

2009 Site Selection Ballot Rules

Members of Westercon 60 (“Gnomeward Bound”) are eligible to vote on the site of Westercon 62, the 2009 West Coast Science Fantasy Conference. You can vote using this ballot either at the convention or by mail. You may authorize another person to delivery your ballot to the convention for you. To be eligible to vote, you must be a member of Westercon 60 *and* you must pay a voting fee of US\$25.00. You must pay this voting fee at the same time you vote. Make the check or money order for your voting fee payable to “Westercon 62.” Credit cards are not accepted. You must vote using a paper ballot; there is no web or e-mail voting. Do not send cash through the mail. Westercon will not be responsible for any ballots lost in the mail. We will not count your ballot if it arrives without a voting fee.

The voting fee entitles you to at least a supporting membership in whichever site is selected to host the 2009 West Coast Science Fantasy Conference (Westercon 62). The winning bid may require you to pay a conversion fee to convert your supporting membership into an attending membership. Determination of such a conversion fee is the prerogative of the winning bid.

Voting is by preferential ballot. Place a “1” next to the site you want to win. Place a “2” next to your second choice, a “3” by your third choice, and so forth. If you want to vote for a write-in bid, write the name of the bid in the space provided and write your preference next to your choice as with any other choice on the ballot.

The balloting period at Westercon 60 is scheduled to end at **7:00 PM PDT Sunday July 1, 2007.**

If no bid receives a majority of the first-place votes cast, the ballot cast for the candidate which received the least number of votes will be redistributed based on the next-highest preference listed on those ballots. This process continues until one candidate receives a majority. “None of the Above” counts as though it were a bid. Votes for “No Preference” do not count toward the total number of votes cast, and we will not count any of your choices ranked after “No Preference.” (In other words, “No Preference” ballots are counted as if they were blank, so voting that way is a way of abstaining.) A single “X” or similar mark will be counted as a first place vote for that candidate with no other preferences. *Any other marks will invalidate your ballot!* The Site Selection Administrator must be able to clearly determine how you voted in order to count your ballot.

If you have more than one Westercon 60 membership in your name, you can vote only once for anything other than “No Preference.” (That is, if you have multiple memberships, you can vote them all, but you must vote for “No Preference” on any ballot other than the first one.) Memberships held by corporations, associations, or “Guest of” memberships can vote only for “No Preference”. The Site Selection Administrator is authorized to mark ballots to enforce these rules. Should “None of the Above” or an invalid bid win the election, the site for 2009 will be selected by the Westercon Business Meeting at Westercon 60 as provided for in the Westercon Bylaws. The results of the site selection will be announced at a session of the Westercon Business Meeting or by announcement in the convention newsletter or other means of general announcement. The time and place of this meeting (if one is required) will be announced in the program book, and will be available at the Site Selection table.

To vote by mail:

Fill out parts 1 and 3 of the ballot, enclose a check for US\$25.00 payable to “Westercon 62” and mail it to:

WESTERCON 60
Attn Westercon Site Selection
PO Box 60817
Sunnyvale, CA 94088-0817

Your ballot must **arrive** by June 20th, 2007 or else we may not count it (postmark date does not count). If you are not yet a member of Westercon 60, you must include a *separate payment*, payable to “Westercon 60”, for the correct amount. Please do not include other convention correspondence in your ballot, because we may not open your ballot until after the convention starts. Your cancelled check will be your receipt.

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Your mail-in ballot must arrive no later than June 20th, 2007 to ensure that it is counted. Send ballots to:

WESTERCON 60
ATTN: Westercon Site Selection
PO Box 60817
Sunnyvale, CA 94088-0817

You may cast your vote in person at Westercon 60. On-site voting ends on the evening of Sunday, July 1, 2007.

PART 1: 2009 SITE SELECTION VOTER INFORMATION – WESTERCON 62

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE/PROVINCE _____

COUNTRY (If not USA) _____ ZIP/POST CODE _____

SIGNATURE _____

Voting Fee: () I enclose a check payable to “Westercon 62” for US \$25.00.

Check one: () I am a member of Westercon 60. (Membership number, if known _____)

() I am not a member of Westercon 60. I enclose US \$30.00 for a supporting membership.

() I am not a member of Westercon 60. I enclose US \$75.00 for an attending membership (until June 15th, 2007; US \$80.00 after June 15th, 2007).

PART 2: 2009 SITE SELECTION VOTING FEE RECEIPT – WESTERCON 62

Voting Fee: US \$25.00 (payable to “Westercon 62”)

Received from: _____

Received by: _____ Date (Circle): Mail-in ◆ Jun 30 ◆ Jul 1

This voting fee entitles the voter to at least a full supporting membership in Westercon 62.

PART 3: 2009 SITE SELECTION BALLOT – WESTERCON 62

Number your choices in order of preference (1 for most preferred, 2 for next-most preferred, etc.):

_____ **Phoenix in 2009 Proposed Dates:** Thursday July 2 through Sunday July 5, 2009

Committee: Bid Chair Mike Willmoth, Bid Vice Chair Shahn Cornell, and Bid Treasurer Jeff Richards.

Facilities: Tempe Mission Palms Hotel, Tempe, Arizona. (Hotel website: <http://www.missionpalms.com>)

Bid Website: <http://www.leprecon.org/w62/>

_____ **Write-In Vote:** _____

Write-in bids must file acceptable bid papers by the close of the balloting in order to be eligible.

_____ **None of the Above:** As selected by the Westercon Business Meeting as provided for in the Westercon Bylaws.

_____ **No Preference:** This choice is the equivalent of an abstention or blank ballot. No Preference votes do not count toward the total number of ballots cast for the purposes of determining a majority. Choices ranked after this one will not be counted.