

2003 Site Selection Ballot — Westercon 56

Your ballot must arrive no later than June 20, 2001 to ensure that it is counted. Send ballots to:

Westercon 54
Attn: Westercon 56 Site Selection
PO Box 5901
Portland OR 97228-5901

Or you may cast your vote in person at Westercon 54. On-site voting will end on the evening of **Friday, July 6.**

PART 1: 2003 SITE SELECTION VOTER INFORMATION—WESTERCON 56

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State/Province _____

Country (if not USA) _____ Zip/Post Code _____

Signature _____

Voting Fee: I enclose a check payable to “Westercon 56” for \$20.

Check one: I am a member of Westercon 54 (Membership number, if known: _____)

I am not a member of Westercon 54. I enclose \$20 for a supporting membership.

I am not a member of Westercon 54. I enclose \$_____ for an attending membership.

(\$65 until June 10th, 2001; \$75 starting June 11th, 2001)

PART 2: 2003 SITE SELECTION VOTING FEE RECEIPT—WESTERCON 56

Voting Fee US \$20.00 (Payable to **Westercon 56**)

Received From _____ Circle Date: July 5 6 2001

Received By _____

This voting fee entitles the voter to at least a full Supporting membership in Westercon 56.

PART 3: 2003 SITE SELECTION BALLOT—WESTERCON 56

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

_____ **Seattle in 2003.** Site: Doubletree Hotel, SeaTac, Washington

Dates: July 3 – 6, 2003. Chairman: Jack Beslanwitch. Treasurer: Patrick Porter

Sponsoring Organization: Seattle Westercon Organizing Committee,

Web site: <http://www.webwitch.com/westercon56/>

Write-in Vote:

_____ Write-in bids must file acceptable bid papers by the close of balloting in order 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 in the total number of ballots cast for the purposes of determining a majority. Choices ranked after this one will not be counted.

2003 Site Selection Ballot Rules

Members of Westercon 54 are eligible to vote on the site of Westercon 56, the 2003 West Coast Science Fantasy Conference. You may vote using this ballot either at the convention or by mail. To be eligible to vote, you must be a member of Westercon 54 *and* you must pay a voting fee (advance supporting membership) of US \$20. 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 56." 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 2003 Westercon (Westercon 56). 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. In order to be eligible, write-in bid committees must file acceptable bidding papers with Westercon 54 by the close of balloting (tentatively scheduled for **9 PM Friday, July 6**).

If no bid receives a majority of the first-place votes cast, the ballots 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" are *not* counted in the total number of votes cast, and none of your choices after "No Preference" will be counted. (In other words, "No Preference" ballots are counted as if they were blank, so voting that way is another way of abstaining.) A single "X" or similar mark will be counted as a 1st place vote. *Any other marks will invalidate the 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 54 membership in your name, only one of those memberships may vote anything other than "No Preference." Memberships held by corporations, associations, or "Guest of" memberships may only be voted "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 of the 2003 Westercon will be selected by the Westercon Business Meeting at Westercon 54 as provided for in the Westercon Bylaws. The results of the site selection will be announced at a session of the Westercon Business Meeting (tentatively scheduled for 2 PM Saturday, July 7). Consult the Program Book at Westercon 54 for more details.

To vote by mail

Fill out parts 1 and 3 of the ballot, enclose a check for \$20 payable to WESTERCON 56, and mail it to:

WESTERCON 54
ATTN: WESTERCON 56 SITE SELECTION
PO BOX 5901
PORTLAND OR 97228-5901

Your ballot must arrive by June 20, 2001 to be assured of being counted. If you are not yet a member of Westercon 54, you must include a *separate* check, payable to "Westercon 54", for the correct amount (at least \$20 for a supporting membership). Please do not include other convention business in your ballot, because we may not open your ballot until after the convention starts.

Please make out two separate checks if you need to join Westercon 54!