

## Questionnaire Instructions

The questionnaire below includes some of the most commonly asked questions at a Fannish Inquisition. Please email the completed answers to [stephen@boucher.org](mailto:stephen@boucher.org). We will post the answers on the Smofcon website, and will have printed copies available at Smofcon for review.

Please answer all the questions *in line* below. If a question doesn't apply to your convention please state: N/A.

If the answer won't be known until some future date, please provide an estimate of when you'll be in a position to answer. For example, for the question about room rates you might answer "These are expected to be agreed by [date]. Current internet rates are X per night room only for a double or twin and Y for single occupancy."

## The Inquisition

All Smofcon members will be able to submit questions for the Inquisition in person at Smofcon prior to the Inquisition. Submissions will be anonymous. *All submitted questions will be edited to remove any personal attacks.* We will encourage questions to be hard, but we will not permit them to be insulting.

We will follow the general format that has been used recently. The Inquisition will be moderated by Stephen Boucher and Elizabeth McCarty. They will be asking all of the questions submitted to the Inquisition.

The focus of the FI will be seated Worldcons and announced Worldcon bids (a bid which has formally announced its committee, year, and site and which is actively bidding.) Other bids will be given a brief opportunity to introduce themselves.

We intend to be aggressive at sticking to schedule. Don't make us yank you from the stage! We will allow A/V presentations from the seated Worldcons and announced bidders only. Time spent messing around with tech will count against your limit, so make sure to meet with us in advance to ready your presentation.

### **There will be a single, approximately 2-hour session on Saturday evening**

- Review the Rules of Engagement and introduce the Inquisitors (5 minutes)
- 5 minute presentations followed by 5 minute audience Q&A for the 2019 and 2020 seated Worldcons (20 minutes)
- Smofcon Selection
  - 2 minute presentations by future Smofcon bids (~10 minutes)
  - Short time for questions from the floor
  - Smofcon site selection vote (~10 minutes)
- 7 minute presentations by announced 2021 and 2022 Worldcon Bids (15 minutes)
- 2 minute presentations by unannounced and later Worldcon bids and any Hoax bids (~ 30 minutes)
- Break
  - 5 minutes for Audience to write and submit additional questions
  - 5 minutes for Inquisitors to review and incorporate questions
- Inquisition (until end of allotted session time or we run out of questions)

## QUESTIONNAIRE

### General

- Name of Bid:  
A: **New Orleans In 2023 Worldcon Bid**
- Person(s) Smofcon should contact about this questionnaire and about the Fannish Inquisition at Smofcon 36 (including email address):  
A: **Mike Willmoth, mwillmoth@earthlink.net**
- What dates are you bidding for?  
A: **Weekend before Labor Day Weekend, Wed thru Sun**
- 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: **New Orleans, Louisiana, USA; city center**
- What are your main facilities? How far are your hotels from your main venue?  
A: **Hyatt Regency Downtown**
- Who is your bid chair? Who is on your committee? What experience do they have in general? In running Worldcons?  
A: **Rebecca Smith; Mike Willmoth, Bill Thomasson, several others; most recently RS was Hopitality Division Head for NASFiC 2017 (San Juan, PR) & Hospitality Deputy DH for Sasquan; most recently MW was Vice Chair of Sasquan (Worldcon 73, Spokane, WA, 2015) & Deputy Division Head for Facilities at Worldcon 76 (San Jose, CA, 2018); BT most recently has worked in or headed up Accessibility areas for Sasquan, MidAmericon 2 (Kansas City, MO, 2016) and Worldcon 76.**
- If known, who will be the chair of the convention? What experience do they have?  
A: **TBD**
- Have you agreed to participate in Pass-Along Funds? Would you be willing to increase the percentage from 50% to 70% of surplus?  
A: **Yes, TBD**

### Travel

- What is the typical current airfare to your closest airport from world cities such as London, Boston, Chicago, Los Angeles, Melbourne?  
A: **See FI details from Worldcon 76**
- 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: **See FI details from Worldcon 76**
- How far is your convention site from the nearest airport/train station and what is the likely cost of getting to the hotels by both public transport and taxi from that airport/train station?  
A: **10 miles from airport to hotel; taxi will be about US\$35+**

## Facilities

- What hotel(s) are being used for the convention? How many rooms, what type, accessibility issues, etc.?  
A: **Hyatt Regency Downtown; see FI details from Worldcon 76**
- What are your hotel room rates? Do these rates include breakfast? Do they include internet in the room? How firm are these rates? What additional taxes and fees are there?  
A: **See FI details from Worldcon 76**
- What does parking cost at your main hotels?  
A: **Valet only; self parking nearby; rates will be discounted in hotel contract**
- 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: **US\$0; mobile scooter or powerchair or wheelchair**
- Where will your large events (i.e. Hugo Ceremony and Masquerade) be held?  
A: **See FI details from Worldcon 76**
- Please describe the restaurant scene near your site.  
A: **Several restaurants on site; many restaurants within a half mile (0.8 km)**
- What arrangements will be made for evening socializing and party space? Do you have a corkage waiver?  
A: **Too early to define; will have corkage waiver**
- Please describe the policies / laws regarding smoking in your hotel(s), convention center, and city.  
A: **No smoking in facility; designated areas outside near hotel; city similar**

## Miscellaneous

- What type of weather can we expect during your convention? What is the average temperature during that time of year?  
A: **90s F, humid, some rain; indoor temps same as other Worldcons, dry, no rain**
- What are some of the main tourist attractions of your city?  
A: **French Quarter, National World War 2 Museum, Mississippi River riverboat cruises, etc**
- Are you planning to have any membership discounts for certain groups, such as young adults, military, or seniors?  
A: **Yes**
- Do you have a code of conduct?  
A: **In progress**