administering Westercon

It is a responsibility of each Westercon to enforce the provisions of these bylaws.

2 Westercon Business Meeting

2.1 Scheduling of Sessions

At least one (1) regular session of the Westercon business meeting must be scheduled at each Westercon. No regular session of the Westercon business meeting shall be scheduled to start prior to 11 AM, nor later than 2 PM. All sessions occurring during the same Westercon, be they regular, adjourned, or special, shall be considered, for procedural purposes, as the

same parliamentary session.

2.2 Site-Selection Business

Site-selection business shall be in order at any session of the business meeting. Site-selection business shall include, but need not be limited to, the announcement of the results of the balloting and of a winner if one is produced by the balloting, or of a site-selection resolution, as hereafter defined, if one is necessary [see Section 3.17]. The winner of the site-selection may be announced prior to the site-selection business meeting, if one is held.

2.3 Quorum

For business other than site-selection business, a quorum of fifteen (15) attending members of the current Westercon shall be required. For site-selection business, the quorum shall be those attending members of the current Westercon who attend the meeting. All those persons voting at any meeting must be attending members of the current Westercon. Except as noted in these bylaws or in such rules of order as may be adopted, all business requires a simple majority to pass.

2.4 Parliamentary Authority

The current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall be the parliamentary authority of the Westercon business meeting except where it conflicts with these bylaws or with any special rules of order which may be adopted by the business meeting.

3 Westercon Site-Selection

3.1 Eligibility of Sites

Any site on the North American continent west of the 104th west meridian, or in the state of Hawaii, shall be eligible to be the site of a Westercon, except as restricted the provisions of these bylaws.

Provided that, upon the annexation of Australia by the United States of America or the annexation of the United States of America by Australia, Section 3.1 shall be amended to read:

“Any site in Australia, or on the North American continent west of the 104th west meridian, or in the state of Hawaii, shall be eligible to be the site of a Westercon, except as restricted by the provisions of these bylaws.”

3.2 North-South Rotation

Only sites north of the 37th north parallel shall be eligible in odd-numbered years, and only sites south of that parallel shall be eligible in even-numbered years. If no eligible bids are filed by January 1st of the year of the site-selection balloting, then all sites defined in section 3.1 shall be eligible.

3.3 Exclusion Zone

No site within seventy-five (75) miles of the site of the Westercon administering the site-selection shall be eligible to bid, except as provided in section 3.6.

3.4 Filing requirements

A Westercon bid committee must provide written evidence of the following: At least two (2) separate people declaring the themselves Chairman and Treasurer; an organizing instrument such as bylaws, articles of incorporation or association, or a partner-

ship agreement; and a letter of intent or option from a hotel or other facility declaring specific dates on which the Westercon shall be held

3.5 Deadline for Filing Bids

Only those bids whose filing paperwork required by section 3.4 is in the possession of the administering Westercon by the April 15th preceding the balloting shall be listed on the ballot.

[Note: On a parliamentary inquiry at the time of ratification of the current text of the above section, it was ruled that "If the filing paperwork can be verified to be at the address of the administering convention, it is in the committee's possession."]

3.6 Provisions When No Valid Bids are Received

If no valid bids are received by the deadline in section 3.5, then all sites defined in section 3.1 shall be eligible and the other site restrictions in this article shall be suspended.

3.7 Eligibility of Voters

Site-selection voting shall be limited to those persons who are attending or supporting members of the administering Westercon and who have paid a voting fee toward their membership in the Westercon being selected. Other classes of membership may vote only upon the unanimous agreement of all qualified bidding committees. One person equals one membership equals one vote. Corporations, Associations, and other non-human entities may vote only for "No Preference." "Guest of" memberships must be transferred to an individual before voting for anything other than "No Preference."

3.8 Voting Fee

The voting fee shall be twenty US dollars (US\$20.00) or the local equivalent unless the committees listed on the ballot and the administering Westercon agree unanimously to charge a different amount.

3.9 Minimum Rights of Voters

The payment of the voting fee shall make the voter at least a full supporting member of the Westercon being selected, and may make the voter an attending member at the discretion of the winning bid.

3.10 Prototype Ballot

The Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society, Inc. (LASFS) shall prepare a prototype site-selection ballot, including instructions for preparation of the ballot, and shall provide the prototype to each administering Westercon as provided for in section 1.5. Upon receipt of the prototype, the administering Westercon shall complete the ballot by filing in the information about the eligible bid committees, including the dates of the proposed Westercons, the voting fee, minimum membership requirements, including the cost of a supporting membership in the administering Westercon, and the address to which site-selection ballots should be sent. The administering Westercon shall be responsible for the publication and the distribution of the ballots to the membership to the administering Westercon. The administering Westercon shall be responsible for the publication and the distribution of the ballots to the membership of the administering Westercon. All eligible bids received in accordance with sections 3.4 and 3.5 shall be included on the bal-

lot. The ballot shall also include entries for "No Preference" and "None of the Above," and shall provide space for at least one (1) write-in bid. The ballot shall be a secret ballot, specially marked for preferential voting with an explanation of the method of counting preferential votes.

3.11 Distribution of Ballot

The site-selection ballot and full rules for site-selection voting, including the deadlines for voting by mail, shall be mailed on or before the May 10th preceding the voting to all members of the administering Westercon as of one week before the mailing. The ballot and full rules for site-selection, including the hours during which site-selection will take place and the location of the site-selection, shall be given to all attending members upon registration at the Westercon, or such information shall be prominently displayed at the registration area throughout the Westercon.

3.12 Deadline for Voting by mail

All ballots received by the administering Westercon prior to June 20 shall be counted.

3.13 Bid presentations.

Each eligible bid committee shall have at least fifteen (15) minutes of scheduled program time on the first full day of the administering Westercon for the purpose of making a bid presentation.

3.14 At-Conference Voting

Site-selection shall be open for at least six (6) hours between the hours of 11 AM and Midnight on the day before the business meeting at which site-selection business is scheduled. All on-site balloting shall be from one central location, under the supervision of the administering Westercon. If no site-selection business meeting is scheduled, then site-selection shall be open for at least six (6) hours between the hours of 11 AM and Midnight on the next-to-last day of the administering Westercon.

3.15 Verification of Ballots

Properly completed ballots shall contain: the member's printed name, the member's membership number as assigned by the administering Westercon; the member's dated signature; the member's address of record with the current Westercon; the member's current address if different; and the member's vote (s) as defined elsewhere in this article. Verification of the ballots shall consist of matching the name and number of the member with the records of the administering Westercon. Ballots received by the committee prior to June 20, and any others received by mail which may be counted, shall be held by the administering Westercon until the opening of the Westercon, at which time they shall be verified by the administering Westercon and the bidders.

3.16 Counting of Ballots

The administering Westercon shall arrange for the counting of ballots, and each eligible bid committee shall be allowed to send at least two (2) observers to such ballot-counting. The count shall be by preferential ballot. The winner shall be that bid which gains a majority of those votes expressing preference for a bid. For the purpose of vote counting, "None of the

Above" shall be treated as if it were a bid. "None of the Above" and votes for ineligible bids shall count toward the total number of votes cast. Blank ballots, illegal or illegible ballots, and votes for "No Preference" shall not count toward the total number of votes cast. All vote totals of final results and of all intermediate counts shall be made available at or before the closing ceremony.

3.17 Procedures When No Bid Wins or is Eligible

Should no eligible bid gain the needed majority, or should there be no qualified bidding committee, or should "None of the Above" win, a three-fourths (3/4) majority of the site-selection business meeting of the administering Westercon may award the Westercon to any bid, or a simple majority of the meeting may decide that they are unable to decide. If the business meeting does not choose a site, the Board of Directors of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society, Inc. shall choose a site within six (6) weeks of the close of the administering Westercon. If "None of the Above" wins, none of the bids which were on the ballot may be selected. A site chosen under the provisions of this section shall not be restricted by any portion of this article except this section and 3.1.

3.18 Availability of Results

The results of the balloting shall be reported to the site-selection business meeting of the administering Westercon, if one is held. A record of the results of the balloting, including all intermediate counts and distinguishing between the by-mail and at-con ballots, shall be published in the first or second progress report of the winning Westercon.

3.19 Hand-Carried Ballots

The administering Westercon shall accept hand-carried ballots, which are otherwise valid ballots delivered to the administering Westercon by someone other than the member who prepared the ballot.

3.20 Committee Failure

Should a Westercon Committee declare itself unable to fulfill its duties, the Board of Directors of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society shall determine alternate arrangements for that Westercon.

4 Procedure for Amendment of These Bylaws

4.1 Method of Adoption

Amendments to the Westercon Bylaws must be ratified by a two-thirds (2/3) vote at any Westercon business meeting, or by the majority vote of the business meetings in two consecutive years. Proposed amendments shall be read in full by the chairman of the business meeting immediately before being voted upon.

4.2 Primary and Secondary Ratification

In the event a proposed amendment receives a majority, but less than two-thirds (2/3) vote, the secretary of the business meeting at which the proposed amendment receives primary (first year) ratification shall submit an exact copy of the amendment to the following year's Westercon business meeting. The question of secondary (second year) ratification is debatable but

not amendable.

4.3 Effective Date of Amendments

Unless otherwise provided, amendments shall take effect at the close of the Westercon where they receive final ratification. Operating rules for already-selected Westercons shall not be changed by amendments to the bylaws. Rules regarding eligibility and voting procedures for site-selection are not considered to be operating rules

Standing Rules

1. Close Debate. Before proceeding to take a vote on a motion for the Previous Question, the presiding officer shall ask for a show of hands of how many people still wish to speak to the pending motion. This rule does not allow debate on the motion for the Previous Question.

Business Passed On to Westercon 55:

Moved, To amend Article 4 of the Westercon Bylaws so that amendments to the bylaws must be ratified in two consecutive years, removing the current ability of a single year's meeting to amend the bylaws, as follows. Text to be stricken is in ~~strikeout type~~; Text to be added is in underline type. *PROVIDED THAT* this amendment must be ratified by majority vote of the business meetings in two consecutive years, and that, if ratified, shall take effect at the conclusion of the Westercon where it receives secondary ratification.

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Moved by: Kevin Standlee, Roger Wells

submitted by,
Ben Yalow
Secretary
Westercon 54 Business Meeting

WESTERCON 2002

MEMBERSHIP LIST

10/31/01

Key to membership list

A = Attending
S = Supporting
G = Guest
K = Kid
D = Dealer

A

247 A Aahz,
12 A Achorn, Brett
248 A Adams, Pam
349 A Adkins, Sue Ellen
13 A Allis, Todd
260 K Anderson, Meaghan
240 A Andrews, John C.
333 A Appleton, Joan
14 A Armbruster, Bobbi
230 A Attwood, John
249 AD Austin, Alicia
251 A Austin, Edwin

B

15 A Baden, Chaz Boston
397 A Baden, Jocelyn
29 A Baden, Lynn
396 A Baden, Will
345 A Bangs, Mari
343 A Bannon, Stephanie
16 A Barber, Rebecca
234 AD Bard, Barry
373 A Bard, Guest of B.
377 A Barton, Jeanette
17 A Beckstead, Catherine
18 A Beckstead, Scott
250 AD Beers, Jinx
19 A Bemis, Judith
20 A Benoun, Sherri
21 A Benoun, Tony
344 A Benson, Thomas
222 A Bergdahl, Kim
398 A Bernay, Casey
22 A Berven, Leroy
23 A Berven, Susan J.
24 A Beslanwitch, Frances
25 A Beslanwitch, John
252 A Bilan, Greg
361 A Blaker, John R.
26 A Bliss, David
27 A Bloom, Kent
253 A Bloom, Michael

28 S Bollerud, R. Merrill
30 S Boucher, Stephen
31 A Bourget, Robbie
32 A Bradley, Amy
33 A Bradley, John M.
34 A Breidbart, Seth
35 A Briggs, James
121 A Briskman, Darin
36 K Brown, Grant
37 A Brown, Jordan
38 A Brown, Kimberlee M.
295 A Burdick, Tim
254 A Burns, Stan

C

228 A Cantor, Marty
255 AD Carpenter, Amy
9 G Carr, Carol
11 G Chamberlain, Joy-Lynd
10 G Chamberlain, Ross
256 A Chapman, John
257 A Chapman, Judith
359 A Chen, Elsa
39 A Childress, Sandra
268 A Clark, Andrew
41 A Clark, David
42 A Cluney, Rachel
43 A Cohen, Sandy
44 S Connors, Patrick
287 A Cookson, Robin E.
45 A Cratz, Tony
384 A Creasey, John
385 A Creasey, Mary
386 A Creasey, Richard
46 A Crosby, Colleen
47 A Crosby, Shawn
293 A Ctein,

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366 A Danie ls, Dik
48 A Dashoff, Joni Brill
49 A Dashoff, Todd
50 A Daugherty, James Stanley
51 A Daugherty, Kathryn
53 S Daverin, Bob
52 S Daverin, Brenda
388 A David, Leslie
215 A Davidson, Howard
54 A Dazzo, Genny
376 A De La Rosa, Al
229 A Deneroff, Linda
55 A Dennis, Jane
314 A Dennis, Jim
56 A Dennis, Scott
57 A Dickinson, Julie
348 A Diggs, Patricia
58 A Domitz, Laura
59 A Donahue, Michael
259 A Dougherty, Bronwyn

258 A Dougherty, Greg
 60 A Duarte, Fred
 292 A Durbin, Sandra
 342 A Dyer, Craig

E

61 A Edison, Laurie
 62 A Eide, Phyllis
 261 A Ellern, William B.
 63 S Elliott, Diane

F

294 A Feldbaum, Gary
 227 A Finder, Jan Howard
 310 A Finley, Doug
 387 A Fish, Leslie
 262 A Fisher, Glen
 311 A Fister-Liltz, Barbara
 40 A Forty, Steve
 64 A Fox, Crickett
 223 A Fox, Shawwna
 2 G Frankos, Laura
 65 A Frazer, Cynthia
 66 A Frazer, Donald
 67 A Freas, Frank Kelly
 68 A Freas, Laura Brodian
 263 A Freeman, H. Denise
 296 A Fulford, Lily

G

69 A Gallaher, David
 70 A Galt, John
 71 A Gelb, Janice
 72 A George, H. Jeffery
 73 A Gish, Glennadine
 74 A Gish, Ray
 288 A Glazer, Glenn
 75 S Glener, Scott
 76 A Glycer, Mike
 391 A Gobler, Jerry
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 79 A Gonsalves, Cynthia
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 371 AD Graf, Hilber
 382 A Gray, Lorian
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 81 A Green, Ed
 243 A Green, Lisa
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 83 S Greene, Robert
 84 S Gregory, Hugh S.

H

233 A Hales, Dale
 85 A Hallman, Stacey

302 A Halstead, Andrea
 303 A Halstead, Scott
 325 A Hanley, T.
 266 A Hanna, Michael
 86 A Harrigan, Harold
 88 A Harrigan, Lisa Deutsch
 87 A Harrigan III, Harold
 365 A Hay, James H.
 367 A Hayes, Nancy
 358 A Hendrick, Lyndia
 357 A Hendrick, Woody
 291 A Herbig, Charles
 297 A Hershey, Diana
 89 A Hertz, John
 90 A Hiatt, David
 91 A Hiatt, Kim
 267 A Higuchi, Carol
 289 A Hikida, Susan
 92 S Hildreth, Dianna
 93 A Hitchcock, Louise
 94 A Hobbs, Harold
 326 A Hole Jr., Robert B.
 95 A Hooper, Ed
 336 A Hostler, Douglas
 221 A Howard, Geri
 235 A Howard, Michelle
 96 S Howell, Dave
 97 S Hungerford, Angel
 98 S Hungerford III, David
 312 A Hunt, Bill
 99 S Hunt, Marjorie
 290 A Hunter, Anastasia
 395 A Hutchison, Anne

I

100 A Irwin, Mark

J

101 A Jaffe, Saul
 102 A Jewell, Mary Jane
 364 S Johnson, Robin
 232 A Johnson, Thalia
 362 A Judkowitz, Ruth

K

103 A Kahn-Landan, Michele
 304 A Kaiser, Dwain
 305 A Kaiser, Jo Ann
 104 A Kare, Jordin
 105 A Kare, Mary Kay
 106 A Katze, Rick
 7 G King, Tappan
 217 A King, Terry
 107 A Klein-Lebbink, Elizabeth
 269 A Kravitz, Marian
 334 A Kyla,

L

111 A LaPierre, Lori

112 A LaPierre, Robert
 108 A Ladue, Ruth Anne
 109 A Landan, Stephen
 110 A Landry, Bridget
 114 A Larson, Blars
 115 A Lawrence, Pat
 116 A Lazar, Judy
 117 A Leibig, Ruth
 270 A Lembke, Karl
 271 A Libis, Steven
 8 G Lichtman, Robert
 272 A Linneman, Mark A.
 356 A Little, Peggy
 332 A Lopez, Jim
 118 A Lorentz, John
 306 A Low, Danny
 381 A Lunney, Frank
 119 A Lyon, Shaun

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 351 A Manning, Sandra
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 122 A Marble, Chris
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 124 A Mason, Michael
 125 A Matheny, Charles
 126 A McAllister, Linda
 127 A McAllister, Rich
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 128 S McCoy, Sean
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 130 S McGuire, LeAnna
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 309 A Melius, David
 132 A Meschke, Karen
 133 A Metz, Paul
 134 A Metz, Stevie
 135 A Miller, Craig
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 237 A Minne, Jacob
 236 A Minne, Joe
 238 A Minne, Wendi
 136 S Moen, Rick
 137 A Moffatt, June
 138 A Moffatt, Len
 224 A Morgan, Cheryl
 139 A Morman, Mary
 273 A Morrel, Anne C.
 140 A Mortensen, Liz
 340 A Moscoe, Ellen
 339 A Moscoe, Mike
 141 S Moseley, Craig

274 A Mueller, Robert
 307 A Mullican, Cathy
 318 A Muskat, Guest #1 of J.
 319 A Muskat, Guest #2 of J.
 317 A Muskat, Joyce

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 158 A Pearce, M.A.
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 161 A Peshek, Jo
 162 S Phillips, Eileen
 350 A Pins, Michael
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 220 A Poliner, Mark
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 163 A Rankin, Nora

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164 S Reade, James
 337 A Reed, April
 360 A Roberts, Jim
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 165 A Robinett, Linda
 166 A Rodriguez, Maria
 167 S Rood, Dave
 225 A Rosen, Andrew
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 341 A Rueb, Cory
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184 A Shipman, Linda
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194 A Swaty, Gary

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197 A Thagard, Sherilynn
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199 A Tibbetts, Jennifer
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202 S Unferth, Ken
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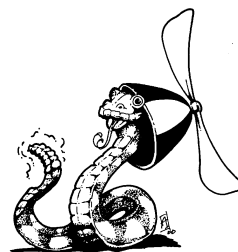
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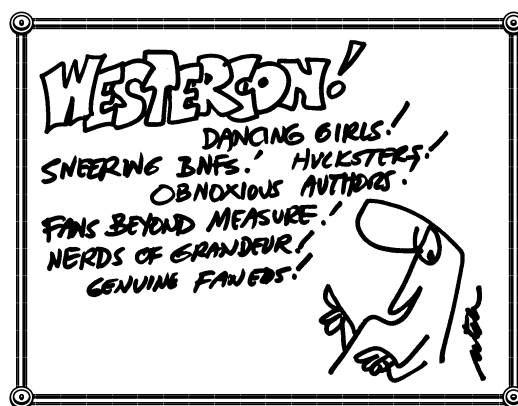


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