

Costume-Con [Insert BID Number] Site Selection Ballot Template

This is your ballot for selection of the site for the Costume-Con [Insert BID Number] conference, the [Insert Year] Costume-Con conference. You must be at least a Supporting Member (Fee: \$[##.##]) of Costume-Con [Insert CURRENT CC Number] conference to vote. **The fee to participate in Site Selection is \$10 (US funds, only).** Please make your check payable to Costume-Con [Insert BID Number]. By paying your voting fee, you will receive a credit equal to \$10 towards a membership in the winning Costume-Con conference. There is/are [Insert Number of Bids] bids: [Insert Location(s)]. Please review the enclosed materials, then cast your vote on the ballot below. **The Site Selection Commissioner must receive mailed ballots by no later than [Insert Date equal to fourteen (14) days prior to the start of the conference].** Ballots may still be delivered by hand until 2pm Sunday of Costume-Con [Insert CURRENT CC Number]. Mail this ballot to:

CC [Insert BID Number] Site Selection; [Site Selection Commissioner Name], [Address], [City],
[ST/PROV]
[Postal Code] [Country]

For security, you should seal this ballot and your \$10 voting fee check in an envelope. **DO NOT send cash through the mail!**

How to Vote:

This ballot uses a modified form of the Alternative Vote system, sometimes known as the "Australian ballot." For those not familiar with the ballot process, the Australian ballot system is most used by the World Science Fiction Convention in their site selection process, on which the Costume-Con conference Site Selection process was originally based.

To vote: Make your choices in order of preference: "1" for your first choice, "2" for your second choice, etc. You are not required to rank all the options. Ballots marked in error with an "X" or checkmark instead of numbers will be considered as a "1" vote for the bid thus checked, and a "2" vote for no preference. Note that "None of the above" is not an abstention, but a vote that *none of the nominees* should be given the conference. When the ballots are counted, all the first-place choices will be tabulated. If no nominee has received half or more of the votes, the nominee with the fewest first-place votes will be eliminated, and its votes transferred to the nominees marked "2" on those ballots. This process of elimination will continue until one nominee receives half or more of the votes, at which point it becomes the winner (unless its votes are outnumbered by "None of the above").

A few tips:

- ❖ Please keep in mind that second and further preferences play no part in the voting *unless and until* your first choice has been eliminated. This is not a point system where many voters' second choice can overwhelm a few voters' first choice.
 - ❖ Nevertheless, if your top choices are eliminated early, your lowest preference could be the tiebreaker between the remaining nominees.
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To be given to the winning bid committee upon completion of the site selection process:

Fill in your Legal name and CC[CURRENT CC Number] membership number below:

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ ST/Prov: _____ Zip/PC: _____ Country: _____

CC [Current CC Number] membership number (On the mailing label): _____

FOR SITE SELECTION COMMISSIONER'S USE ONLY:

Site Selection Fee Enclosed: _____ Cash / Check #: _____

This Ballot is: ___ Valid ___ Invalid (unverified) ___ Duplicate

THE BALLOT

Costume-Con [Insert BID Number] in [Insert year]

_____ Location: [Insert City, ST/PROV Country]
[Insert Conference Contact Address]
[Insert City, ST/PROV Postal Code]
Facilities: [Insert Name of Conference Facilities]
Dates: [Insert Starting Month Day]th -
[Insert Ending Month Day]th, [Insert Year]
Chair: [Insert Chair Name(s)]

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_____ No preference (Location: Anywhere - equivalent to abstention)

_____ Write-In Bid

_____ None of the Above

RECEIPT FOR SITE SELECTION VOTING FEE

Costume-Con [Insert BID Number]

Received: \$ _____ Cash/Check # _____

Date: _____

From: _____

By: _____