



ISSUE
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The Worldcon Disambiguation Communicator

Thursday Dec 16 PM

Fri Program Changes

Fri 10:00 AM: Fabric Arts, Cabinet Room - Lisa Ashton, Rowena Miller dropped off. Added Claire McCague, Ada Palmer.

Fri 10:00 AM: The Future of Work (Post Pandemic Edition), Diplomat Ballroom - Mary Turzillo, Dale Vaughn dropped off.

Fri 10:00 AM: Introducing the Hugo Award for Best Video Game, Empire Ballroom - Humza Kazmi, Mike Underwood dropped off. Leon Pericario, Trevor Quachri added

Fri 10:00 AM: Legal and Actuarial Supernatural Hypotheticals, Forum Room - Vivian Abraham dropped off

Fri 10:00 AM: New item: DisCon III Feedback – Friday, Older (Virtual) - Mary Robinette Kowal added.

Fri 11:30 AM: Signing - Bonnie Jo Stufflebeam, Autographs 2 cancelled.

Fri 11:30 AM: 1001 Years Later: What's Up with Arabian Fiction, Harris (Virtual). Rescheduled.

Fri 11:30 AM: Creating New Mythology from Hidden History, Blue Room - Rebecca Kuang dropped off

Fri 11:30 AM: kaffeeklatsch with Sarah Pinsker, PS 325 - cancelled

Fri 11:30 AM: Signing - Catherynne Valente, Autographs 1, cancelled

Fri 11:30 AM: Selling Your Artwork in the Digital Age, Calvert Room - Charles Vess dropped off. Nate Hoffelder, Wendy Van Camp added.

Panel Points

From the “But I don’t want to be a hero” panel:

Fonda Lee – One group’s hero is another group’s villain.

Nancy Kress – The heart of any story with a reluctant hero is the choice scene. The writer has to give it scope and verbiage. Both choices have to make sense.

Ellen Ire – My heroes suffer and they would hate me if they ever met me.

Business Is Done

By Kevin Standlee and Linda Deneroff

The Preliminary Business Meeting on Thursday received committee reports, financial statements from Worldcons and NASFiCs, considered resolutions, and established debate time limits for the debate of changes to the WSFS constitution that will begin at the Friday meeting. The full agenda for the meeting is on the DisCon III website at <https://discon3.org/whats-on/hugo-awards-wsfs/wsfs-business-meeting/>

All of the Hugo Award eligibility extensions and a motion to slightly rearrange the order of two Hugo Award categories in the constitution passed.

A new proposal regarding how Worldcons handle information about site selection voters was replaced with an alternative version. This alternate will be voted upon during the main business meeting.

A proposal to create a new Best Audiobook Hugo Award category survived an attempt to postpone indefinitely (kill at this introductory stage) and will be considered at the Main Business Meeting.

The first Main Business Meeting will start promptly at 10 a.m. in the Palladian Ballroom. Please arrive early to sign in and take seats. Assuming the Friday meeting does not complete the entire agenda, the Saturday meeting will take up the remaining items after it deals with Site Selection business.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Are You a Werewolf?

Werewolf 101 (for new and younger players) Thurs, Fri, and Sat at 9 PM. Werewolf at Midnight, Thurs, Fri, & Sat in game room (Blue Room Prefunction).

Parties

Joel’s Whisky Party - Room 540 @ 9pm - 1am

Winnipeg in ‘23 - Room 525 @ 9:30pm

Dublin 2019 Thank You Party - Room 725 @ 8pm – midnight.

Scottish Tea

Please join Glasgow 2024 bid team on Friday for Tea, Gin and Cake from midday until 4pm in room 725.

Nommo Awards

DisCon III hosted the 2021 Nommo Awards for Speculative Fiction by Africans. This 5th Awards ceremony was the first held outside of Africa.

Oghenechovwe Donald Ekpke scored his second Nommos win, this time in the novella category with “Ife-Iyoku: The Tale of Imadeyunuagbon,” first published in the anthology he co-edited with Zelda Knight, *Domintion*.

The award for Best Short Story was a tie between Tlotlo Tsamaase for ‘Behind our Irises’ and Innocent Chizaram Ilo for ‘Rat and Finch are Friends’.

Moongirls won for Best Graphic Novel. This action-packed tale of patriarchy and resistance was created by Nana Akosua Hanson and illustrated by AnimaxFYB Studios.

The event was hosted by DisCon’s Special Guest, Sheree Renée Thomas. She announced this year’s Ilube Nommo Award for best novel, which went to *The Death of Vivek Oji* by Akwaeke Emezi.

The Nommos are nominated and voted on by the over 200 writers editors and artists who are members of the African Speculative Fiction Society. The Awards are sponsored by Tom Ilube CBE. Participation in DisCon III was supported by the British Science Fiction Association and the science Fiction Writers of America.

SFWA Table Changes

Thursday – Juliette Wade to 5:00
Saturday – Bonnie Stufflebeem should be removed
Sunday – Gail Carrington should be removed

Stairways to Heaven

All staircases (notably emergency stairs) appear to be unlocked on all floors. If you can, please use the stairs when going down, or when going up a few levels. Check door signs to see if the staircase is designated up or down. Try to save the elevators for longer trips or going up.

Volunteers Needed

See another side of the convention. Volunteer to help out. Sign up at the Executive Room.

Earn Volunteer Hours!

Attend a program item of your choice and volunteer at the same time! You'll be responsible for monitoring the Vimeo chat for program items happening in the hotel and streamed online for virtual members to watch. Find out more in the Executive Room, and start earning your way towards a t-shirt, amazing raffle items and special rewards like guaranteed kaffeeklatsch spots and more!

Chicon Auctioned

The Chicon 8 Silent Auction is live and closes on Saturday, December 18 at 4pm Eastern time. The auction benefits the Chicago Worldcon Community Fund, which helps fans attend Chicon 8. It's similar to Discon's "Capitalize!" Fund.

The link for the auction is: <https://www.32auctions.com/chicon8> - you will need to create an account in order to bid. Come by our table in the Exhibit Hall to check out some of the items we have available!

Thank you again for your support of our Community Fund! You can find more information here, and please donate even if you don't win in the auction!

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

Missing!

Linda Deneroff lost a small blue print purse. Reward if found. Return to the Senate Room (office).

Only the Blues

Reminder: Only blue tape can be used to put any signs on the walls. No Scotch tape, masking tape, gaffers tape, or any other kind of tape.

Kancelled Kaffeeklatschs

The following koffeeklatschs have been cancelled – Rowena Miller, Patricia Jackson, & Ellen Kushner.

Con Suite Volunteers Needed

Do you like snacks? So do we! And we have a Con Suite full of them for you-- but we need volunteers to help hand them out. Stop by the Volunteer Desk in the Executive Room if you're willing to pick up some 2-hour shifts working for Hospitality. Shifts are available morning, afternoon, and evening to suit almost any schedule.

Masquerade Registration

Executive Room (across from Con Registration)
Wednesday 3pm-8pm
Thursday 10am-8pm
Friday 10am-noon
Online Registration open until 11:59pm tonight (Wednesday)
Masquerade Rehearsals 10am-1pm
3pm-5pm Friday
Green Room open for entrants at 6pm (Ambassador Ballroom)
Masquerade Doors open at 7pm
Masquerade starts at 8pm.

Big Savings Petite Place

An unsigned note said: I had a late lunch at Le Petite Monde Bistro & Café (2653 Connecticut Ave.) The handcrafted pizza with the house-made sauce was excellent. Restaurant manager told me to spread the word. She's giving a 10% discount to conference attendees. You might need to show your badge. They gave the con 10% off coupons which are available at the Information Desk.

Restaurant Reviews

NaanWise (2635 Connecticut Ave NW) We found that NaanWise watered down their sauces and mango lassi. They have interesting dishes. We tried the chicken chittanad, and it was delicious. We ordered it at medium spicy and that provided some heat, but not overwhelming spice that wipes out the rest of the flavor. A dish that I would be willing to order again. Lamb saag was tasty, but not anything to write home about. They had more bread products to choose from than Rajaij had. A big downgrade is the house music level. If you want to have a quiet conversation or have hearing issues, this is not your place. - Carole Parker. Cathy reported that they have a pakora sampler with extremely generous portions

Lebanese Taverna (2641 Connecticut Avenue) is a local chain of Middle Eastern restaurants. Cathy wrote that service was fast and the staff was friendly and did not try to rush anyone through their meal. Sam says that he went this summer and the food was plentiful and delicious. <https://www.lebanesetaverna.com/lebanese-taverna>

Tono Sushi is now under new management and offer a variety of Asian cuisines. Several people at the onsite allstaff meeting went there and were very much not impressed by the quality of the sushi. Also, the restaurant has a split storefront so it is not particularly accessible. <https://tokudc.wixsite.com/tonosushi>



OK I MAY BE EXAGGERATING!