



August 1, 2022

Hello Chicon 8 members!

We're getting close now! We will be sending you an email weekly between now and the convention to make sure you're getting all the newest and necessary information, so watch your inbox.

In today's email, we have information on the following:

Site Selection for 2023 NASFiC and 2024 Worldcon
Our new Facebook group
Access Services

As always, please feel free to ping us on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram with any questions, or email us at info@chicon.org for general questions. Please use registration@chicon.org for any questions related to your membership.

Thanks for joining us!
Helen Montgomery
(she/her)
Chair, Chicon 8

Site Selection Updates

You've been waiting patiently, and we now have information for you!

Saturday, August 6 is the big day. Voting will open, and we'll be hosting a virtual Q&A.

This year, the membership of Chicon 8 will be able to select the location of both the 2024 Worldcon and the 2023 NASFiC. We accepted bid filings from one Worldcon bid, [Glasgow in 2024](#), and two NASFiC bids, [Winnipeg 2023](#) and [Orlando in 2023](#). The bids' formal filings and FAQs can be found on the [Chicon 8 website](#).

We want to give you all an opportunity to learn more about these bidders as you prepare to vote, and to that end, we are hosting a Q&A session with the bidders over Zoom on Saturday, August 6th, at 12:00 PM, CST (8:00 PM EEST, 6:00 PM BST, 1:00 PM EDT, 10:00 AM PDT).

Representatives from the bids will be present to give a short presentation on their bid and then answer questions submitted by our membership. We encourage you to submit your questions in advance to siteselection@chicon.org, though we will also take additional questions by private message during the Zoom meeting. We will likely need to combine some questions due to their similarity, and we will not ask questions which are abusive or violate Chicon 8's [Code of Conduct](#), but we will attempt to ask as many of the questions submitted as possible.

You are invited to a Zoom meeting.

When: Aug 6, 2022 12:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZApdeCpqz4qHtan7OUH2jFQzNRJFoIGAKnY>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

During the Q&A session, we will begin with five minutes for each NASFiC bid to make a brief presentation, followed by twenty minutes for questions for the bids. We will then have five minutes for our Worldcon bidder to make a brief presentation, followed by twenty minutes for questions. We will close the session with a brief explanation of how to vote in site selection, including electronic voting online through Election Buddy.

Electronic/online voting is a new option, alongside paper voting, this year. After extensive research and trialing we've chosen to go with ElectionBuddy - <https://electionbuddy.com/> - for this service. We are confident that their service will enable people to vote in a secure and auditable fashion for our Worldcon & NASFiC bids. In addition to an explanation at the Q&A session on the 6th, we'll also be providing documentation online for all our members.

We hope to see many of you there!

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Join us in our new Facebook group!

We have at long last launched our Facebook group for Chicon 8 members. Our apologies for the delay in doing so, and hopefully you'll find it useful!

You can join the group here:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/chicagoworldcon2022>

Please read through the group rules - you will need to answer a question at the end in order to join.

Our other social media pages are linked up above - please do follow us there for the most up-to-date of the updates!

Access Services

For members looking for accessible methods of travel to and around Chicago, we have lots of advice on our website here: <https://chicon.org/home/for-members/accessibility-services/#town>.

Reservations for scooters, powerchairs, rollators, and more are available now. Please see our website here: <https://chicon.org/home/for-members/accessibility-services/#con> for details. Scootaround reservations are currently sold out, so please see the list of other vendors in order to secure your device.