Worldcon 75 Guests

No, the winning Helsinki bid for the 2017 Worldcon hasn’t announced that many guests; they’re just calling it Worldcon 75. Their five Guests of Honor will be John-Henri Holmberg (a noted Swedish fan and author), Nalo Hopkinson (a Jamaican author currently a professor at UC-Riverside), Johanna Sinisalo (a Finnish writer), Claire Wendling (a French comics artist and illustrator), and Walter Jon Williams (an American author whose grandparents were all Finnish).

One Ticket, One Personal Item, No Carry-Ons At Hugos

This year’s Hugo ceremony will have required assigned seat tickets. Sasquan staff will hand out tickets in the breezeway between the Convention Center and the INB Performing Arts Center, with an expected start at 6pm.

Actual seating will happen between 7 and 8pm (start of ceremony). Seating during the ceremony will happen at usher discretion.

Ushers will assist fans with accessibility issues to appropriate doors and seats.

All large items (i.e. items that don’t easily fit in your lap), MUST be checked at the FREE bag check in the INB lobby or left in your room or car.

Overflow seating in Guinan’s and Room 100B, recommended for those with strollers or who require frequent exits, will show the video stream. Check the sasquan.org homepage for a web link to the stream.

SFWA Auction

The Science Fiction and Fantasy Writers of America will hold an auction at 1:00 Sunday in Guinan’s Place (Hall B). Items include an insult from Neil Gaiman, a signed book by Robert A. Heinlein, handmade necklaces by Mercedes Lackey, beaded sea creatures by Vonda McIntyre, a “whimsical knitted object” by Carrie Vaughn, a honey badger picture by Ursula Vernon and M.C.A. Hogarth, and many more items, signed books, story critiques and Tuckerizations (your name used in a story). Proceeds to SFWA’s Givers Fund to benefit writers who need aid.

Programming Changes

Brian Campbell cannot attend. Drop Barnes and Due from DIY Movies.

Add Dave Howell to How To Design a Hugo Statue (Sunday 2pm).

Add David McDonald to Game of Thrones: Expectations of Gender and Sexuality (Sunday noon).

Pitch Ideas for MidAmeriCon Program moved to 1pm Sun in 301.
WSFS Business Meeting

1) A Story By Any Other Name amendment passed for second time and so ratified. This amendment allows for first publication of fiction in, but not limited to, physical print, audiobook, and ebook for the purposes of the Hugos.

2) WSFS Membership Types and Rates. Passed and ratified without objection.

3) Hugo Finalist passed and ratified without objection. This changes how works and people are referred to who appear on the final Hugo Award ballot to “finalist”.

4) Five Percent Solution passed, sent to next year for ratification. Currently, to appear on the Hugo ballot, an entry must be nominated by at least 5% of all who nominated in that category. This amendment would remove that restriction.

5) Multiple Nominations passed, amended to put the work in the category where it received the most nominations. Sent to next year for ratification. In the case of a work receiving nominations in multiple categories for which it is eligible, it would be put in the category in which it received the most nominations.

6) When Sunday’s meeting is adjourned, it will be done in the memory of Bobbie DuFault and Peggy Rae Sapienza.

Thank You To All Sasquan Volunteers!

Hogu Awards
Yes, that’s “Hogu”, not “Hugo”. The Hogus and associated Black Hole Awards date back to 1972, and are meant to be satirical and humorous awards in the spirit of good humor, such as “Worst Fanzine Title”.

While there is voting, cash payments can and will trump vote results. Returning after a multiple year absence, the Hogu Ranquet (where voting and bribery takes place) will be held Sunday at noon at The Onion Bar & Grill. 302 W Riverside Ave.

Dealers’ Room Closes At 3pm
The pocket program says Sunday Dealers’ hours are 10-6. That is wrong; the room will close at 3pm.

Shakespeare In The Park
The Taming of the Shrew will be presented by Montana Shakespeare Sunday at 5:00p.m. in the Lilac Meadow, the same location as Wednesday’s First Night. No admission charge for this event.

Blatent Plug
The skies of Mordor were brought to you by the New Zealand in 2020 Worldcon bid.

Meet And Greets
Montreal thanks its supporters and doesn’t want to ship stuff home. Historic Davenport 905 at 9pm.

New Orleans in 2018’s bou-din is here. Sample it at 9pm in Historic Davenport 1219.

Nippon Thank You at 9pm in the Historic Davenport from 9 pm.

D.C. in 2042 Worldcon Bid at 9pm in Historic Davenport 1105.

We encourage voting for which Meet And Greets had the best food, drink, decor, and overall best M&G. Ballots are located near the elevator on the M&G floors in the Historic Davenport, and you are eligible to vote once a day! Winners will be applauded at Closing Ceremonies on Sunday.

Help Orangutangs... In The Right Place
People keep going to the Discworld exhibit to give them money for the Orangutangs...and they can’t take it.

Donations to the Orangutan Foundation can only be made at David Gerrold’s table at the entrance to the Dealer’s Room or at the con merchandise table. Both tables have donation jars labeled for the Foundation.