

DC in 2021 Worldcon Bid

General

- Name of Bid:
A: DC in 2021
- Contact for questions from fandom (*including email address*):
A: Chair@dcin2021.org
- What dates are you bidding for?
A: August of 2021, Dates to be finalized December 2018.
- 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: Washington DC, USA, Marriott Wardman Park Hotel
City Center Location
- Who is your bid chair? Who is on your committee? What experience do they have in general? In running Worldcons?
A: Bill Lawhorn and Colette H. Fozard are the bid chairs. Our committee is listed below:

Gary Blog	Sam Lubell	Laura Schneider
Rodger Burns	Bob MacIntosh	Becky Thomson
Warren Buff	Michael Nelson	Jasmine Townsell
Cliff Dunn	Brian Nisbet	Elizabeth Twitchell
Cathy Green	Mark Roth	Pablo Vazquez
Elektra Hammond	Ann Marie Rudolph	Tom Veal
Bill Jensen	John Sapienza	Mike Zipser
Judy Kindell	Sharon Sbarsky	
Rick Kovalcik	Sam Scheiner	

Both Bill and Colette have many years of working on and chairing conventions. Most pertinent experience is Bill will be Co-Chair of 2018 World Fantasy Convention and Colette was Vice Chair of Worldcon 75 in Helsinki. Our committee represents a wide range of conrunning experience across many genres. The committee includes past Chairs and division heads as well as people who attend Worldcon but have not been on committee.

- If known, who will be the chair of the convention? What experience do they have?
A: N/A vote for chair(s) to be held in 2018
- Have you agreed to participate in Pass-Along Funds? Would you be willing to increase the percentage from 50% to 70% of surplus?
A: Assuming there is a surplus, Yes. BWAWA will consider increasing the share.

Travel

- What is the typical current airfare to your closest airport from world cities such as London, Boston, Chicago, Los Angeles, Melbourne?
A: There are three major airports which have flights to DC:
National (Closest)
 - London: \$800 (1 stop)
 - Boston: \$150 (Nonstop)

- Chicago: \$360 (Nonstop)
- Los Angeles: \$280 (Nonstop)
- Melbourne: \$1,500 (1 stop)

BWI

- London: \$800 (Nonstop)
- Boston: \$150 (Nonstop)
- Chicago: \$360 (Nonstop)
- Los Angeles: \$260 (Nonstop)
- Melbourne: \$1,500 (1 stop)
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Dulles

- London: \$800 (Nonstop)
- Boston: \$150 (Nonstop)
- Chicago: \$360 (Nonstop)
- Los Angeles: \$280 (Nonstop)
- Melbourne: \$1,500 (1 stop)

- Do international flights, as well as domestic, fly into your local airport? YES
Which airlines? If not, where is the closest international airport? Are direct flights from the cities above flown into your local airport?

A: There are direct International Flights into National Airport by Air Canada from Montreal/Toronto.

Dulles and BWI are a similar distance to the Convention Hotel and have multiple direct international flights.

Airlines at National:

Air Canada	Frontier	United
Alaska Airlines	JetBlue	Virgin America
American Airlines	Southwest	
Delta	Sun Country Airlines	

Airlines at Dulles:

Aeroflot	Copa Airlines	Porter Airlines
Aeromexico	Delta	Qatar Airways
Air Canada	Emirates	Royal Air Maroc
Air China	Ethiopian Airlines	Scandinavian Airlines
Air France	Etihad Airways	Saudia
Air India	Frontier	South African Airways
Alaska Airlines	Iceland Air	Southwest Airlines
American Airlines	JetBlue	Turkish Airlines
All Nippon Airways	KLM Royal Dutch	United
Austrian Airlines	Airlines	Virgin America
Avianca Airlines	Korean Air	Virgin Atlantic Airways
British Airways	LATAM Airlines	
Brussels Airlines	Lufthansa Airlines	

Airlines at BWI:

Air Canada	Boutique Air	Delta Air Lines
Alaska Airlines	British Airways	jetBlue
Allegiant Air	Condor	Southern Airways
American Airlines	Contour	Express

Southwest Airlines
Spirit Airlines
Fly Sunwing

United Airlines
Virgin America
WOW Air

XTra Airways

- 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: National to Woodley Park via Metro (7.5 miles) - \$2.60 (Taxi \$35)
A: BWI to Woodley Park (39 miles) - \$7 BWI to Union Station then \$2.10 from Union Station to WP. (Taxi \$105)
A: Dulles to Woodley Park (29 miles) - About \$4 the Silver Line Metro should be completed by 2020. (Taxi \$80)
App-based private transportation services are able to operate at all three airports.

Facilities

- What venues do you plan to use for the convention?
A: Marriott Wardman Park Hotel
- What are your main hotels? How far are 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: Marriott Wardman Park - same location as facilities - 1,000 rooms
Omni Shoreham - 1,000 feet under negotiation (400 plus)
- 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 markup a map with a pen – it doesn't need to be pretty; it does need to be informative.)
- A:



- How compact is your main facility? How much walking is required between the farthest rooms in your space allocation?
A: The facilities are contained on multiple floors with the greatest distance between activities being less than a quarter mile or about 400 meters.
- 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: Rates are \$165 single through quad, plus local taxes. This does not include breakfast, the rates are guaranteed in the conditional contract.
- Is there free internet in all the hotel rooms? In the program and exhibit venue?
A: The contract provides for complimentary in-room internet and there is already free internet in the lobby spaces. There is not free internet in the exhibit hall. Once seated we will explore internet in the exhibit/program space.
- What does parking cost at your main hotels?
A: We have a discount rate of \$28 self parking per day (in/out privileges); \$50 Valet per day
- 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: Same building (0 feet.) As they are the same building, there is no need for other transportation options from the main hotel.
- Where will your large events (i.e. Hugo Ceremony and Masquerade) be held?
A: Marriott Ballroom
- Please describe the restaurant scene near your site.
A: There are a variety of restaurants next to the hotel from McDonalds/Chipotle to fine dining. Within a couple of metro stops there are over 100 additional options.
- What arrangements will be made for evening socializing and party space? Do you have a corkage waiver?
A: We have a corkage and forkage waiver in the contract. The hotel will allow us to specially block social events and we have most of the suites already in our contract.
- Please describe the policies / laws regarding smoking in your hotel(s), convention center, and city.
A: There is no smoking in the Marriott Wardman Park. Smoking is allowed outdoors in DC with some limitations based on the proximity to the entrances.

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: Traditional highs are in the Upper 80s F, lows around 70 F. The later in August, the cooler it is likely to be. On days forecasted to be over 90 F, rain is common in the afternoon.
- What are some of the main tourist attractions of your city?
A:
 - National Zoo (Free)
 - Smithsonian National Museum (Free - some require tickets)
 - National Monuments on the Mall (Free)

- Arlington National Cemetery (Free)
 - White House (Tours by arrangement only)
 - US Capitol Building (Free)
 - U.S. Library of Congress (Free)
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- Are you planning to have any membership discounts for certain groups, such as young adults, military, or seniors?
A: Yes to be determined

 - Do you have a published code of conduct?
A: Our Sponsoring Organization, [BWAWA](#), has one which will be adjusted as needed for the convention.

 - Will there be a instalment payment option?
A: Yes