



## CONGRATULATIONS TO NIPPON!

### Nippon2007 Wins Worldcon Balloting

*Cheers Not Seen As Factor*

Japan has won the right to host the 2007 Worldcon. In balloting that concluded at 6PM Saturday, 1686 ballots were cast. Nippon2007 received 935 votes, and Columbus in 2007 received 692. The detailed vote breakdown is as follows:

|                      | Mail-in | Thurs. | Friday | Saturday | TOTAL |
|----------------------|---------|--------|--------|----------|-------|
| Columbus in 2007     | 161     | 57     | 139    | 335      | 692   |
| Nippon2007           | 198     | 198    | 181    | 358      | 935   |
| None of the Above    | 1       | 2      | 4      | 5        | 12    |
| Minneapolis in '73   | 1       | 0      | 1      | 1        | 3     |
| Louisville in '94    | 0       | 1      | 0      | 0        | 1     |
| Monkey's Eyebrow, KY | 0       | 0      | 1      | 0        | 1     |
| Monkey's Elbow, KY   | 0       | 0      | 0      | 1        | 1     |
| Rottnest Island      | 0       | 0      | 1      | 0        | 1     |
| Dunedan              | 0       | 0      | 0      | 1        | 1     |
| Highmore, SD         | 0       | 0      | 0      | 1        | 1     |
| Total w/ Preference  | 361     | 258    | 327    | 702      | 1,648 |
| Needed to Win        |         |        |        |          | 824   |
| No Preference        | 4       | 5      | 10     | 19       | 38    |
| Total valid votes    | 365     | 263    | 337    | 721      | 1,686 |
| Invalid ballots      | 0       | 0      | 0      | 0        | 0     |

### C'mon Barbie Let's Go Party

*Roxxor your Boxxors, Sam-I-Am*

#### All Parties are Sheraton North Tower

*Please be advised that no parties are above floor 12, except for those private, closed, & quiet. Please also be advised that parties hosted below ground level are typically hosted by CHUDs. Snax are accordingly neither vegetarian nor kosher, and the bheer tends to be unusually cheap, and occasionally recycled.*

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|---|---------------|--------------|
| NSS-Space                                       | 8PM-11PM      | 1105         |
| Readercon                                       | 9PM-1AM       | 1016         |
| Weird Al singalong                              | 10PM-2AM      | 1008         |
| When Movies Attack                              | 9PM-?         | 940          |
| Terry Fowler Patch<br>60 <sup>th</sup> birthday | 8PM-11PM      | 912          |
| Anticipation<br>(Montreal 2009)                 | 9PM-?         | 818          |
| Archcon/NASFiC 2007 bid                         | 10PM-?        | 812          |
| DC Supports the<br>Geneva Convention            | 10PM-1AM      | 708          |
| CascadiaCon/NASFiC 2005                         | 9PM-?         | Fairfax A    |
| Chicago 2008                                    | 9PM-?         | Fairfax      |
| KC in 2009                                      | 9.30PM-?      | Fairfax B    |
| Queer Fandom                                    | 8PM-1AM       | Berkeley     |
| Nippon 2007 Thank You/<br>Columbus Won't Quit   | 9PM-?         | Commonwealth |
| Con Suite                                       | 10AM-MIDNIGHT | Constitution |

## Sunday Dinner

### Late Program Changes

Sunday, 5 September Changes:

Due to professional obligations, Michael Whalen will *not* be judging the Masquerade.

Monday, 6 September cancellations:

11AM, "In Space Propulsion Systems"  
1PM, Kaffeeklatsch with Les Johnson

### Masquerade Star Wars Interlude

The Masquerade half-time show will be Charlie Ross performing an award-winning one-man show that condenses the entire *Star Wars* trilogy into one hour, complete with voices, sound effects, and movement.

### 70mm Screenings Tonight

6PM *Starman*

8PM *Ghostbusters*

### Help Us Build Our Digital Scrapbook of Worldcon

Taking digital photos during the Worldcon? Stop by the FANAC Exhibit and Photo Scanning Booth and upload a copy of your photos to the FANAC archive. We have USB cables and a number of photo card readers to copy your photos into our archive. We'll ensure that your name is attached to the photos, and that Noreascon will get a set of all digital photos for their archives.

The FANAC Photo Scanning Station is open Monday from 10AM - 3PM.

### Notice For Interaction Friends

Interaction has brought the last of the bid merchandise to Noreascon 4. If you have not yet received your Friend of the Bid gift, please come over and collect something before we sell out at the incredibly low prices we have.

### A Gentle Reminder

Tipping your bellman can help prevent nicks and bruises to your luggage and jolts and dings to all those fragile things packed inside them. Leaving a tip for the folks who cleaned your room all weekend is also a good thing to do, too.

## WSFS Sunday Business Meeting Report

*Few Killed in Unexpected Pleasantness*

### Nippon2007 Details

In what was probably the longest and most detailed PR 0 ever issued, the Nippon 2007 Committee announced the specifics for its convention at the Sunday morning WSFS Business Meeting. The 2007 Worldcon will be held August 30-September 3 at the Pacifico Yokohama Hotel. The International list of Guests of Honor (GoHs) include: Sakyō Komatsu and David Brin, Author GoHs; Takumi Shibano, Fan GoH; and Yoshitaka Amano and Michael Whelan, Artist GoHs. The basic rates are \$40 (¥4,500) for a Supporting Membership and \$160 (¥17,000) for an Attending Membership. There are a range of discounts based on level of pre-support and whether or not a person voted in Site Selection. Hotel room rates and package tour fees were included in the PR. Members/conversions will be sold in the ConCourse (same area as Site Selection voting) from 12:30 to 6PM Sunday and 10AM to 2PM on Monday. Nippon 2007 will also be holding a thank-you party Sunday night in the Commonwealth Room at 9PM.

### The Bids Come From the Woodverk Out

Most of the Sunday WSFS Business Meeting was given over to the questioning of the future seated Worldcons and NASFiC and future Worldcons and NASFiC bids. Meeting Chairman Donald E. Eastlake III reported that he has named Pat McMurray, Cheryl Morgan, Tim Illingworth, Perianne Lurie, Ben Yalow, Todd Dashoff, Kevin Standlee, Gayle Surette, and Paul Haggarty to the Hugo Eligibility Rest Of the World (HEROW) Committee and named Tim Illingworth, himself, Kevin Standlee, and Pat McMurray to the Nitpicking and Flyspecking Committee. At the end of the meeting, Saul Jaffe moved that the Worldcon Runners' Guide Editorial Committee be continued. It was reappointed with the current membership.

Colin Harris and Vince Docherty reported that **Interaction**, the 2005 Worldcon, has some 2800 members from 28 countries, with 1500 of these from the U.S. Hotel bookings have opened, and 350 rooms are already booked. One hotel is filled, and the others are filling quickly. It was recommended that those uncertain of attending reserve rooms now, as there is no penalty for early cancellation. Membership rates are £95/\$175 to November and will increase then. The hope is that the new rate will hold until near the convention.

**L.A.con IV** reported that it is on-track in its negotiations with the Hilton and Marriott. The fifth floor *will* be party space again. There

are 1200 and 800 rooms, respectively in the block. The committee has filled its division head positions and is now looking for lower level personnel. Housing will open sometime between the end of Interaction and the end of 2005. Membership rates go from \$125 to \$150 on September 12. The installment plan for memberships is still in effect, with the rate being fixed on the day a person joins.

**CascadiaCon**, the 2005 North American Science Fiction Convention (NASFiC), has added the Raddison as a second hotel. Members will increase to \$85 on November 30. Hiroaki Inoue, Chair of Nippon2007, has been added as anime GoH. Hotel booking will begin September 25, 2004. The NASFiC currently has some 650 members. Pat Porter, Vice Chair, will be in charge of the NASFiC Site Selection. You must be a member of CascadiaCon to vote in the selection of the 2007 NASFiC site.

**St. Louis in 2007** is a bid for the 2007 NASFiC. The bid is being run by the organization that runs Archcon, a 2300-2500 person regional convention held in St. Louis every October. They are currently in negotiations with hotels. The NASFiC would be held concurrently with Archcon, either in August or October. They do not have a table at Noreascon, but they will be throwing a party tonight.

**Denver in 2008** is a recently created bid, which will be holding an organizational meeting in the Fallworth Room of the Marriott at 3PM today. A Hyatt will be opening shortly across the street from the downtown convention center.

**The Geneva Convention** is a hoax bid for 2008 being run to have fun. They promise hot and cold running chocolate and a program that will most definitely be on time. Their web site is [www.thegenuevaconvention.org](http://www.thegenuevaconvention.org).

**Chicago in 2008** is currently negotiating with four hotel/convention center complexes, each capable of an all-in-one site. They are bidding for Labor Day Weekend.

**Montreal in 2009** is less than a day old and already has almost \$1000 in pre-supporting funds. They are negotiating with a choice of two sites. The convention would be bilingual, as is Concept, their regional convention. The date of the convention has not been set. They will be holding a party tonight.

**Kansas City, Kansas in 2009**, the Phoenix rising from the ashes of the dragon, is using the theme "Exploring the Library of Your Imagination." They are bidding Labor Day weekend. They will have a table in the ConCourse and will be sponsoring a party tonight at 9:30PM in Fairfax B.

**Australia in 2010** has shaken off its questionable start and become a real bid, with 600 pre-supporters so far. They are still

deciding on the city to bid. Their web site is [www.australia2010.org](http://www.australia2010.org), and they expect to have a large presence at Interaction.

**D.C. in 2011's bid** is tentative. There is a suitable convention center, but no large hotels nearby. At least one such hotel should be up by 2008. A party, "D.C. Supports the Geneva Convention," will be held Sunday in Sheraton 708.

Finally, Kevin Standlee, Interaction's Site Selection administrator, reminded people that there will be no site selection at Interaction due to the Constitutional change. All members of Interaction will be allowed to vote in the 2008 site selection at LAcon IV. Those fans who are members of both Interaction and LAcon IV will only be allowed to vote once.

There being no further business, the Chairman, Donald E. Eastlake III, adjourned the Business Meeting in memory of George Flynn.

### 2003 Sidewise Awards

The Sidewise Awards for Alternate History honor the best (sub)genre publications of the year. The award takes its name from Murray Leinster's 1934 short story "Sidewise in Time," which explores a world in which a strange storm allows people to travel between alternate worlds.

Best Long Form: Murray Davies, *Collaborator*  
Best Short Form: Chris Roberson, "O One"  
(in *Live Without a Net*)

In addition, this year a plaque was presented to 1996 Short Form winner Walter John Williams for his story "Foreign Devils." In the early years of the award, winners were presented with certificates. The award committee has been replacing these with plaques, in the spirit of altering history.

### Volunteer Raffle Winners

**Gift Certificates:** Noel Collyer of Croton, Surry, Great Britain (Staff), and Betsy Kudinski of Shelton, CT (Gopher).

**Prime Masquerade Seating:** John Duff of California, MD (Staff), Mark Geary of Worthington, OH (Gopher).  
Please pick up your prizes from the Volunteers Office, Hynes 207.

### Newsletter Staff Thank You

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