

2025 Site Selection Ballot Rules

Members of Westercon 75 are eligible to vote on the site of Westercon 77, the 2025 West Coast Science Fantasy Conference. You can vote using this ballot either at the convention or by mail. You may authorize another person to deliver your ballot to the convention for you. To be eligible to vote, you must be a member of Westercon 75 and you must pay an advance supporting membership (a.k.a. voting) fee of US\$20.00. 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 77." Credit cards are not accepted. You must vote using a paper ballot; there is no web or email 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 Westercon 77. 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 onsite balloting period at Westercon 75 is scheduled to end at 6 p.m. PST on Friday, November 24.

If no eligible bid receives a majority of the first-place votes cast, the ballot cast for the candidate(s) that received the least number of votes will be redistributed based on the next-highest preference listed on those ballots, as described in the Westercon Bylaws. This process will continue 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 75 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 ineligible bid win the election, the site for 2023 will be selected by the Westercon Business Meeting at Westercon 75 as provided in the Westercon Bylaws. The results of the site selection will be announced at the Westercon Business Meeting on Saturday, November 25,, at 11:30 a.m., at a location to be announced in the convention program schedule.

To vote by mail: Fill out parts 1 and 2 of the ballot, enclose a check for US \$20.00 payable to "Westercon 77" and mail it to:

Linda Deneroff
11300 1st Avenue NE, #313
Seattle, WA 98125-6041

Your ballot **must arrive** by November 20, 2023, or else we may not count it (postmark date does not count). If you are not yet a member of Westercon 75, you must include a separate payment, payable to "Westercon 75", 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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You may cast your vote at Westercon 75. On-site voting ends on the evening of Friday, November 24, 2024.

PART 1: 2025 SITE SELECTION VOTER INFORMATION – WESTERCON 77

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE/PROVINCE _____

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

SIGNATURE _____

Voting Fee:

I enclose a check payable to “Westercon 77” for US \$20.00.

Check one:

I am a member of Westercon 75. (Membership number, if known _____)

I am not a member of Westercon 75. I enclose US \$20.00 for a supporting membership.

PART 2: 2025 SITE SELECTION BALLOT – WESTERCON 77

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

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

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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.

PART 3: 2025 SITE SELECTION VOTING FEE RECEIPT – WESTERCON 77

Voting Fee: Voting Fee: US \$20.00 (checks payable to “Westercon 77”)

Received from: _____

Received by: _____ Date (Circle): Mail-in November 24

This voting fee entitles the voter to at least a supporting membership in Westercon 77.