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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Hello everyone!

We are now just about three months away from Chicon 8, and the pieces are really starting to come together!

First of all, I'm so delighted to be able to announce Steven Barnes and Tananarive Due as our Author Guests of Honor at Chicon 8.

Both of them have made so many contributions to the genre — science fiction, fantasy, and horror, in books, graphic novels, television, and academia.

They are incredibly talented and versatile authors, and I can't wait for you to get to see them at Chicon 8!

We just had our all-staff weekend in May, and so many of us came out of those days feeling really energized and excited. People got to meet each other for the first time in person, we got to eat and drink together (outside in the glorious Chicago spring weather), pull together our general timeline for the entire event, and we even did the chicken dance (because that Saturday was actually Dance Like a Chicken Day, and we had to celebrate!). It was a fantastic weekend full of fun, excitement, ideas, energy, and silliness.

We are now buckling down to get everything finalized for you. We're going to start this summer by having our Hugo Book Discussion Groups online. We will be hosting a Q&A session with the various bids that will be voted on this year in Site Selection – Glasgow in 2024 for Worldcon, and Orlando in 2023 / Winnipeg in 2023 for the NASFiC. Our Fringe Division has several other ideas we're putting together for online this summer to get you in the Worldcon mood, and we're also starting to set up some in-person tours and such for the days leading up to Worldcon when you get to Chicago!

Speaking of virtual things, we're hard at work on our Virtual Chicon 8 experience, and you can now buy memberships for that if you aren't able to join us in person.

Our program is looking amazing — we're going to have close to 700 program items such as panels and presentations and workshops. I've seen the list and ... wow. The program team has definitely raised the bar for quality Worldcon programming this year! Watch our website and social media for sneak previews!

Our events teams are putting together the Hugo Awards Ceremony, Masquerade, Opening and Closing



Ceremonies, concerts, dances, and theatrical performances. Our exhibits team are putting together the Art Show and Dealers Room, as well as several really cool exhibits for you to wander through.

In addition, we will be having two phenomenal art exhibits from our Guests of Honor. As I looked through the names of the artists ... well, I'll just say that you've probably heard of them and seen their work over the years on magazine and book covers!

Joe Siclari and Edie Stern, our Fan Guests of Honor, will be bringing at least 30 pieces from their impressive collection of SF/F artwork to share with you all. Their exhibit will be in the Art Show throughout the weekend.

Steven Korshak, son of our Guest of Honor Erle Korshak, will also be exhibiting works from the Korshak Collection. This world-renowned art collection will absolutely awe you — from Chicon 8 the collection will then be going on to be exhibited at a prestigious university, but you all get to see it first! It will be in the San Francisco room, directly across from the Art Show, throughout the weekend.

And then there's everything else. Our children's program, teen lounge, and other family-friendly things to do. Our hospitality areas, including parties in the evenings. Our safer spaces for our BIPOC, LGBTQIA+, Disabled, and Sensory-Sensitive members. So much gaming.

I also want to mention all the behind-the-scenes staff that are doing the work to make your experience at Chicon 8 be awesome — our Facilities Team, who are handling everything to do with your hotel stay, our Access Team, Registration Team, Info Desk, Staff Services, Signage, IT, Marketing Team, Volunteers ... without them, there would be no Chicon 8. Remember that when you see a staff member at the con, will you? Give 'em a big thank you!

Finally, let me give a big thank you to YOU, our members. We are so glad you're joining us in September. It's going to be a phenomenal weekend.

*Stay Well,
Helen Montgomery
Chair, Chicon 8*



Steven Barnes

STEVEN BARNES is the NY Times bestselling author of over thirty novels of science fiction, horror, and suspense. The Image, Endeavor and Cable-Ace Award-winning author also writes for television, including *The Twilight Zone*, *Stargate SG-1*, *Andromeda*, and an Emmy Award-winning episode of *The Outer Limits*.

He also has taught at UCLA, Seattle University, and lectured at the Smithsonian Institute in Washington D.C. With his wife, British Fantasy Award-winning author Tananarive Due, he has created online courses in Afrofuturism, Black horror, and screenwriting. Steven was born in Los Angeles, CA, and except for a decade in the Northwest, and three years in Atlanta, GA, has lived in that area all his life. Steve and Tananarive live with their son, Jason.

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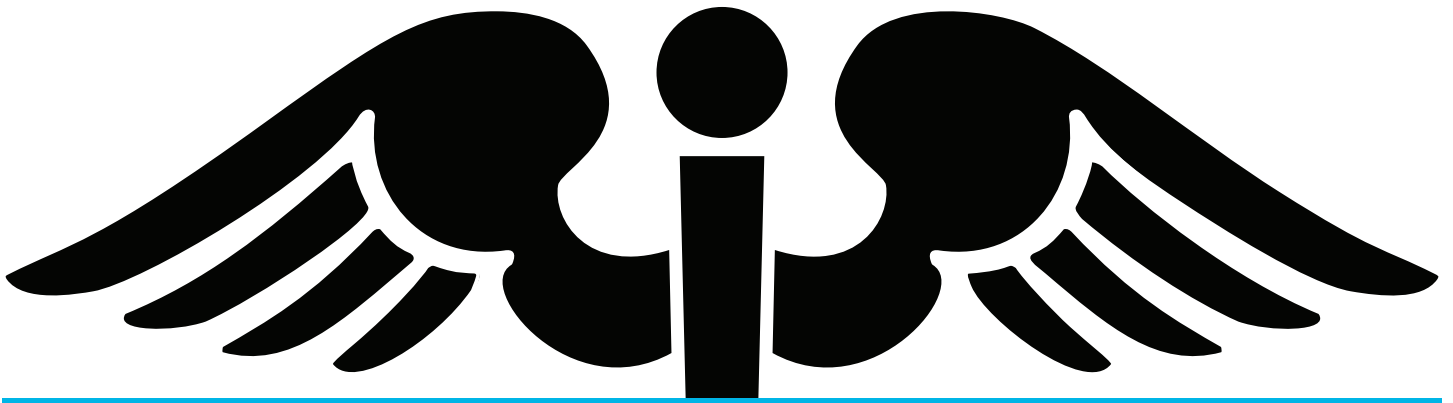


Tananarive Due

TANANARIVE DUE (*tah-nah-nah-REEVE doo*) is an award-winning author who teaches Black horror and Afrofuturism at UCLA. She is an executive producer on Shudder's groundbreaking documentary *Horror Noire: A History of Black Horror*. She and her husband/collaborator, Steven Barnes, wrote "A Small Town" for Season 2 of Jordan Peele's *The Twilight Zone* on Paramount Plus, and two segments of Shudder's anthology film *Horror Noire*. They also co-wrote their upcoming Black horror graphic novel *The Keeper*, illustrated by Marco Finnegan. Due and Barnes co-host a podcast, "Lifewriting: Write for Your Life!"

A leading voice in Black speculative fiction for more than 20 years, Due has won an American Book Award, an NAACP Image Award, and a British Fantasy Award, and her writing has been included in best-of-the-year anthologies. Her books include *Ghost Summer: Stories*, *My Soul to Keep*, and *The Good House*. She and her late mother, civil rights activist Patricia Stephens Due, co-authored *Freedom in the Family: A Mother-Daughter Memoir of the Fight for Civil Rights*. She and her husband live with their son, Jason.



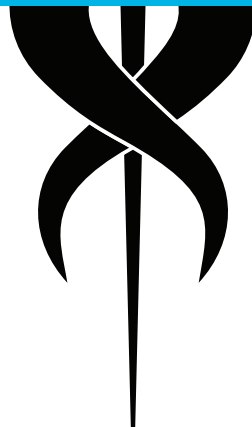


COVID POLICY

Chicon 8 strives to hold a welcoming and inclusive event. As with any community, portions of our population are at high risk for serious complications from Covid-19. Part of our responsibility to our community is safeguarding the health of all our members.

To that end, proof of full vaccination for Covid-19 as **defined by the CDC** or countries with reasonably aligned vaccination protocols are required for entry to Chicon 8. Masks are required in all convention spaces except when actively eating or drinking in designated areas.

The full policy and FAQ can be viewed **here**.



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Moshe Yudkowsky
Fan Guest of Honor

Christine Mitzuk
Artist Guest of Honor



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The Chicago Worldcon Community Fund and YOU!

The CWCF is our crowd-funded program to help more people attend Chicon 8. Specifically, the program is providing pay-what-you-can memberships and travel stipends to:

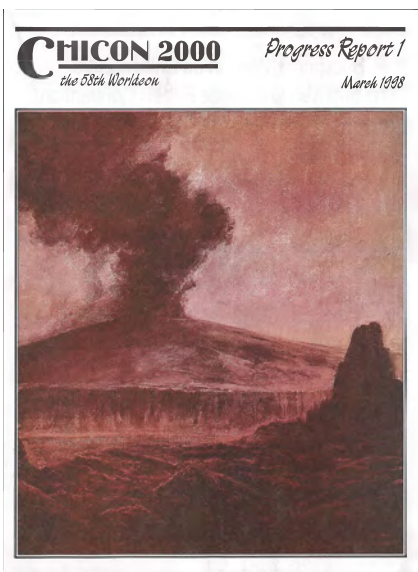
- Non-white fans or program participants
- LGBTQIA+ fans or program participants
- Local Chicago area fans of limited means

At the beginning of May we made our first set of awards to over 20 people. Thanks to everyone who donated and made that possible! We'd like to help even more people, but our initial round of funding has exhausted the fund coffers. Can you help us by making a donation? You can make a cash donation by visiting the ***fund page*** on the website.

<https://chicon.org/home/for-members/chicago-worldcon-community-fund/>

And if at any time between now and the beginning of the convention your plans have changed and you find yourself with an attending membership that you cannot use, just email ***fund@chicon.org*** and we will find your membership a worthy home!

If you need assistance, applications are being accepted on an ongoing basis and memberships and travel stipends will be provided as available up until the convention. Visit the fund page on the website to apply.





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MEMBER SERVICES

The Member Services Division is still cruising along on our journey to the stars. As we are gaining speed towards escape velocity, we definitely need some help! By now, we've already shared information about obtaining accessible hotel rooms, how to get our help obtaining a visa, and done our first round of disbursements for the Chicago Community Worldcon Fund. We also continue to answer member questions via email.

We still need help in the following areas. Please email memberservices@chicon.org if you'd like to learn more or sign up to help with any of these tasks:

Info Table: We could use help putting together our at-con maps, guides, and overlays. Do you like putting together maps? We need you to save us all from my stick-figure drawings that will be unmoored from all concepts of geography. (Seriously, I once drove to West Virginia from Akron, Ohio, when I was intending to go to Indianapolis, Indiana. My maps will not be good.)

Operations: Do you like putting together the logistics of an event? Are you a night-owl who might want to do some of the overnight work for our 24/7 Ops Room? Crazy about line management and crowd flow? Or, maybe, you just really like radios? These are all valid, life-affirming joys, and we'd love to have your help in these areas.

Accessibility Team: Do you enjoy surmounting barriers to equal access? Do you also enjoy helping your fellow members experience the convention in an accessible manner? Are you looking for a position that will let you be seated all day? Or one that will let you walk around all day? We've got tons of open at-con roles, and may have the perfect fit for you. We're especially looking for folks who have experience in Accessibility services, who have disabilities of their own, or just want to help make life easier for a lot of people.

Where to Find Information

If you are unable to find a piece of information on the website, please email info@chicon.org, and we will be happy to point you in the right

direction. We are also working on our FAQ for the website and would greatly accept any help in putting it together.

Google Map Tip

We have a Google Map tip for those of you coming to Chicago for the first time because we assume you'll be using the Map feature to get around.

The Hyatt Regency is in a wonderful location in downtown Chicago for being centrally located to explore a lot of different things. Chicago also has a unique road feature, particularly around our hotel, in that there are several roads stacked on top of each other. See below picture:



If you are navigating using a Google Pin on the map, the pin defaults to the upper road. However, especially for the parking garages near the Hyatt Regency, most of the entrances are off of the middle or lower roads.

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In order to utilize Google Maps most effectively, you will need to enter the actual street address for where you are attempting to go. With the actual address, Google has a better chance of navigating you on the proper road.

Chicago Worldcon Community Fund

The best thing about Worldcon is the people. Worldcon is an event where amazing, awesome people come together to create, to learn, to make, to do, and to participate with one another as we build our community together.

This community becomes amazing when we are able to help as many people as we can to join us. In reality, not everyone finds it financially easy to attend Worldcon.

The Chicago Worldcon Community Fund (CWCF), inspired by the funds and initiatives that have come before, is here to facilitate bringing more people into our community. The CWCF is a special fund to help defray the expenses of attending Chicon 8 for the following groups of people:

- Non-white fans or program participants
- LGBTQIA+ fans or program participants
- Local Chicago area fans of limited means

If you would like to learn more about the CWCF and how donations will be utilized, please head to our **FAQ on the website**. Are you in a position to help the Chicago Worldcon Community Fund? Please go to the website to donate, and thanks!

Code of Conduct

As a reminder, Chicon 8 does have a Code of Conduct. The guiding principle of our Code of Conduct is that everyone should feel welcome and comfortable at Chicon 8, and we are all responsible to work together to achieve this goal. We sincerely ask you to review both our **Code of Conduct** and our **Anti-Racism Statement** in order to familiarize yourselves with our community expectations.

We also want to highlight that Chicon 8 has also developed a **Covid Policy**. Our Covid Policy, like our Code of Conduct and Anti-Racism Statement, reflect that Worldcon is a community. As members of this community, we all have a duty to protect each other. Collectively, the

Chicon 8 Committee aims to provide a welcoming, supportive, and safe environment. In the context of Covid-19, this protection includes doing our best to protect our community from infectious conditions. We are doing so by requiring vaccination in order to attend our event and to wear masks while in convention space.

Violations of our Covid-19 Policy will be considered violations of our Code of Conduct.

Accessibility

The Accessibility Team has been busy organizing accessible rooms with the hotel. If booking a room with specific features would make attending the convention more attendable, whether for physical, mental, religious, or any other reason, whether to book one on a lower floor, one near an elevator, or one with an ADA-compliant bathtub, please do email access@chicon.org.

Please keep in mind that ALL roll-in shower rooms have now been booked. We are keeping a wait list in case any rooms open up. We do have ADA-compliant rooms with tubs with handrails still available, as well as standard rooms located on low floors or near elevators.

You can read more about what the team does and information they have already put together online to make attending easier, such as local navigation and services they will be providing:

<https://chicon.org/home/for-members/accessibility-services/>

Some of those include:

- CART subtitles will be provided for the Hugo Ceremony, Business Meeting, and the Masquerade at very least. Airmeet, our virtual platform, offers automatic subtitling for all virtual program items.
- A Low Sensory Space will be available as a tranquil respite from the convention, when needed.
- We plan to offer scooters, manual wheelchairs, power wheelchairs, and powerchairs for a rental fee to members who cannot or prefer not to travel with their own equipment. There will be a rental portal on our website soon for members to make reservations.

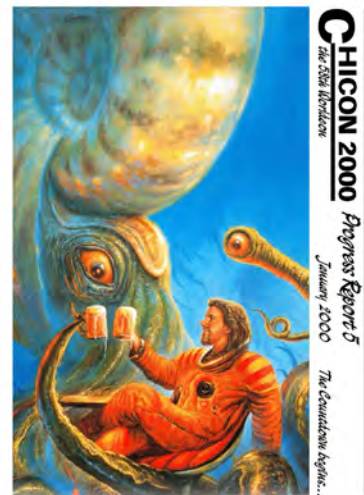
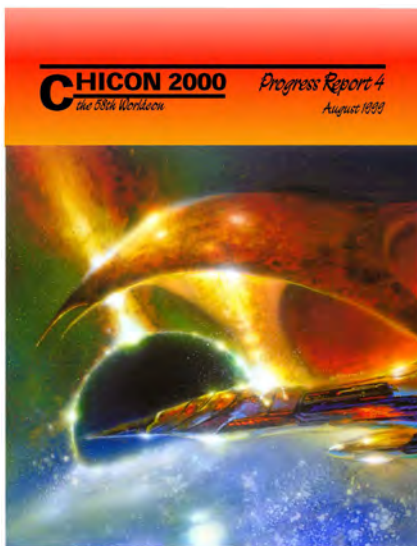
- If you are interested in helping to put together an accessible map of the hotel, please be in touch.
- The hotel does not currently offer valet parking, although this could change in the coming months.

Childcare

Kiddie Corp will be providing group childcare at the convention, including during the Hugo Ceremony and Masquerade. We expect the booking portal for childcare to open by June 15th.

More information about other resources available at the convention for children and their families is available online.

<https://chicon.org/home/for-members/families/>



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VOLUNTEERS

Everyone who works on Chicon 8 is a volunteer. The World Science Fiction Convention is 100% volunteer-run by fans for fans. It is a rewarding experience, whether working before, during, or after the convention.

We need hundreds of volunteers to take Chicon 8 to the stars! Volunteering is a rewarding and varied experience that can lead to developing new skills or flexing some old ones. If you are new to Worldcon, it is a great way to meet people! There are some fantastic, fun roles to fill before the convention begins and during the convention. Check out the opportunities here:

<https://chicon.org/home/volunteering/volunteer-opportunities/>

If you see something you are interested in, go to the volunteer form listed below. If nothing appeals, but you know you want to do something, fill in the form and we will contact you. If neither of those options works for you, you don't know what your schedule will be, or what time you will have during the convention, be sure to stop by the Volunteer Desk across from the Con Suite and

sign up to be a door dragon or pick another job for the free hours that you have.

We are looking for Virtual volunteers. If that's your jam, indicate that on your volunteer form and we will send your information to the Virtual team.

Volunteers get rewards! For volunteers working at the convention, we will have items donated from the dealers, other conventions, and members. Virtual volunteers will have choices from virtual rewards. We are working now on what all of those rewards will be. There are always great gifts.

For more information about volunteering, check out our page here:

<https://chicon.org/home/volunteering/volunteers/>

The volunteer form is here:

<https://chicon.org/home/volunteering/volunteer-form/>

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Jo Walton

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Artist Guest of Honor

Iris Compier

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Ursula Vernon

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WSFS

World Science Fiction Society Business Meeting

What Does Being a WSFS Member Mean?

As a member of Chicon 8, you are a member of the World Science Fiction Society (WSFS). The membership of WSFS is made up of the membership of the Worldcon for that year — this year that's Chicon 8.

As a member of WSFS, you have the opportunity to debate and vote on the rules of the organization, including **Hugo Award** categories, **Site Selection** processes, and the rules of how to debate those topics (i.e., the rules for the WSFS Business Meeting).

How Do You Get Engaged in WSFS Business?

In addition to nominating for and voting on the Hugo Awards and voting in Site Selection, you can engage with the WSFS-related aspects of Chicon 8 as part of the WSFS Business Meeting.

The debate and discussion on these topics — Hugo Awards, Site Selection, and WSFS Business Meeting rules — occurs at the Business Meeting (yes, the individuals at the meeting debate on how the individuals at the meeting should debate). You can be part of that discussion!

You must be an Attending member to actually attend and vote at the Business Meeting; however, Supporting members may submit business.

When Is the Business Meeting?

The Business Meeting occurs on the second, third, fourth, and (if necessary) fifth days of the convention. This year that means Friday, September 2, to Monday, September 5. Each day it is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., but if the agenda for any individual day is short enough the meeting may end earlier.

Given the way debate occurs, there is no specific time at which any individual item of business will be discussed, just an order. The one exception is the result of Site Selection, which is by rule the first item to come before the meeting on the fourth day of the convention (Sunday, September 4).

What Happens Each Day?

The first session of the meeting is generally known as the Preliminary Business Meeting. It is used to review the agenda for the rest of the sessions, set debate times (which can always be amended), and provides members with the chance to object to discussion of certain items of business (there is a particular mechanism for this and it requires a vote of those present). This session can also include report-outs on the finances of previous and future Worldcons, reports from other committees, and votes on certain resolutions.

At the second and following sessions, the meeting handles the business in order, including debate and, as necessary, votes. Business can be voted on or referred to committees to report back this year or in the future. As mentioned, at the third session the Site Selection team presents the results of the vote and a presentation by the newly seated Worldcon is given.

Why All the Rules?

To ensure that each attendee who wants to be heard, aid in managing votes, and keep the agenda rolling, the Business Meeting is run according to Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised (RONR) unless the WSFS Standing Rules include a specific deviation from RONR.

Remember that “fair” doesn't always mean “I get what I personally want.” It's a deliberative assembly run in a democratic manner. That means that sometimes you don't win, but it does mean that you and everyone else has to play by the same rules.

The current Standing Rules, along with a copy of the WSFS Constitution, can be found on the **WSFS website**.

How Do I Submit a Proposal?

Any two or more Attending and/or Supporting members can submit business to the meeting. To submit a proposal, send it to the **business meeting staff**. You can contact us at that address in advance if you need help crafting your proposal into the correct format.

The deadline for submitting proposals to the 2022 WSFS Business Meeting is Wednesday,

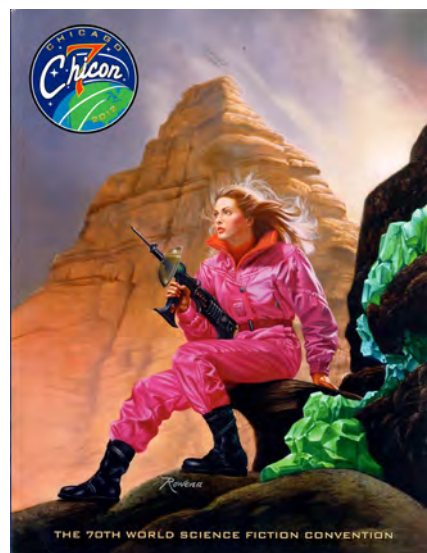
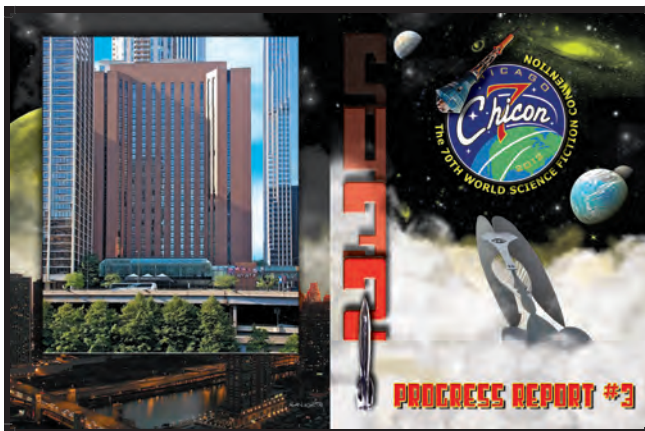
August 3, 2022. Proposals received after that date will generally not be considered, subject to the provisions of Standing Rule 2.1.

Agenda

The agenda will be set and released closer to the start of Chicon 8.

You can see business passed on to the 2022 Business Meeting from the 2021 Business Meeting (held at DisCon III) available on the **WSFS website**.

Minutes and a recording of the 2021 Business Meeting are available on the **WSFS website**.



ORLANDO

A stylized graphic featuring a large, orange and red sun with horizontal stripes in the center. Two palm trees are positioned on either side of the sun. Below the sun is a mountain range rendered in a wireframe style with blue and purple lines. The background is a gradient of purple and blue.

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MEMBERSHIP DEMOGRAPHICS



The following table summarises Chicon 8's membership demographics as of May 14, 2022. We're pleased to welcome our first members from Iceland and the Philippines, meaning that we now have members from no less than 40 countries!

Country	Adult Attending *	Age Attending **	Virtual	Supporting	Total
Australia	10		1	65	76
Austria				3	3
Belgium	3			4	7
Bermuda	1				1
Brazil	1				1
Canada	73	4	2	130	209
China				3	3
Colombia				1	1
Denmark			1	3	1
Finland	5			26	31
France			1	7	8
Germany	14	3	1	39	57
Hong Kong				1	1
Iceland	2			1	3
India				1	1
Ireland	8		2	16	26
Israel	2			2	4
Italy	2			6	8
Japan	5		1	4	10
Luxembourg				1	1
Malaysia				1	1
Netherlands	4		1	8	13
New Zealand	5		2	11	18
Norway	1			4	5
Philippines				1	1
Poland				5	5
Qatar	1				1
Russia	1				1
Saudi Arabia				14	14
Singapore				1	1
South Africa				1	1
Spain	1			3	4
Sweden	9			9	18
Switzerland	2			6	8
Taiwan				1	1
Thailand	1				1
Uganda				1	1
Ukraine				2	2
United Kingdom	55	6	3	122	186
United States	2420	128	17	868	3433
TOTAL	2626	141	32	1371	4170

(*) includes First Worldcon attendees

(**) includes Young Adults, Teen and Child Attending Members plus Kids-in-Tow



Glasgow in 2024

A Worldcon For Our Futures

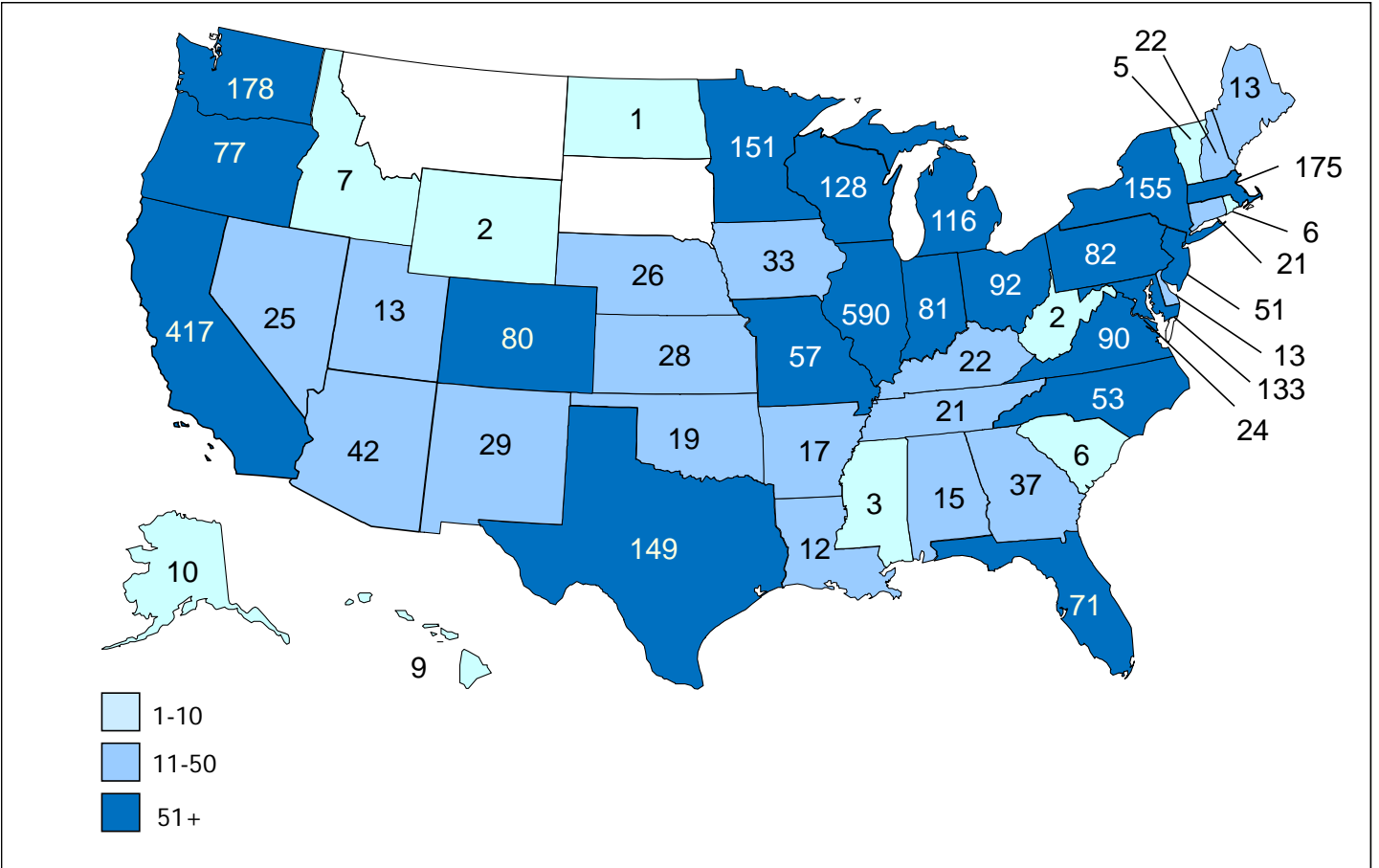
Glasgow is a vibrant city filled with science fiction, fantasy and inventiveness, and our team aims to bring our love of these to our Bid to host the 82nd Worldcon. Our venue, the Scottish Event Campus, has seen much growth with new onsite hotels and restaurants, and will serve as a hub for a fantastic Worldcon. Join us as we bring all our futures together in one great celebration!

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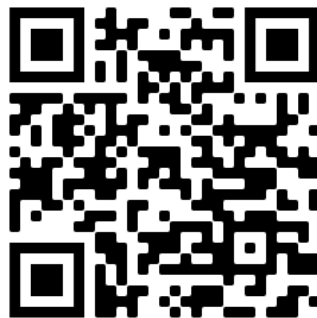
The US state demographics for the 3,433 US members are shown on the following table and chart. We are delighted to have members registered from 48 different states (plus Washington D.C., Guam, and US forces overseas) — and if you're in South Dakota or Montana, we'd love to complete the set!

AK (10)	GA (37)	MA (175)	NH (22)	SC (6)
AL (15)	GU (1)	MD (133)	NJ (51)	TN (21)
AP (1)	HI (9)	ME (13)	NM (29)	TX (149)
AR (17)	IA (33)	MI (116)	NV (25)	UT (13)
AZ (42)	ID (7)	MN (151)	NY (155)	VA (90)
CA (417)	IL (590)	MO (57)	OH (92)	VT (5)
CO (80)	IN (81)	MS (3)	OK (19)	WA (178)
CT (21)	KS (28)	NC (53)	OR (77)	WI (128)
DC (24)	KY (22)	ND (1)	PA (82)	WV (2)
DE (13)	LA (12)	NE (26)	RI (6)	WY (2)
FL (71)				Unknown (22)





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