

2027 Site Selection Ballot Rules

Members of Westercon 77 are eligible to vote on the site of Westercon 79, the 2027 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 77, and you must purchase an advance supporting membership (voting fee) of US\$20 when you vote. Make the check or money order for your voting fee payable to "Westercon 79." To pay the US\$20 voting fee by credit card, go to <https://baycon.org/> and purchase a "Voting Token" consisting of the last 6 digits of the transaction ID. Enter that ID on the ballot. (The total payment will include a service charge.) Do not send cash through the mail as Westercon will not be responsible for any lost mailed-in ballots. We will not count your ballot if it arrives without a voting fee or token of payment. All voting fees will be turned over to the winning bid.

You will receive a supporting membership in whichever site is selected to host Westercon 79. The winning bid may require you to pay a 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.

We have received one bid, which is listed on the ballot. Other bids may file as valid write-in bids before the close of on-site balloting. The onsite balloting period at Westercon 77 is scheduled to end at 6 p.m. PST on Saturday, July 5, 2025. Bids can file in person at Westercon 77 or by sending the information listed in Section 3.4 of the Westercon Bylaws to SiteSelection2027@westercon.org, or to the paper mail address below.

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 to count your ballot.

If you have more than one Westercon 77 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, non-natural persons, 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 2025 will be selected by the Westercon Business Meeting at Westercon 77, as provided in the Westercon Bylaws. The results of the site selection will be announced at a 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 payable to "Westercon 79" or include a voting token and mail it to: **Kayla Allen, PO Box 242, Fernley NV 89408-0242**. To vote by email, fill out the PDF including the voting token, sign the PDF, and send the saved document to SiteSelection2027@westercon.org.

We must **receive** all bids and paper ballots sent by postal or electronic mail by July 1, 2025, or else we may not count it (postmark date does not count). If you are not yet a member of Westercon 77, you must include a separate payment, payable to "Westercon 77", for the correct amount, or purchase a Westercon 77 membership separately.

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.

2027 Westercon Site Selection Ballot – Westercon 79

You may cast your vote at Westercon 77 or by mail to **Kayla Allen, PO Box 242, Fernley NV 89408-0242**. On-site voting ends at 6 p.m. on Saturday, July 5, 2025.

PART 1: 2027 SITE SELECTION VOTER INFORMATION – WESTERCON 79

NAME _____ EMAIL _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE/PROVINCE _____

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

SIGNATURE _____

Voting Fee:

☐ I enclose US \$20 cash (in person voting only; do not send cash through the mail).

☐ I enclose a check or money order payable to “Westercon 79” for US \$20.

☐ I purchased a Voting Token for US \$20 from <https://baycon.org/>: _____

Check one:

☐ I am a member of Westercon 77. (Membership number, if known _____)

☐ I am not a member of Westercon 77. I enclose US \$20 for a supporting membership.

PART 2: 2027 SITE SELECTION BALLOT – WESTERCON 79

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

☐ **Santa Clara in 2027 (BayCon 2027)**

Parent Organization: Society for the Promotion of Speculative Fiction

Officers: Michael Garcia (Chair), Durelle Kurlinski (Treasurer)

Site: Santa Clara Marriott **Dates:** July 2-5, 2027

☐ **Write-In:** _____

Write-in bids must file acceptable bid papers by the close of the balloting 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.

PART 3: 2027 SITE SELECTION VOTING FEE RECEIPT – WESTERCON 79

Voting Fee: Voting Fee: US \$20 (checks payable to “Westercon 79”)

Received from: _____

Received by: _____ Date (Circle): Mail-in July 4 July 5

This voting fee entitles the voter to at least a supporting membership in Westercon 79.

'Westercon' is a registered service mark of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society, Inc.