

# 81ST WORLD SCIENCE FICTION CONVENTION — 2023 SITE SELECTION BALLOT

## Rules (please read carefully):

**Please Read:** Membership in DisCon III is a **requirement** to vote in Site Selection. If you are not already a member of DisCon III, you must purchase at least a Supporting Membership in DisCon III. The cost of this is US\$50. In addition, there is a US\$50 Site Selection voting fee. Adding these two together means that the minimum cost to vote is US\$100. If you do not already have a DisCon III membership, you may purchase it on the DisCon III website, <https://discon3.org/membership/membership-information/>.

**Eligibility:** To be eligible to vote, you must be a living, natural person and either a Full Attending, Virtual, or Supporting Member of DisCon III. Ballots cast for memberships held by non-natural persons, such as "Guest of" memberships, clubs, toys, et cetera, may only be voted as "No Preference." Please note that Day Passes do NOT include voting rights.

### INSTRUCTIONS

1. To vote in the 2023 Worldcon Site Selection, you must pay a Site Selection Voting Fee of US\$50. You can pay electronically on the DisCon III website (see Online Instructions below) or by check or money order (see Postal Mailing Instructions below).
2. Print out the Site Selection Ballot here: <https://discon3.org/whats-on/hugo-awards-wsfs/2023-worldcon-site-selection/>.
3. Fill out your ballot as described under the "Voting" section.
4. Make sure you enter your DisCon III Membership Number, Voting Token, and sign your ballot.
5. Include your name and address on your ballot. In addition to this information being used to validate the ballot, we will provide it to the winning bid so that they know who their members are. This information will be kept confidential.
6. Transmit your completed ballot. To send your ballot to DisCon III by email see the "Online Instructions" section; to send your ballot via postal mail see the "Postal Mail Instructions" section.

### Online Instructions

1. If you wish to pay Site Selection Voting Fee via credit or debit card, you can do so on the DisCon III website. Follow the instructions at <https://discon3.org/whats-on/hugo-awards-wsfs/2023-worldcon-site-selection/>. Use the subpage for paying the voting fee for the Worldcon site selection. You will receive a **voting token**; enter it on your ballot as proof of payment. Your voting token is proof that you paid electronically for your Site Selection Voting Fee.

2. After you have your token, follow steps 2-5 in the "Instructions" section above.
3. Scan your completed ballot as a PDF or other widely used image type (JPG, TIF, PNG, BMP, GIF).
4. Email your ballot to [worldcon81ballot@discon3.org](mailto:worldcon81ballot@discon3.org).

**Email ballots must be received by Tuesday, December 14, 2021, 12:00 noon Eastern Standard Time (EST).**

### Postal Mailing Instructions

1. You may pay for your Site Selection Voting Fee with a personal check or money order in U.S. funds payable to "81st Worldcon".
2. After filling out both sections of the ballot and signing it, fold the ballot along the dashed lines below, then tape the fold shut at the solid line, to conceal your vote from casual viewing prior to the ballot count.
3. Ballots may be submitted by postal mail to the address below.

**DO NOT MAIL CASH.** Postal mail ballots must be received by Tuesday, December 7, 2021.

Voting continues at DisCon III until **6 PM EST on Friday, December 17, 2021**. If you delegate someone to hand carry your ballot, either (a) make sure your membership number is included on the ballot or (b) purchase your DisCon III (supporting) membership online or (c) give your voting agent separate payment for your membership.

**Voting:** Site Selection ballots are tallied by preferential balloting procedures. The winner is the first to receive a majority of those ballots expressing a preference. Indicate your favorite option with a "1," your next favorite with a "2," and so on. If you mark an "X" with no other marks, that will count as a "1" for that option with no other preferences. Please do not use any marks other than these.

**For the full details of the site selection rules, see Article 4 of the WSFS Constitution. If you have any questions regarding this ballot or the application of Article 4 to the selection of the 81st Worldcon, contact us at the address below or at [siteselection@discon3.org](mailto:siteselection@discon3.org)**

DisCon III Site Selection  
P.O. Box 2392  
Littleton, MA 01460-3392  
USA

### THIS SECTION FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Processed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Forwarded: \_\_\_\_\_

We encourage you to distribute copies of this ballot; however, you must reproduce it verbatim, including the voting instructions, with no additional material other than the name below of the person, organization, or publication responsible for the reproduction.

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**Voter Identification** (please print or type clearly):

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Badge name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Address 2nd line \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province/Prefecture \_\_\_\_\_

Country \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP/Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Unsigned ballots will be considered "No Preference" if otherwise valid

I would like to receive paper publications from the winning bid.  
(There may be an additional cost for this option at the bid's  
discretion.) YES  NO

I give my permission to the winning bid to publish my name as a  
member on their website and/or in print progress reports:  
YES  NO

**Site Selection Voting Fee** — includes a Supporting membership in the 81st Worldcon:

I have paid my Worldcon 2023 voting fee on the DisCon III website; my voting token is: \_\_\_\_\_

## Eligibility to Vote:

I am a member of DisCon III. My membership number (if known) is: \_\_\_\_\_.

(Your Membership number can be retrieved from the DisCon III membership page at <https://discon3.org/membership/membership-information/> when you are logged in and can see your membership details.)

All data is collected by DisCon III, the 79th World Science Fiction Convention, and will be shared with the winning bid for the right to host the 81st World Science Fiction Convention for use in their membership database and in related communications and activities.

We must receive mail-in ballots by Tuesday, December 7, 2021.

PDF ballots must be received by email by Tuesday, December 14, 2021, 12 noon Eastern Standard Time.

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\_\_\_\_\_ **Chengdu in 2023** (Chengdu, China)  
Facilities: Chengdu Century City New International  
Convention & Exhibition Center  
Dates: August 16-20, 2023  
Committee: Liu Cixin (honorary chairman), Xia Tong  
(co-chair), Wang Yating (co-chair).

\_\_\_\_\_ **Memphis in 2023** (Memphis, TN, USA)  
Facilities: Memphis Cook Convention Center  
Dates: August 25-29, 2023  
Committee: Cliff Dunn (co-chair), Kate Secor (co-chair),  
Mike Willmoth (Facilities), Gary Blog, Kevin Standlee.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Winnipeg in '23** (Winnipeg, MB, Canada)  
Facilities: RBC Conference Centre Winnipeg, Delta Hotels Winnipeg  
Dates: August 24-28, 2023  
Committee: Terry Fong (chair), Sherri Benoun, CarynLiz Bleakley-  
Fauerbach, Robbie Bourget, Phynix Caskey, Eddie Chang, Martin  
Demers, Rebecca Downey, Bruce Farr, Carl Fink, N. Cenk Gökçe,  
Carolina Gomez Lagerlöf, John Harold, Níamh Kearney, Diane Lacey,  
Ruth Lichtwardt, Laurie Mair, John Mansfield, Sheena Morrison-  
Sousa, Randy Northcutt, Kyoko Ogushi, Beck Papadopoulos, Maree  
Pavletich, Linda Ross-Mansfield, Marah Searle-Kovacevic, Andrea  
Senchy, Jannie Shea, Chuck Shimada, Laurie E. Smith, Albert Sousa,  
Kevin Standlee, Christine Taylor-Butler, Tom Whitmore.

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\_\_\_\_\_ **Write In:** \_\_\_\_\_  
In order to win, a Write-in bid must file the required paperwork with DisCon III before the close of voting.

\_\_\_\_\_ **No Preference**  
Equivalent to an abstention or blank ballot, a vote for No Preference means that, when it becomes your highest remaining choice, you don't care which option wins. We will not count any of your choices numbered after this choice.

\_\_\_\_\_ **None of the Above**  
A vote for None of the Above indicates that you are opposed to all options. If None of the Above wins, the WSFS Business Meeting at DisCon III will select the site.