

2010 Site Selection Ballot Rules

Members of Westercon 61 are eligible to vote on the site of Westercon 63, the 2010 West Coast Science Fantasy Conference. You can vote using this ballot either at the convention or by mail. You may authorize another person to delivery your ballot to the convention for you. To be eligible to vote, you must be a member of Westercon 61 *and* you must pay a voting fee of US\$30.00. 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 63.” Credit cards are not accepted. You must vote using a paper ballot; there is no web or e-mail 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 the 2010 West Coast Science Fantasy Conference (Westercon 63). 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 balloting period at Westercon 61 is scheduled to end at **7:00 PM PDT Friday July 4, 2008.**

If no bid receives a majority of the first-place votes cast, the ballot cast for the candidate which received the least number of votes will be redistributed based on the next-highest preference listed on those ballots. This process continues 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 61 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 invalid bid win the election, the site for 2010 will be selected by the Westercon Business Meeting at Westercon 61 as provided for in the Westercon Bylaws. The results of the site selection will be announced at a session of the Westercon Business Meeting or by announcement in the convention newsletter or other means of general announcement. The time and place of this meeting (if one is required) will be announced in the program book, and will be available at the Site Selection table.

To vote by mail:

Fill out parts 1 and 3 of the ballot, enclose a check for US\$30.00 payable to “Westercon 63” and mail it to:

Westercon 63 Site Selection

6 Chartiers Court

Henderson, NV 89052-6679

Your ballot must **arrive** by June 20th, 2008 or else we may not count it (postmark date does not count). If you are not yet a member of Westercon 61 you must include a *separate payment*, payable to “Westercon 61”, 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.