

# 83<sup>rd</sup> World Science Fiction Convention—2025 Site Selection Ballot

Everyone who votes will become a WSFS (formerly called Supporting) member of the selected 83<sup>rd</sup> Worldcon

## Rules and Instructions (Please read carefully):

**Eligibility:** To be eligible to vote, you must have a WSFS (formerly called Supporting) Membership in Chengdu Worldcon in 2023. 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 Virtual, Attending Supplements, and Day Pass Memberships do NOT include voting rights unless you also have a WSFS membership.

If you do not have a membership, and want to vote, you may purchase a WSFS Membership on the Chengdu Worldcon website (<https://en.chengduworldcon.com/>).

You may cast your signed ballot prior to Chengdu Worldcon by postal mail or by sending a PDF of your signed ballot via email. You may also cast your ballot in person at Chengdu Worldcon. We will accept signed paper ballots carried in by hand, including ballots signed on paper and then scanned in and printed off.

**You must pay an Advance WSFS Membership (Voting Fee) of US\$50 to vote in the Worldcon 2025 site selection.** You may pay for your voting fee via credit card by purchasing a Voting Fee Token on the Chengdu Worldcon website. Instructions on doing this will be found on the site at [2025 Site Selection Instructions](#). Please use the subpage for paying the voting fee for the 2025 Worldcon site selection. You will receive a voting token number; please enter it on your ballot.

**Do not mail cash or checks. Checks will not be accepted. Mail ballots must be received by Friday, October 6, 2023.**

**If you choose to cast your ballot at Chengdu Worldcon, you may pay the Advance WSFS Membership fee at that time.** Voting continues at Chengdu Worldcon until 6PM China Standard Time (UTC +8) on Friday, October 20, 2023.

If you delegate someone to hand-carry your ballot, please purchase your Chengdu Worldcon membership online and enter your membership number on the ballot before giving it to the person who will carry it for you.

**Voting:** Site Selection ballots are tallied by preferential balloting procedures. The winner is the first bid to receive a majority of those ballots expressing a preference. This means that you should indicate your favorite selection 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 bid and no other preferences. Please do not use any marks other than these.

**Electronic Voting Instructions:** Site Selection ballots may also be

submitted electronically via email. Complete the ballot by: downloading the PDF and either 1) filling it out electronically and using an electronic signature, then saving it as a new PDF document or 2) printing a blank ballot, filling it out and signing it by hand, and then scanning and saving it as a new PDF document. See full details on our website here at [2025 Site Selection Instructions](#).

The completed ballot saved as a PDF can be emailed to the Site Selection Administrator at [siteselection2025@gmail.com](mailto:siteselection2025@gmail.com). The Administrator will print out all ballots, fold and seal them appropriately, and hand carry them to Chengdu Worldcon on your behalf.

### Postal Mailing / Hand Carry Instructions:

1. Mark your vote and fill in the membership and payment details on the other side of this sheet.
2. Include your name and full mailing address on your ballot. **You must sign your ballot. Ballots lacking a name, postal address, or signature will be counted as “No Preference.”** In addition to being used to validate the ballot, we will provide the voter’s name and address to the bids for voter validation and membership purposes in the winning convention. This information will otherwise be kept confidential.
3. After filling out both sections of the ballot, fold the ballot as instructed below, then tape the fold shut at the solid line to conceal your vote from casual viewing prior to the ballot count.
4. Ballots may be submitted by postal mail to the address below or hand carried by someone else to the convention for you.

**The deadline for receipt of mail-in ballots is Friday, October 6, 2023. Voting at the convention will end at 6PM China Standard Time (UTC +8) on Friday, October 20, 2023.**

For the full details of the 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 83<sup>rd</sup> Worldcon, contact us at the address below or at [siteselection2025@gmail.com](mailto:siteselection2025@gmail.com).

### Personally Identifiable Information:

The information you fill out on this ballot will be available to the bidders during validation and provided to the winning convention. Your payment of the site selection fee will be considered your consent to provide your name and contact information to the bidders for validation purposes and to the winning convention to facilitate your membership in that convention.

Worldcon 2025 Site Selection  
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Seattle, WA 98107-5264 U.S.A.

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### THIS SECTION FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

Date Received: _____
Date Processed: _____
Date Forwarded: _____

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**Voter Identification** (please print or type clearly, this information will be provided to the bidders for eligibility verification and use in the winning convention’s membership database and in related communications and activities). Ballots lacking a name, postal address, or signature will be counted as “No Preference.”

Name	
Postal address	
Postal address (cont.)	
City	State/Province/Prefecture
Country	ZIP/Postal Code
E-mail address	
Signature—Unsigned ballots will be considered “No Preference” if otherwise valid.	

**Advance Membership (Voting) Fee (select only one)**  
Includes a WSFS (formerly called supporting) membership in the 83<sup>rd</sup> Worldcon.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have paid my Worldcon 2025 voting fee on the Chengdu Worldcon website; my voting token number is \_\_\_\_\_.

**Eligibility to Vote**  
You must have a WSFS (formerly called Supporting) Membership in Chengdu Worldcon to vote.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am a WSFS member of Chengdu Worldcon. My membership number (if known) is \_\_\_\_\_.

(Your membership number is available through the Chengdu Registration Database. Do not use your Hugo Voting PIN. You may still vote even if you do not know your membership number.)

**We must receive mail-in ballots by Friday, October 6, 2023.**  
**At-con voting will close at 6PM China Standard Time (UTC +8) on Friday, October 20, 2023.**

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\_\_\_\_\_ **Seattle in 2025**

**Dates: August 13 – 17, 2025**

**Facilities: Seattle Convention Center Summit Building**

**Committee:** Katherine Bond (Bid Co-Chair), SunnyJim Morgan (Bid Co-Chair), Kevin Black, Alan Bond, Don Glover, Shawn Marier, Cassidy R., Alex Demboski, Michelle Morrell, Nate Hoffelder, Chanie Beckman, Loree Parker, Angela Jones, and other volunteers.

**Corporation Officers:** Katharine Bond (Chairperson), Kevin Black (Treasurer), Alan Bond (Secretary), Jamie Morgan (Vice-Chairperson)

**Website:** <https://www.seattlein2025.org/>

\_\_\_\_\_ **Write-in:** \_\_\_\_\_

In order to win, a Write-in bid must file the required paperwork with Chengdu Worldcon 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 bid 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 of the bids you rank lower. If None of the Above wins, the WSFS Business Meeting will decide the location of the 2025 Worldcon.