



August 8, 2022

SUPPORTING MEMBERS:

Hello, Supporting Members of Chicon 8!

Thanks again for being a supporting member of Chicon 8! We want to keep you apprised of what we're doing, and we hope that you still may consider joining us either in person or virtually!

Today's Email Update covers quite a few topics:

- Special Guest Dr. Eve L. Ewing will be virtual
- Hugo voting closes August 11
- Site Selection voting is open
- Chicago Worldcon Community Fund
- Volunteer Opportunities

We're less than a month away! Can't wait to see you all online!

Stay well,
Helen Montgomery
Chair, Chicon 8

Special Guest Dr. Eve L. Ewing

Dr. Ewing has had to change her appearance from in-person to virtual, and also had to decrease the number of program items she could be on. Full details will be in next week's launch of the program schedule.

Hugo Voting Closing This Week!

This is your last opportunity to download the Hugo Voters Packet and to vote for this year's Awards! **All ballots must be received by 11 August 2022, 11:59 pm PDT (UTC-7).** More information on the Hugo Awards can be found on our website [here](#).

Site Selection Voting

Site Selection Voting is now officially open. 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. However, on Friday, August 5, Orlando in 2023 withdrew from the race. Full information about Site Selection can be found on our website [here](#).

Donate to the Chicago Worldcon Community Fund!

The Chicago Worldcon Community Fund (CWCF), inspired by the funds and initiatives that have come before, is here to facilitate bringing more people into our community. The CWCF is a special fund to help defray the expenses of attending Chicon 8 for the following groups of people: Non-white fans or program participants, LGBTQIA+ fans or program participants, and local Chicago area fans of limited means.

We are trying to help meet the last requests we have for funding, and we only need about \$5000 to fund everyone's requests! Can you help? Learn more about the CWCF and how you can donate [here](#).

Volunteers Needed!

Today I'm writing to ask for a bit of help. Running a hybrid in-person / virtual event like this takes a lot more volunteers than you might think it would.

We are hoping you might consider upgrading to a Virtual Membership for just \$30, and to also consider giving a couple hours of your time as a virtual volunteer (and earn some free swag just for virtual volunteers!)

On our website you will find a detailed list of jobs that we have available and what they will entail. You will also note that we will be doing lots of trainings, so no worries about not knowing how to do something - we've got you covered.

<https://chicon.org/home/volunteering/volunteer-opportunities/>

If you are interested, please fill out our volunteer form that is linked from the above page.

Thanks very much for considering! We really appreciate it.