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January 22, 2008
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Hotel Reservation Deadline:
5pm, January 31, 2008
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Boskone 45

February 15-17, 2008



Westin Waterfront Hotel
Boston, MA USA

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David Weber – Guest of Honor

David Weber is primarily known as the creator of the Honor Harrington Series (largely based on the C.S. Forester’s Horatio Hornblower series of books). In his stories, he creates a consistent and rationally explained technology and society. Even when dealing with fantasy themes, the magical powers are treated like another technology with supporting rational laws and principles.

Many of his stories have military, particularly naval, themes, and fit into the military science fiction genre. He challenges current gender roles in the military by assuming that a gender-neutral military service will exist in his futures, and by frequently placing female leading characters in what have previously been seen as traditionally male roles, he has explored the challenges faced by women in the military and politics.

His most popular and enduring character is Honor Harrington, whose story, together with the “Honorverse” she inhabits, has been developed through 13 novels and four shared-universe anthologies as of spring 2006 (other works are in production).

Dean Morrissey – Official Artist

Dean Morrissey has been drawing and creating characters since his childhood in Boston. Inspired by Disney matte paintings and comic book heroes early on, he grew to appreciate the works of the masters, such as Rembrandt, Vermeer, Pyle and N.C. Wyeth.

Morrissey worked a variety of jobs until deciding to paint full time in the late 1970’s. He worked as a freelance book cover illustrator for over 15 different publishers in New York and won numerous awards. Morrissey is self taught, and considers the demands of cover illustration to have been his “art school”.

In 1991, Morrissey began to paint some images from a story that he was creating. His books include *Ship of Dreams* (1994), *The Great Kettles: A Tale of Time* (1997), *The Song of Celestine Little*, (1998), *The Christmas Ship* (2000), *A Christmas Carol* (2000), *The Moon Robber* (2001), *The Winter King* (2002), *The*



Boskone Book Order Form



(for pickup at Boskone only)

The One Right Thing, by Bruce Coville

____ trade state @ \$15 \$_____

____ boxed state @ \$24 \$_____

I would like book # __, __, __

1-115 boxed state, 116-790 trade state

Add 5% Massachusetts sales tax \$_____

Total \$_____

Payment must accompany order. We accept checks, money orders, Visa, and MasterCard. Please don’t mail cash. Your order must be received by February 1, 2008.

I am paying by: check/money order Visa MasterCard

Credit Card # _____ Exp. Date: _____

Name on card: _____

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____

Country: _____ Telephone: (____) - _____

Email: _____

Advance-order books must be picked up at the NESFA Sales table in the Hucksters’ Room. They will not be mailed. Prices increase after Boskone 45.

Mail to: Boskone 45, PO Box 809, Framingham, MA 01701
Fax to: 617-776-3243 (only Visa and MasterCard on fax orders)

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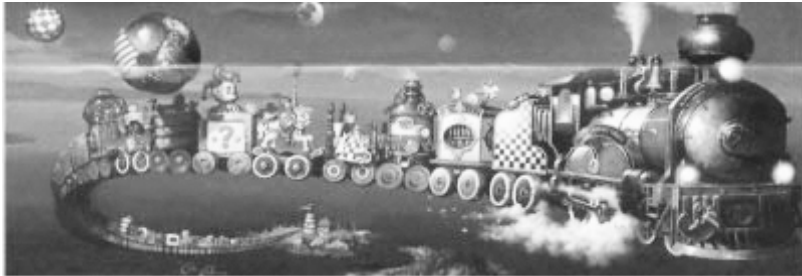
Take Amtrak to South Station and transfer there to the Silver Line to World Trade Center Station (see below).

By the 'T'

Go to South Station and transfer there to the Silver Line to the World Trade Center Station (see below). For details, see www.mbta.com/schedules_and_maps/subway/lines/?route=SILVER#Waterfront or call 617-222-3200 or 1-800-392-6100.

From World Trade Center Station

Go up the escalators (following the signs to Viaduct St.) After you leave the station, turn left and walk along World Trade Center Drive until it ends at Summer Street. Cross the street and turn left. The hotel is about halfway down the block. Total walk is about ¼ mile.



Monster Trap (2004), and *The Crimson Comet* (2006). His awards include The Society of Illustrators Gold Medal for *The Great Kettles*, and Chesley Awards for *The Light Ship* (2002), *Anna of the Celts* (2003) and *Celtic King* (2005). Morrissey lives with his wife Shan and his son on the South Shore of Massachusetts.

Bruce Coville – Special Guest

Bruce Coville is the author of over ninety books for young readers, including the international best-seller *My Teacher Is an Alien*. He has been a teacher, a toy maker, a cookware salesman, and a grave digger. In addition to his work as an author, Bruce is much in demand as a speaker and as a storyteller. He is also the founder and president of Full Cast Audio, a company dedicated to producing unabridged recordings of children's books in a full-cast format. He promises faithfully that there will indeed be a third Unicorn book coming out later this year. Boskone is proud to be debuting *The One Right Thing*, a collection of his short fiction as this year's Boskone book.

Seanan McGuire – Featured Filker

Seanan McGuire is a filker, stand-up comic, poet, short-story author, comic artist, and occasional convention diva; she puts far too much energy into being hard to categorize. Come and see what happens when Seanan is set loose on the Boston area, hitting their regional science fiction scene with all the gusto she can manage (and if you've met her, you know that's a lot of gusto).

Howard Waldrop – NESFA Press Guest

Howard Waldrop is a science fiction author who works primarily in short fiction. Waldrop's stories combine elements such as alternate history, American popular culture, the American south, old movies (and character actors), classical mythology, and rock 'n' roll music. His style is sometimes obscure or elliptical. The stories are often considered entertaining: "Night of the Cooters" is *The War of the Worlds* told from the perspective of a Texas sheriff (a homage to Slim Pickens); "Heirs of the Perisphere" involves robotic Disney characters waking up in the far future; "Fin de Cyclé" describes the Dreyfus affair from the perspective of bicycle enthusiasts.

Several of his stories have been nominated for awards; "The UglyChicken" – about the dodo – won a Nebula award for best novelette in 1980, and also a

World Fantasy Award for Short Fiction in 1981. This is perhaps his best known work.

Registration

Registration for Boskone will be open Friday (4 pm-9 pm) through Sunday in the Grand A pre-function area (West end of the concourse lower-level hallway). Check posted signs in the event of a Registration room change.

Everyone—committee, staff, program participants, artists, hucksters—must register there to get name badges and convention materials. We will make it as painless an experience as we can! You can help: Please remember to bring government-issued photographic identification, such as a driver's license or passport, to registration. If you arrive late, ask at the Convention Office (near the opposite end of the pre-function area, by the escalators) about after-hours registration.



If you haven't yet bought a membership and wish to do so before the convention, a registration form is available at www.boskone.org/join. You may register on-line or print and mail the form to us at PO Box 809, Framingham, MA 01701, or you may fax it to us at 617-776-3243. The price of an advance membership is \$45 through **January 22, 2008**. We accept Visa, MasterCard, checks (in US dollars drawn on a US bank), and money orders.

At-con rates are: Full membership—\$54, Friday—\$16, Saturday—\$34, Sunday—\$18. We also accept cash at the con. After January 22nd, at-the-door memberships will be available online.

The cost of **Dragonslair** is included in the con membership, so all children ages 7-12 who use these services must be convention members. There is no reduced rate for children. However, children who stay with their parents at all times are considered "kids-in-tow" who need not have memberships. ("Kids-in-tow" do not receive any convention materials.) Please see pages 9 & 10 for more **Dragonslair** information and hours.

From the NORTH SHORE via route 1A

- Take 1A south towards Logan airport.
- From Logan airport, the Westin is about 3 miles. Take the Mass Pike westbound (Ted Williams Tunnel) to exit 25, South Boston.
- Make slight right onto Congress St.
- Make a right onto D St. Make a slight right onto Summer St. The Westin will be on the right.

From the SOUTH

- Take I-93 north to exit 20 toward I-90/Logan Airport/South Station/BCEC.
- Take the fork towards South Station.
- At second set of lights, make a right onto Kneeland St.
- Go to end, and make a left. South Station will be on your right.
- At the third light, make a right onto Summer St.
- Go over the Fort Point Bridge, stay straight for about a mile. The Westin will be on your right after the new convention center [BCEC].

From the WEST

- Take I-90 (Mass Pike) eastbound to the South Boston exit
- Exiting the Pike, take the left (of 3) choices which is marked "local traffic"
- At the first light, turn right onto Congress St and go under an elevated roadway.
- Turn right at the next light which is D. St.
- Cross back over the highway and the next light is Summer St.
- Either turn right and the hotel entrance is immediately on your left, or go straight and look for the garage entrance on your right.

By Air

From Logan International: The simplest way is to take the Silver Line Bus Rapid Transit to the World Trade Center station. (see from World Trade Center Station, below). A taxi is also a reasonable choice and will cost in the low teens (somewhat more during rush hour), or you can take a shared van service to the hotel for about \$10. See details at the airport or at www.massport.com/logan/getti_typeo_share.html.

Hotel Information

Reserve your room now!

Reservation deadline: January 31st 5pm EST

Boskone's hotel is the Westin Waterfront in South Boston, Massachusetts, located just south of Chinatown off the Massachusetts Turnpike. The hotel rates per night are: single \$145, double \$145, triple \$160, quad \$160, all plus tax. (Please contact us at hotel@boskone.org for suite availability.)

Reserve your hotel room online by going to www.boskone.org/hotel.html and following the instructions. You can pick a room in either the party or the non-party block. More information about booking rooms can be found on the web page, and we recommend that method of reserving rooms.

Reservations can also be made by phone at 800-937-8461. If reserving by phone, specify "Boskone 2008 Party Block" or "Boskone 2008 Non-Party Block" to get the convention rate. Additional rooms may be available after the deadline, but only on a first-come first-served basis.

Reservations must be cancelled by 6 pm, two days before your check-in date, or the credit card used to guarantee the room will be charged for the first night's stay.

Directions to Boskone

By Car

The main entrance to the hotel is from Summer St. You would go in from the D St. side only if you're parking there. (Also, note that as the final repair work for the tunnel ceilings proceeds routing through south Boston changes, so be sure to keep an eye on the posted information!)

From the NORTH

- Take I-93 South and go into the tunnel
- Take the Purchase St. Exit.
- Take a left as you exit the ramp (follow signs to the shore). You should pass the convention center [BCEC] on your right side after a short way.
- Take a right at the first stoplights after the BCEC.
- Go up one block and you should be crossing Summer St.
- Take a right and a quick left to pull into the hotel.

Parents Please Note:

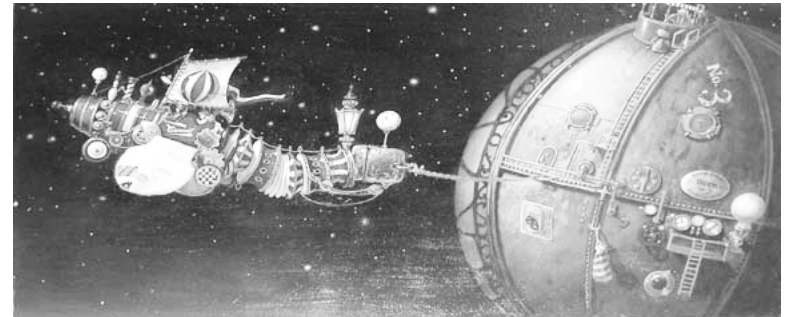
Babysitting—Due to under-use and rising costs, we can no longer offer group babysitting services to our members. The Westin hotel recommends that parents of younger children interested in hiring babysitters contact Boston's Best BabySitters. (617-268-7148; www.bbbabysitters.com) We apologize for the short notice on this.

Transferring Memberships

Boskone does not refund memberships. However, you may transfer your membership to someone else. All membership transfers must be done in writing. Your transferee will be able to register much more quickly at the convention if you write to us in advance (at the PO Box or to b45info@boskone.org) to let us know of the transfer, and have your transferee bring a copy of your transfer letter to Registration. Please note that Life Memberships are not transferable.

Late-Breaking News

Last-minute information about Boskone will be available in the week preceding Boskone 45 on the web. In addition, the near-final Program will be uploaded to our web site about a week before the con.



Program

The Boskone 45 Program offers panels, talks, discussions, demos, and workshops on many aspects of the science fiction and fantasy field. We include items about hard SF and fantasy, science and art, fandom and movies, literature and TV, music and comics, and heaps of related topics! The full schedule will be in the Pocket Program, and posted on the boskone.org website about a week prior to the convention.

Our planned events include:

- *The Friday evening Art Show reception, open to everyone*
- *Death to Peeps Fun Fest!*
- *Bruce Coville Reader's Theatre*
- *Items spotlighting all of our guests*
- *And much more...*

Confirmed Program participants as of January 8, 2008 include

Ellen Asher	David G. Hartwell	Margaret Organ-Kean
Judith Berman	Jeff Hecht	Chad Orzel
Patricia Bray	Walter H. Hunt	Paul Park
Ginjer Buchanan	Elaine Isaak	Tamora Pierce
Tobias Buckell	Alexander Jablokov	Steven Popkes
Michael A. Burstein	Matthew Jarpe	Omar Rayyan
James Cambias	MaryAnn Johanson	Faye Ringel
Jeffrey A. Carver	Jordin T. Kare	Lawrence Schoen
Guy Consolmagno	Mary Kay Kare	Karl Schroeder
Bruce Coville	Robert I. Katz	Joe Siclari
F. Brett Cox	Daniel Kimmel	Wen Spencer
John R. Douglas	Rosemary Kirstein	Allen Steele
Debra Doyle	Sharon Lee	Charles Stross
Thomas A. Easton	Fred Lerner	Michael Swanwick
Bob Eggleton	Shariann Lewitt	Paul Tremblay
John Farrell	Timothy Liebe	Howard Waldrop
Gregory Feeley	Ernest Lilley	Lawrence Watt-Evans
Stephen C. Fisher	Darlene Marshall	David Weber
Michael F. Flynn	Elise Matthesen	Mary Ellen Wessels
Esther Friesner	Gary D. McGath	Peter Weston
Gregory Frost	Seanan McGuire	Eleanor Wood
Greer Gilman	Steve Miller	Jane Yolen
Gavin Grant	Dean Morrissey	

Newsletter—Helmuth, Speaking for Boskone, the convention newsletter, features updates and changes to the program as well as lists of parties and other news. Copies of Helmuth will be distributed around the hotel: Art Show, Hucksters Room, Con Suite, et al. You can always find copies at Information. Helmuth is always looking for line art. If you have any convention-related illustrations, please e-mail them to: helmuth@boskone.org.

NESFA Press—This year's Boskone Book will be *The One Right Thing* by Special Guest Bruce Coville. This book features some of Bruce's more delightful (and improbable) heroes: a stinky princess, a strong-willed unicorn, a magician's struggling apprentice, a boy who kept faith with an angel, a fairy godmother working to keep her wings, and even a headless ghost. *The One Right Thing* is really about a lot of right things that everyday people (and your average monster or two) do to grow and to help others. The trade state is \$25 and the boxed state is \$40. As usual, we offer the book at a 40% discount to Boskone members. Order in advance by using the form in this booklet and sending it with payment to: Boskone 45 Advance Sales, P.O. Box 809, Framingham, MA 01701. Deadline for receipt of advance orders is February 1st, 2008. Pick-up will be at the NESFA Sales table in the Huckster's Room.

Restaurant Guide—The restaurant guide will be available on-line at www.boskone.org/rest-guide a few weeks before Boskone. We've got great seafood restaurants in the neighborhood of the hotel and, Chinatown is less than a mile away.



Area Hours

Area	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Registration	4 p.m. to 9 p.m.	9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.	9:30 a.m. to Noon
Art Show*	6 p.m. to midnight	10 a.m. to 10 p.m.	10 a.m. to Noon
Con Suite	4 p.m. to 1 a.m.	9 a.m. to 1 a.m.	9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Hucksters' Room	5 p.m. to 8 p.m.	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.	10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Information	4 p.m. to 9 p.m.	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.	10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Dragonslair**	7 p.m. to 9 p.m.	10 a.m. to noon 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.	10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

*Art Show Sales will be from 1 p.m.-3 p.m. Sunday; and, if necessary, the Art Show Auction will start at 1:15 p.m. Sunday.

** Dragonslair will close on Saturday from noon to 1 p.m. and from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Volunteers—Boskone welcomes volunteers of all kinds: from newbies to veterans, from sitting down to weight lifting. Once again Boskone has a membership carryover policy for those working the convention. If you work at least sixteen hours (setup and teardown count double), we will thank you with a non-transferable membership in Boskone 46. We will also have some interesting freebies for all volunteers and a T-shirt for those working eight hours or more. All volunteers are encouraged to use the volunteer/staff lounge for a quick snack or something cool or hot to drink; please remember to check at Information for its location.

Information—Information will be in the Grand Ballroom pre-function space on the Lower Lobby of the Westin Waterfront. Information is your place to find answers to your questions. You'll also be able to pre-register for a discussion group, a kaffeeklatsch, or any other event that requires sign-up, to drop off items for the convention newsletter, and to get the latest copy of Helmuth (Boskone's newsletter). Stop by the Information desk and see what we can do for you!

Club & Bid Tables—Want to publicize your club, convention, or bid? We will have a limited number of tables available for you. Table space is limited, so please write or email us (at b45info@boskone.org) in advance for information and reservations.

Anime & Video—We strive to present worthwhile features that are not readily available on cable or broadcast TV. Also, we try to integrate our offerings with the "live" Boskone program. Above all, we want to provide an enjoyable experience for any attendees who decide to spend time watching anime & video at Boskone.

Autographing—Get an autograph from your favorite writer, editor, or artist. Check your Pocket Program for times and locations.

Readings—Hear writers read and discuss their own works; as before, the Pocket Program tells all...

Discussion Groups—This year, we're setting up individual presentations and focused discussions by a variety of our program participants. We'll also have some space available for you to form your own last-minute groups ("Birds of a Feather") at-con. Sign up for these at Information (or email us ahead of time at b45info@boskone.org).

Filksinging—Filksongs are fandom's folk songs, with themes of SF, fantasy, and fannish interests. Planned items include two hours of concert sets, and NESFA Hymnal singing.

Kaffeeklatsches/Literary Beers—Are you interested in participating in an informal discussion with one of our program participants over coffee, tea, or beer? Sign up for these at Information at the convention.



Death to Peeps Fun Fest!

Legions of Peeps have given up the ghost in David Weber's Honor Harrington books. But the People's Republic of Haven is still out to conquer the universe, and Boskone 45 will be the scene of the strangest battle yet.

Weber's Peeps typically meet their ends in exploding spaceships, armed combat, assassinations, revolutions, and more. On Friday evening of Boskone, we'll trap 1,000 or more of their marshmallow counterparts in the Con Suite and investigate methods both familiar and new for doing them in.

Somebody Else's Microwave is just the beginning. Join us as we demonstrate some of the science experiments that led www.peepresearch.org to conclude "Given enough time, the proper resources, and access to some really toxic stuff, one can probably dissolve just about anything except Peep eyes." Enter the Diorama Building Contest and win prizes for the Most Creative Use of Dead Peeps, Best Way to Banish or Disarm Peep Ghosts, Best Peeps Assassination Technique, and other categories still to be determined.

We need people to help run the Peeps science demonstrations, judge the dioramas, dispense Peeps jousting sticks, and more. If you want to help, or to simply tell us something you've always wanted to see done to a marshmallow Peep, please send email to Geri Sullivan (peeps@boskone.org)

Exhibits & Services

FANAC Fan History Project—Be part of the FHP, dedicated to preserving our science fiction and fannish heritage and making this material available to the present-day fan. Check out the web page at www.fanac.org, with its fannish reference works and thousands of photographs. You may even find your own picture there!

They will be at Boskone to archive our past. They'll have a scanning station to record photos and a small display to tell you more about themselves. If you have unusual items, they'll try to photograph or record them at the convention. If you have any photos, fanzines, publications or other memorabilia that you might be interested in donating to the FHP collection, contact Joe Siclari at jsiclari@optonline.net or talk with him at the convention. All donations are tax-deductible.

Art Show & Print Shop—The Art Show will have about 100 4'x6' panels and a dozen tables full of SF and Fantasy artwork, most of which will be available for sale by written bid, including about a dozen panels for the Print Shop displaying prints available for immediate sale at a fixed price, an expanded area for resale of previously-purchased art and a special exhibit of the work of Official Artist Dean Morrissey. Write to us for complete rules and an entry form, or find them on our website at www.boskone.org/artshow.html. The Art Show will be located in the Grand ballroom on the Concourse (lower) floor. You are also invited to attend the Art Show Reception starting at 10:00 pm on Friday.

Resale of Art—Like last year, Boskone will have a section of the art show for the re-sale of art. Members of the convention may sell art they own there. For more details see www.boskone.org/artshow.html

Hucksters' Room—The Hucksters' Room (aka the Dealers' Room) will feature a wide variety of science fiction, fantasy, and genre books, jewelry, clothing, and all manner of other fun stuff. Check the Boskone web site (www.boskone.org) after January 22, 2008 for a list of dealers scheduled to attend. The Hucksters' Room will be on the Concourse level, in the Grand Ballroom, sharing space with the Art Show and Con Suite.

Con Suite—The Con Suite will be in ballrooms C&D on the first floor, adjacent to the art show and hucksters' room. Everyone is welcome for some soda and munchies, and fun, and to meet new and old friends.

Gaming Room—Was your starship distracted by the moon maidens? Was there so much Collateral Damage that the Power Grid was knocked out? Not to worry, the game room has what you need to fix all your problems. Lots of old and new games for beginners as well as experienced players. The Tournament is back! Yes, you can be the Guru of the Game Room if you win the tournament being held on Saturday. Four games to play. Four prize winners in the end. Prizes this year are by SJ Games, WOTC, Rio Grande Games, Gozer Games LLC, and Slugfest Games. And, of course, the video games will be here as well. Some new games for Wii and some old favorites on the PS2. There's even a video game tournament! That's right, a video game tournament will take place on the Wii on Saturday (game TBA.) Check the website for updates as the convention draws near.

Dragonslair—Dragonslair is our version of Children's Programming for ages 7 to 12. Persis Thorndike will once again endeavor to keep your children entertained with activities throughout the weekend. Games, readings, crafts, and costuming will most likely be part of the schedule. If you have ideas for Dragonslair programming, please e-mail kids@boskone.org. We have firm hours of operation; please see the list on the next page. Dragonslair will close for lunch and dinner on Saturday. We reserve the right to collect a fee for children not picked up at these times. Let us know if you will be using Dragonslair. Then come and have fun!