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WESTERCON 71 IS **JULY 4-8, 2018** IN DENVER, COLORADO

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## NEWS AND UPDATES

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Important news and updates for Westercon 71 (see the corresponding sections for more details):

- Voting for Westercon 73
- Day rates for memberships added to *Registration*
- Science Track
- GOHs: David Gerrold, Lou Mayo, and Connie Willis
- Convention Features
- Filking
- Masquerade Information
- Members
- Bylaws

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## NEW! VOTING & BALLOTS

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If you would like to vote on the location of Westercon 73, you can find details at:

[www.malcondenver.org/2018-Ballot](http://www.malcondenver.org/2018-Ballot)

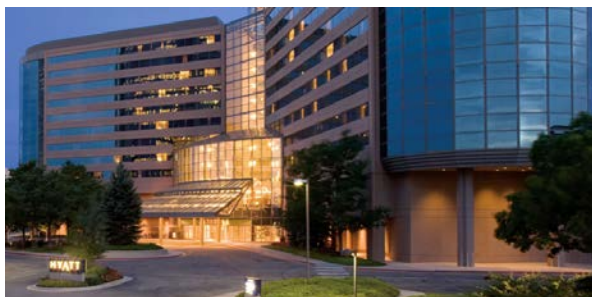
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## VENUE – HYATT REGENCY DTC, \$99/NIGHT AND UP

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Rooms start at \$99 for single and double occupancy! (Note: for a king or double room, if you select three occupants, the price is \$124 per night; if you select four occupants, the price is \$149 per night.) The Hyatt has a mini-fridge in every room, and over forty microwaves available upon request (first come, first serve).

Our room block is available until June 13, 2018, but we encourage our members to reserve their rooms as soon as possible. If the hotel sells out, that will give us more time to arrange overflow lodging.



700 Tufts Ave Denver CO 80237  
303.779.1234

For reservations, visit: <https://aws.passkey.com/go/Westercon712018>

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## NEW INFO! SCIENCE TRACK

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The Westercon 71 Science Track is expecting about 20 scientists to appear at Westercon 71 as speakers or panelists. Our marquee scientist is planetary atmosphere expert Lou Mayo from NASA. We are arranging our presentations by theme, including: Surviving The End of The World and Flourishing in the Next; Cutting Edge Science Updates; and The Interface Between Science & Science Fiction.

## REGISTRATION NEW! DAY RATES

Attending Membership Full Convention		Attending Membership Single Day Adults		Single Day Children	Supporting Membership	
Adult	\$60	Thursday	\$20	\$10	All ages	\$20
Child (7-12 years)	\$30	Friday	\$35	\$15		
Child (under 7)	Free	Saturday	\$35	\$15		
		Sunday	\$25	\$10		

*All full convention attendees who pre-register by June 20, 2018 will receive a swag bag!*

We are pleased to currently have just over 240 attending members and 30 supporting members registered!

## NEW INFO! GUESTS OF HONOR



### DAVID GERROLD - NEW!

David Gerrold is the author of over 50 books, hundreds of articles and columns, and over a dozen television episodes. He is a classic sci-fi writer that will go down in history as having created some of the most popular and redefining scripts, books, and short stories in the genre.

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### NEW! - CONNIE WILLIS

Connie Willis is the award winning author of Doomsday Book, Passage, To Say Nothing of the Dog, Bellwether, and Blackout/All Clear. Connie has been awarded 11 Hugo Awards, 11 Locus Poll Awards and 8 Nebula Awards. Her stories have an epic feel to them and range from laugh out loud funny to deadly serious.



### LOU MAYO - NEW!

Lou Mayo is a planetary scientist from NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center near Washington, DC in Greenbelt, MD. A highly sought-after public speaker, he is an expert on the dynamic atmospheres of Jovian gas giant planets, having worked on the Voyager and Cassini mission teams, and is currently serving as the Program Manager for the NASA Heliophysics Education Consortium.

SCIENCE

FAN

### MEM MORMAN & KENT BLOOM

Mem ran her first convention in 1976 and has worked site selection, information, newsletter, registration, events, and even taken a turn as a program participant. Kent is a founding member of First Friday Fandom of Colorado Springs and is currently President of the Worldcon Heritage Organization, which collects and displays artifacts from Worldcons.



### ANDREW MAYNE

Andrew Mayne, star of A&E's Don't Trust Andrew Mayne, is a magician and novelist. He was ranked the fifth best-selling independent author of the year by Amazon UK and his Jessica Blackwood series, about a female FBI agent who pursues crimes that appear supernatural, was nominated for the ITW Award.

MAGICIAN

LITERARY

Nancy Kress is known for her Hugo and Nebula-winning novella *Beggars in Spain*. Kress won the Nebula Award for Best Novella in 2013 for "After the Fall, Before the Fall, During the Fall", and again in 2015 for "Yesterday's Kin".

NANCY KRESS



REBECCA MOESTA

Rebecca Moesta's solo work includes novels in the Buffy the Vampire Slayer and Junior Jedi Knights series, short stories, nonfiction articles, and ghost writing. With husband Kevin J. Anderson, she wrote the Crystal Doors trilogy, fourteen Young Jedi Knights novels, six movie or game novelizations, a Star Trek graphic novel, two Star Wars pop-up books, and original graphic novel Grumpy Old Monsters.

EDITOR

ARTIST

Jeff Sturgeon's work has graced hardback and paperback books, ebooks, magazines, CDs and album covers, and video games. His work has been displayed in the Science Fiction Hall of Fame. In a former life, Jeff was a long-time computer game artist/art director, most notably with Electronic Arts Seattle.

JEFF STURGEON



MARGARET DAVIS & KRISTOPH KLOVER

Margaret Davis and Kristoph Klover perform original arrangements of Celtic music from the British Isles and the Medieval and Renaissance melodies of the European courts and country sides. Their entrancing sound features tight harmonies and is built on the interweaving of soaring vocals with Celtic harp, octave mandolin, 6- and 12-string guitars, flute, recorders, and tin whistle.

MUSIC - FILK

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## CONVENTION FEATURES **NEW INFO!**

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Westercon 71/MALCon 6 will feature the following tracks and events:

- Art show and auction
- Market Square with vendors, artists, and authors
- Events and activities in the atrium
- Writers' workshop
- Boardgaming and RPGs
- Filking: panel track, workshops, and performances
- We have an art track
- Science track, featuring guest of honor Lou Mayo
- Representatives and special programming from local and regional conventions, such as MileHiCon, StarFest, and WhimsyCon
- The 12th floor parlors - for relaxing and socializing
- Silent auction and Harry Potter-themed auction, benefitting Shiny Garden



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## NEW INFO! FILKING

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We invite you to join us for the filk and music program at Westercon 71/MALcon 6.

- Enjoy concerts by our fabulous music guests Margaret Davis and Kristoph Klover.
- Come to the instrument petting zoo and visit a variety of musical instruments.
- Learn beginning recorder with Margaret Davis.
- Hear songs based on written works at Story into Song.
- Learn guitar techniques with Kristoph Klover and Jeff Bohnhoff.

Come see concerts by:

- Jeff and Maya Bohnhoff
- Fred Capp and Robin Baylor
- Blind Lemming Chiffon
- Brett Glass
- Lynn Gold
- Stace Johnson
- Kathleen Sloan
- And more!

Join fan GOH Kent Bloom for a sing-a-long of “oldies but goodies” classic filk. Our memorial circle will feature songs by and about filkers we have lost. Take a turn on stage and sing a song at our One Shots. Share your songs and lend your voice at our theme circles and open filks.

Come filk a mile high with us.

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## MASQUERADE NEW INFO!

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No geek convention is complete without the headlining, head-turning Masquerade!

For those of you new to the convention scene or costuming, the Masquerade is not, actually, a costumed ball. The Masquerade involves participants assembling their best costumes, putting forth their best performance on stage, and wowing the audience with their showmanship in under a minute. If you're looking for the ball, you can certainly put on your finest attire and masks and dance on stage...

This year's Masquerade Director is Erin Card, an award-winning costumer, fashion designer, prop artist, and seamster of over 20 years.

*For more details please visit [www.malcondenver.org/2018-Costume](http://www.malcondenver.org/2018-Costume)*



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## MYTHS & LEGENDS CONVENTION

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Westercon 71 will be hosted jointly in 2018 with Myths and Legends 6.

The Myths and Legends Convention celebrates our modern myths and legends. We believe that the only difference between stories of Hercules and Harry Potter or the fall of Troy and Mordor is time.

Hundreds of years from now, which of the stories that we obsess over today will still be told? Will they tell tales of The Doctor, a mysterious figure who always appears right where he is needed? Or will they recount the lineage of the Winchesters, and the deeds they performed? We do not know which stories will persist, but they all have the possibility of surviving the test of time.

Each year, Myths and Legends celebrates a changing selection of fandoms and builds on its unique convention traditions, including blanket forts, epic rap battles of literature, knitting circles, and make-and-take crafts and chainmaille.

*For more information, visit [www.malcondenver.org](http://www.malcondenver.org)*

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## HOST ORGANIZATION - SHINY GARDEN

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SHINY GARDEN

CELEBRATING DIVERSITY WITH INCLUSIVE FAN EVENTS

Shiny Garden is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, established in 2016 with the purpose of creating inclusive events that celebrate diversity and bring all fans together. Shiny Garden currently hosts three annual conventions in the Denver area. Myths and Legend Convention celebrates our “modern myths and legends” and draws fans from a variety of interests, including Harry Potter, Lord of the Rings, and Firefly. WhimsyCon focuses on Steampunk and the craftsmanship of costuming. HexaCon centers around tabletop gaming in all incarnations, including board games, RPGs, miniatures, and train games.

*For more information, visit [www.shinygarden.org](http://www.shinygarden.org)*



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## NEW INFO! MEMBERS

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Westercons have traditionally published lists of their members in their progress reports. The following members have not opted out of being listed:

### ATTENDING MEMBERS AS OF 2018-05-15:

Alan Tegen, Alex Mueller, Alexandra Brown, Alison Stern, Althea McMurrian, Amy Carpenter, Amy Griswold, Andrew Trembley, Arlene Busby, Art Jackson, Audi Jack, Ben Yalow, Beth Biehl, Beth Marble, Beverly Coutts, Beverly Pfeifer, Billy Van Ark, Blind Lemming Chiffon, Brenda Renou, Brianna Faulkner, Brigid Nelson, Brion Vibber, Bruce Rabe, Carly Zne, Carol Anderson, Carole I. Parker, Carrie Kay, Cass Marshall, Charles Earl Cady III, Chris Illes, Chris Marble, Chris Olds, Chuck van der Linden, Cindy Brooks, Clark Denning, Connie Willis, Corinne Stanley, Courtney Willis, Craig Dyer, Craig Griswold, Dan Dubrick, Dana Bell, Dana Terrell, Daniel Dvorkin, David Clark, David Gallaher, David Gibbons, David Larsen, David Luperti, Debi Chowdhury, Dee Astell, Deirdre Saoirse Moen, Diana Koivunen, Don Treasure, Dora Garcia, Doris Beetem, Dorothy O'Hare, Dottie Owsley, Elaine Normandy, Erik Von Halle, Erika Frensley, Felicia Herman, Gail Barton, Galen Schumacher, Gary Blog, Gary L. Swaty, Gene Armstrong, Gene Schneider, Gerry Tyra, Gloria Magid, Grace Spengler, Grant Brown, Hal Cf Astell, Harold Harrigan, Harold Harrigan III, Harold Hobbs, Holly Doyne, Irvin Charles Terrell, Isobel Nichols, Jacqueline T. Elderkin, Jake Coutts, James Jackson, James Manning, James R. Strickland, James Shibley, James Stringer, James Wiseley, Jan S. Gephardt, Jane Jasper, Janet Parker, Jean Goddin, Jeff Lewis, Jeff Wildman, Jerrie Adkins, Jess Turner, Jessica Brawner, Jim Davidson, John C Heneghan, John Hertz, John L. Sloan, Jon Foster, Jordan Brown, JoSelle Vanderhooft, Joseph Sokola, JT "Jate" Jackson, Judith Carol Bemis, Julie Nakao, Justina Bernstein, Karen Gaalema, Karen Jordan, Karen Schaffer, Kathleen Sloan, Kathryn Johnson, Katrine Cady, Keith McClune, Kevin Hewett, Kevin Standlee, Kim Brown, Kim Mainord, Kris Wildman, Lamont Jones, Larry Gomez, Latifa Owsley, Lauren Patten, Laurence Glass, Linda Deneroff, Linda McAllister, Linda Robinett, Lisa Deutsch Harrigan, Lisa Hayes, Lou J Berger, Marcia Bednarczyk, Marguerite T. Murray, Marian O'Brien-Clark, Marian Wiseley, Marie Alm, Mark Treasure Berger, Martha Vibber, Matthew Wisely, Maura van der Linden, Michael Morman, Michael Siladi, Michael Ward, Michele Ellington, Mike Faltermeier, Mike Faltermeier, Mike Kloepfer, Mike Weasner, Mike Willmoth, Mitzi Jones, Mona Gamboa, Morgan Colletti, Natli VanDerWerken, Nikki Ebright, Patricia Diggs, Patricia G Steed (Pat), Penny Tegen, Quill Mueller, Rebecca Hewett, Rebecca Lee, Rebecca Nickell, Rhianna Tyra, Rhiannon Rhys-Jones, Rich McAllister, Richard O'Shea, Rick Kovalcik, Rick Moen, R-Laurraine Tutihasi, Robert Pechmann, Robert Pfeifer, Robin Baylor, Robin Monogue, Ronald Oakes, Ronnie Seagren, Rose Beetem, Ruben Gamboa, Ruth M. Bettenhausen, Ryan Johannes, Sally Woehrl, Sandy Manning, Sandy Tyra, Sarah Kirkpatrick, Sarah Manning, Sasha VaughanMiller, Seth Breidbart, Sharonn Sbarsky, Shawn Tyra, Sheila McClune, Sherilynn Thagard, Shirley J. Frantz, Spike, Stephanie Bannon, Stephanie Metz, Stephen Azuma, Stephen M. Clark, Steve Coltrin, Steve Gaalema, Steve Tem, Takahiro Nakao, Tara Oakes, Tasha Cady, Ted Monogue, Ted T Allsup Jr, Teresa Wiseley, Thea Hutcheson, Thomas Eivins, Tom Becker, Tom O'Dell, Tony Edwin Parker, Tony Wiseley, Traci Morganfield, Troy Brown, Tyrell Gephardt, Victor Griswold, Virginia Youngstrom, Wil McCarthy, William Laubenheimer, William Thomas, Woody Bernardi, Xavier Blaze

### SUPPORTING MEMBERS AS OF 2018-05-15:

Adam Tilghman, Barry Short, Bradford Lyau, Carol Hightshoe, Ed Luwish, Elizabeth Vann-Clark, Gerald Nordley, Jason Scott Cordova, Jemma David Sundragon, Joni Brill Dashoff, Kevin Roche, Lea Rush, Lee M. Carter, Lynn Gold, Michelle Ossiander, Nathan W. Toronto, Nora Rankin, Pam Luwish, Patricia Huff, Rebecca Lyons, Russ Elliott, Russell D Campbell, Ruth Dewitt, Ruth Sachter, Sean Breen, Sean Robinson, Sherri Benoun, Theo Williams, Theresa Mather, Torrey Stenmark

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# **Westercon Bylaws**

## **As of Close of Westercon 70, July 4, 2017**

The following document is the current text of the Westercon Bylaws and Standing Rules, as of the close of Westercon 70 (Tempe, Arizona, 2017). No new amendments to the Westercon Bylaws were ratified at Westercon 70. Linda Deneroff and Kevin Standlee prepared this document based on the results of the Westercon 70 Business Meeting. No amendments to the bylaws were ratified by the Westercon 70 Business Meeting.

### **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 of 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 provided to each member with the site selection ballot and with each progress report, 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 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.

## **1.9 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.

## **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, nor on the last day of the Westercon. A special session, at which site-selection business shall be the sole order of business, may be scheduled on the last day of the convention, provided that said special meeting is scheduled to begin no earlier than 11 AM or 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 3.16*]. 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 ten (10) 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 by 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.”

*[Note: On a parliamentary inquiry based on a question of when the annexation must take place for a site to be eligible, the 2002 Business Meeting decided that a bid for an Australian site is eligible, even if the annexation has not yet taken place, provided that the annexation has taken place by the filing deadline for the intervening Westercon (the April 15<sup>th</sup> following the Westercon at which the Australian Westercon is selected), and that if the Australian site has been selected, and the annexation has not taken place by that date, then this shall constitute committee failure, as covered by Section 1.9.]*

### **3.2 Site Selection Zones**

The following Site Selection Zones are defined within the area defined in section 3.1:

**3.2.1: North:** Sites in North America north of the 42nd north parallel.

**3.2.2: Central:** Sites in North America between the North and South zones.

**3.2.3: South:** Hawaii; California south of and including San Luis Obispo, Kern, and San Bernardino Counties; Nevada south of and including Clark County; Arizona; New Mexico; and all countries, states, provinces, territories, or other political subdivisions southward within North America.

**3.2.4: Other:** Any location otherwise eligible under section 3.1 not part of the above zones.

### **3.3 Regional Exclusion Zone**

No site within the Site Selection Zone containing the site of the Westercon administering the site-selection election shall be eligible to bid, except as provided in this section. If no eligible bids are filed by the January 1st of the year of the site-selection balloting, then all sites defined in section 3.1 shall be eligible.

### **3.4 Filing Deadline for Ballot**

Only those eligible bids whose filing paperwork required by section 3.5 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 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."]*

### **3.5 Filing Requirements**

A Westercon bid committee must provide written evidence of the following: At least two (2) separate people declaring themselves Chairman and Treasurer; an organizing instrument such as bylaws, articles of incorporation or association, or a partnership agreement; and a letter of intent or option from a hotel or other facility declaring specific dates on which the Westercon shall be held; and, for a sponsoring organization from within the United States of America, evidence that the sponsoring organization is a non-profit association or corporation within the applicable state law of the sponsoring organization.

### **3.6 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."

### **3.7 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.

### **3.8 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.

### **3.9 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 at the same time the bylaws are provided to the 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 of the administering Westercon. All eligible bids received in accordance with sections 3.4 and 3.5 shall be included on the ballot. 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.

### **3.10 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.

### **3.11 Deadline for Voting by Mail**

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

### **3.12 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 bidding presentation.

### **3.13 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.

### **3.14 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.

### **3.15 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.

### **3.16 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 section 3.1.

### **3.17 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.

### **3.18 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.

## **4 Procedure for Amendment of These Bylaws**

### **4.1 Method of Adoption**

Amendments to the Westercon Bylaws must be ratified 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**

The secretary of the business meeting at which an 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 and is amendable only to the extent that such amendments do not increase the scope of the original bylaw amendment.

## **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 and Draft Agenda for Westercon 71

## **1. Call to Order**

## **2. Committee Reports**

*There are no active committees of the Business Meeting.*

## **3. Pending Bylaw Amendments**

*No new Amendments were adopted at Westercon 70 therefore nothing needs to be ratified at Westercon 71.*

## **4. New Business**

*Bylaw amendments passed by the Westercon 71 Business Meeting will be passed on to the following year's Westercon for ratification.*

## **5. Announcements**

## **6. Adjournment**

The above copy of the Bylaws, Standing Rules, and Business Passed On of the West Coast Science Fantasy Conference is hereby certified to be true, correct, and complete, effective as of the close of Westercon 70, July 4, 2017.

Kevin Standlee, Chairman  
Linda Deneroff, Secretary  
Westercon 70 Business Meeting