

Chicago in 2022 Worldcon Bid

General

- Contact for questions from fandom (*including email address*):
A: Helen Montgomery (helen.conventions@gmail.com) and Dave McCarty (grand.universal.dave@gmail.com)
- What dates are you bidding for?
A: Mid-August – Labor Day Weekend, depending on venue availability.
- What is your proposed convention host city? Is your convention site in a city center location or a suburb? If a suburb, what are the transport options into the city center? How far is the site from the city center?
A: Chicago. We are looking at sites in both the city center and one suburban site.
- Who is your bid chair? Who is on your committee? What experience do they have in general? In running Worldcons?
A: Bid Chairs are Helen Montgomery and Dave McCarty. Dave was the Chair of Chicon 7 in 2012, and Helen was one of the Chair's Flying Monkees (Vice Chairs). Both have significant additional experience with other Worldcons as well. The Bid Committee is in process of being formed. Contact us if you are interested.
- If known, who will be the chair of the convention? What experience do they have?
A: TBD. If no consensus can be reached, we will have a cage match between Deb Geisler and Stephen Boucher for the honor.
- Have you agreed to participate in Pass-Along Funds? Would you be willing to increase the percentage from 50% to 70% of surplus?
A: We have done so in the past and will do so again. We would have to discuss the increase with our Bid Committee / Board of Directors.

Travel

- What is the typical current airfare to your closest airport from world cities such as London, Boston, Chicago, Los Angeles, Melbourne?
A: Based on Expedia searches done in November 2017 for August 2018:
 - London: \$730-\$850 (nonstop available)
 - Boston: \$180-\$200 (nonstop available)
 - Chicago: FREE!!!
 - Los Angeles: \$240-\$350 (nonstop available)
 - Melbourne: \$1175-\$1250 (1-2 stops)
- Do international flights, as well as domestic, fly into your local airport? Which airlines? If not, where is the closest international airport? Are direct flights from the cities above flown into your local airport?
A: Yes – most major carriers, both domestic and international, can be found at O'Hare, with the exception of Southwest, which has their hub at Midway. O'Hare is a hub for both American Airlines and United Airlines.
- How far is your convention site from the nearest airport/train station and what is the realistic cost of getting to the hotels by both public transport and taxi from that airport/train station?
A:

- There are multiple transportation options. Union Station (Amtrak train) and Greyhound (Bus) are both downtown.
- The Blue Line elevated train comes in from O’Hare Airport, and the Orange Line from Midway.

Mode	Cost: O’Hare to downtown	Travel time: O’Hare to downtown	Cost: Midway to downtown	Travel time: Midway to downtown
CTA trains	\$5 or less*	45 min	\$2.25 or less*	25 min
Taxi	around \$40	25-90 min	around \$25	15-40 min
Shuttle Van Services	over \$25	25-90 min	over \$15	15-40 min

Facilities

- What venues do you plan to use for the convention?
A: We are talking with multiple venues in downtown Chicago and one suburban location. Two of the sites would include a convention center plus hotels, and the other sites would be entirely in the hotel(s).
- What are your main hotels? How far are your they *by foot* from your main venue? List the number of rooms you expect to have in each hotel in which you expect to have more than 75 rooms. Will there be a party hotel?
A: TBD
- Please include a map of your site showing the locations of your facilities. Include every hotel in which you expect to have more than 75 rooms and every venue where program or exhibits will be held. *Include a distance scale!* (Feel free to just mark up a map with a pen – it needn’t be pretty; it *does* need to be informative.)
A: TBD
- How compact is your main facility? How much walking is required between the farthest rooms in your space allocation?
A: TBD
- What are your expected hotel room rates? Do these rates include breakfast? How firm are these rates? What additional taxes and fees are there?
A: TBD
- Is there free internet in all the hotel rooms? In the program and exhibit venue?
A: TBD
- What does parking cost at your main hotels?
A: TBD
- What is the distance from the nearest door of your main hotel(s) to the closest entrance of the convention site? What are the transportation options for those who prefer not to walk or who have mobility difficulties?
A: TBD
- Where will your large events (i.e. Hugo Ceremony and Masquerade) be held?
A: TBD

- Please describe the restaurant scene near your site.
A: Chicago is a world-class city for restaurants.
- What arrangements will be made for evening socializing and party space? Do you have a corkage waiver?
A: TBD
- Please describe the policies / laws regarding smoking in your hotel(s), convention center, and city.
A:
 - Hotel(s): Some hotels have smoking rooms
 - Convention Center: No smoking or vaping allowed in convention facilities
 - City: No smoking or vaping in enclosed public spaces
https://www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/cdph/supp_info/inspections---permitting/smoke_free_illinoisact.html

Miscellaneous

- What type of weather can we expect during your convention? What is the usual temperature and chance of rain during that time of year? Do not provide the historic high or low that makes your site appear attractive. (Stephen and Deb can use google too)
A: Average temperatures in August are 63-82F / 17-28C
- What are some of the main tourist attractions of your city?
A:
 - Museums – The Art Institute of Chicago, The Museum of Science and Industry, The Adler Planetarium, Shedd Aquarium, Field Museum of Natural History, and Museum of Contemporary Art, to name a few.
 - Parks – Millennium Park and Grant Park (home to Buckingham Fountain) are both downtown. Both often have free music festivals during the summer.
 - Arts – There are several Broadway-quality theaters in downtown, and dozens throughout the city as a whole. Orchestra Hall, home of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, is downtown, as is the Lyric Opera.
 - Sports – during the summer, there are opportunities to see the World Series Champion Chicago Cubs and Chicago White Sox (baseball) and the Chicago Fire and Chicago Red Stars (soccer).
 - And more! Too much to name here.
- Are you planning to have any membership discounts for certain groups, such as young adults, military, or seniors?
A: TBD
- Do you have a published code of conduct?
A: Not yet, but there will be.
- Will there be a installment payment option?
A: TBD