

- **General**

- Name of Convention?

[Montréal 2027 Worldcon](#)

- What dates will your convention run?

[2-6 September, 2027 in person. Online events January to December, 2027.](#)

- What is your proposed convention host city?

[Montréal, Québec, Canada](#)

- 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?

[City Center. There is a subway stop actually in the Convention Centre, the Palais des congrès](#)

- .What are your main facilities? How far are your hotels from your main venue?

[Palais des congrès is the main facility. All hotels are within a 5 minute walk of the Palais and the HQ hotel/Party hotel is next to the Palais.](#)

- If applicable, have you agreed to participate in Pass-Along-Funds?

[Yes we will.](#)

- What is the sponsoring organization?

[Cansmof, Inc. \(a Québec, Canada not-for-profit organization\)](#)

- Is the sponsoring organization a non-profit (example US 501(c)(3)) under the laws of your country?

[Yes. We are a Quebec Not-for-Profit corporation.](#)

- Is the sponsoring organization tax-exempt for local taxes, especially sales tax?

[No. Not-for-Profit status does not confer exemption from local or sales taxes, just Federal and Provincial income taxes.](#)

- What is your website and other social media presence?

<https://montreal2027.ca>

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/MontrealWorldCon27>

Facebook Community Group - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1108845401430124/>

Bluesky - <https://bsky.app/profile/montrealworldcon27.bsky.social>

Mastodon - <https://mastodon.social/@montreal27worldcon>

X/Twitter - [@MontrealWorldcon](#)

Youtube - <https://www.youtube.com/@MontrealIn2027>

Discord - server ID 1328093907409436776

Convention details

- Who is your convention chair?

We have as Co-Chairs Darin Briskman and Bruce Farr

- Who is on your committee?

[SEE ORG STRUCTURE .PDF](#)

- Con Chair Experience: Briefly, tell us about major roles and accomplishments the chair has with Worldcons, and other relevant conventions.

Bruce Farr, Co-Chair: Chaired Phoenix 1987 NASFiC, Chaired or Co-Chaired 4 World Fantasy Conventions, Chaired Westercon 42, Facilities DH for 3 Worldcons, Program DH for one Worldcon, Budget Director for 6 Worldcons (including Finance DH for 4), DDH for Exhibits several times, worked most Worldcons since 1978, Chaired 2 SmofCons, board member for SAFF, Cansmof, WFC, WIP, SFSFC, SCIFI. Works in about 160 convention positions to date mostly in Ops, Programme, Finance, and Exhibits at local through Worldcon level. CPA in real life and married to Lea, the smartest and loveliest person in the world.

Darin Briskman, Co-Chair: Darin Briskman has been involved in fandom in a staff position at his first Worldcon in Atlanta in 1986. The next year, he helped found Dragon Con and has been attending and assisting at conventions ever since. Recently, Darin helped lead online operations at CoNZeland in 2020 (and was awarded as one of the Heroes of CoNZeland), Platform Operations Manager at Glasgow 2024, and led Timeline and other functions at Seattle 2025. He was Vice Chair of the Montréal in 2027 bid and later became Co-Chair of the Bid, leading through the selection of Montréal in Seattle, where he was named Co-Chair of Montréal 2027 Worldcon.Senior Committee

Experience:

- Briefly, summarize the convention background of the vice-chair(s), executive committee, and/or major division heads.

Angela Jones-Fietz, Exec Committee, DH **Communications**: 2025 Worldcon Finance DH, 2024 San Diego)Smofcon Treasurer, 2022 Worldcon Dealer Room AH, 2021 Worldcon Dealer Room AH. President of 501c3 organization SWOC.

Carolina Gomez Lagerlöf, DH **Convention Services**: DH Member service Loncon 3, DDH Member service Worldcon 75, AH Program Ops Discon III, DH International program, Chair 2025 SMOFCon.

Kate Wood, **Events** DH: Volunteering for conventions since 1994 and Worldcons since 2014 in a variety of roles, predominantly in member services areas. Most recently, Member and Staff Services DDH (Glasgow) and Pre-Con Registrar (Seattle)

Diane Lacey, **Exhibits** DH: 2009 Worldcon Anticipation; Consuite head, Hugo Committee, 2012 Chicon 12 Hugo Administrator , 2013 Lonestarcon 3: Head of GoH liaisons, Decorator Liaison , , 2013 chair Smofcon Toronto , 2016 vice-chair

Midamericon 2, 2021 chair world fantasy Montreal, 2022 World Fantasy; Head of Guest liaisons , 2023 World Fantasy; Advisor, Head of Guest Liasons, 2024 World Fantasy; Head of Guest liaisons

Sean McCoy, **Facilities** DH: Facilities DH, Seattle Worldcon 2025, Worldcon 76 (San Jose), Sasquan (worldcon 73, 2015); Conv Ctr AH, MidAmericon II (Kansas City, 2016); Business Manager, Con Diego, 1990 NASFiC; vice-chair, Westercon 51 (1998,

Alexia Hebel, Executive Committee and **Finance** DH: Finance DDH for: Seattle 2025 Worldcon, DCFCW-2023 Chengdu Worldcon, Chicon 8, Chicon 2000. Comptroller Chicon V. Treasurer Phandemonium/Capricorn Cap 44-Current (Chicago). Site Selection - LAcon V. Precon Volunteers and Online Tech Deputy AH Glasgow 2024. Registration/Dealers/Art Show software ConTroll-Business Process Facilitator

Joni Brill Dashoff, **Member Services** Co-DH (with Catelyn Cunningham): Art Show: WFC At-Con Registrar in 2007, and 2010, and will do the same at Saratoga and Columbus. She ran the Art Shows for LACon IV and Anticipation in Montreal in 2006 and 2009 respectively, and has chaired the Chesley Award Committee for the past five years. Ran Worldcon Site Selection in 2013 and 2015 and co-managed the Exhibits Division at Bucconeer and the Dealers Room at Renovation. Worked in Treasury at Noreascon 4 and Chicon 2000, and was Treasurer for Millennium Philcon. She co-chaired SMOFCon in 2012, has been East Coast Director of ASFA for multiple terms.. President and Board of 501c3 organization SWOC.

Catelynn Cunningham, **Member Services** Co-DH (with Joni Dashoff). She has worked on many Worldcons in several capacities. She is also a member of the World Fantasy Convention Board.

Carl Fink - **Programme** DH: Attending Worldcon since 1977, but that was a fluke. Worked for Programme in various roles (from "generic staff" to DDH) at several Worldcon, including Chicon 7, Worldcon 75 (Helsinki) Worldcon 76 (San Jose), and CoNZeland. Chaired a couple of LI-CONs, and worked in con roles including Vice-Chair, head of Program, and webmaster. In real life he's an Instructional Designer, former science teacher, freelance writer, and regular blood donor.

Carl 'z!' Zwanzig, DH - **Technology & Production**: Technical director/DH for 4 Worldcons (Asst TD/DDH for 6, Sr technical staff for 7), Events DDH for 1 Worldcon, Technical director or Sr Staff for over 20 years of NE regional cons. Sr. production staff for 2 major annual outdoor music festivals. Co-wrote the first(?) computerized con registration system (Balticon, 1988).

Linda Deneroff, DDH **WSFS**: Con Chair Experience: Chaired Lunacon 1980; Foolscape II (2000). Senior Committee Experience: WSFS Division Head for Sasquan and DisCon III. WSFS BM secretary for probably at least 10 Worldcons (I've lost count). Secretary of MPC/WIP, WSFS DH LAcon V 2026

Todd Dashoff - **WSFS** DH: Chair, 2001 Worldcon (Millennium Philcon), Hugo Committee Head - LoneStar Con 3, Exhibits DH – Renovation, Chair of Philcon numerous times, including 2025, Board member of Philadelphia Science Fiction Society numerous times, Current Treasurer of First Fandom Foundation, Member of SFWA Estates Committee

- What is your vision for your convention?

Canadian Content: we're not a "Canadian Worldcon" - we are a Worldcon that is hosted in Canada. We'll take advantage of our host to feature what Canada and Canadians have given to speculative fiction, art, and science. "Canadian Content" includes contributions to our genre interests of Canadians to our community. We'll also use Canadian vendors whenever feasible. And we'll use Canadian spellings for our Guests of Honour and our Programme!

Enhance and Extend the Legacy of Worldcon: as the 85th World Science Fiction Conventions, we need to both continue the great work of those who have come before us and those who will follow us. We not only want to make Montréal 2027 the best Worldcon yet, but we want to enable the 86th and 87th and 144th and all the future Worldcons to be even better. We're committed to both supporting our staff members with Worldcon experience and recruiting volunteers new to Worldcons to expand the pool of people available to staff future events. We're also committed to both serving the global fan community and reaching out to include readers, art lover, and others who have not yet discovered the joys of fandom.

Fun! We're in Montréal, the home of joie de vivre. Worldcon is a fun event, and Montréal is a fun city. We want to do what we can to help everyone - fans, guests, staff, dealers, and everyone else - enjoy Worldcon and our host city.

- How do you plan to make your vision happen?

See above 3 Tenets of the convention.

- What is a notable aspect of your local fan culture and how do you plan to incorporate it into your convention?

French language dominant in the local and provincial culture. We are involving local Montreal convention groups in planning and working on the convention and will include French language programming as appropriate and translation services.

- **Travel**

- What is your main local airport?

Montreal-Trudeau International Airport

- What is the most practical and convenient way on public transit from your airport(s) to your main hotel?

A public bus service called the **747** is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The bus provides a direct line between the airport and downtown Montréal, where it stops at a handful of metro stations and hotels. The journey time is approximately 25-35 minutes to the Lionel-Groulx metro station and 45-70 minutes to the Berri-UQÀM station, depending on traffic conditions. To catch the bus, head to the arrivals level. Cost for the pass is \$11.

- **Facilities**

- What hotel(s) are being used for the convention?

Le Westin Montréal

DoubleTree par Hilton Montréal

Embassy Suites par Hilton Montréal

InterContinental Montréal

Hotel Monville

- How many rooms, what type, accessibility issues, etc?

Just under 1100 rooms peak Mix of Kings, Queen, and Double/Doubles.

50 Accessible rooms available, mostly adjacent to the Palais

30 Suites in Westin

No accessibility issues identified, but will be doing another check at All Staff next June

- What are the room rates?

Canadian dollars for 2027 (excluding taxes etc.) range from \$295 to \$325. We're working on one hotel (The Monville) which will be under this range.

Regular suites at the Westin, the Party and HQ Hotel, are under \$390 (King or Queen Suites)

- Do these rates include breakfast and internet access?

No for breakfast, yes for internet.

- How firm are these rates?

Confirmed in writing through the Convention Bureau

- What additional taxes and fees are there?

All rates are subject to applicable taxes: 9.975% provincial, 5% federal (GST), and 3.5% city occupancy tax.

- What is the distance between the main hotel and the main program or exhibits site, if any.

Distance between the Westin and Palais (including taking elevators and escalators) about 5 minutes. Several other hotels are adjacent to the Palais as well.

- Are you in more than one building? Are the buildings connected or adjacent? If not, what transportation is available between sites for members with mobility issues?

A few events will be in the headquarter hotel (The Westin Montreal) which is a minute's walk across the street to the Palais street level lobby.

- Where will your main events (Hugo Awards, Masquerade, etc.) be held?

Room 517BCD, 31,774 square feet

- What is the seating capacity there?

Capacity 3935 depending on staging and other setup requirements

- Where can on-site socializing happen? Are arrangements required to permit serving food or alcohol?

The main social space is at the Westin's main restaurant and bar. Seating is for 100.

We are exempt from corkage in the Westin, the main Party Hotel. We have to pay corkage in function space at the Palais and the Westin and would be covered under their licensing. We do not have to get food handling licensing for party rooms and suites, but we do have to get an overall liquor permit for any parties serving alcohol in party rooms and suites. We likely will obtain permits like we did in 2009 - we had permits obtained by the convention for floors with such parties.

- What are the rules and laws regarding smoking? Where is smoking permitted on site (and what can be smoked)?

The law in Quebec is strict regarding cigarettes and smoking, including tobacco, electronic cigarettes and cannabis. Smoking is not allowed in public places, including the entirety of the PdC Convention Center and any outdoor location within 9m of a public entrance. Some hotels offer rooms where smoking is permitted. Smoking is permitted in outdoor spaces that are not near public entrances and in licensed cigar lounges. The closest lounges are about 2 km from the convention center.

- What will your policies be regarding public health and disease transmission?

We will follow the current guidance from the health authorities of Canada and Quebec. Anyone's choices to add additional precautions, such as wearing a mask if one is not required, will be respected.

- What are the parking rates for your convention center and hotel(s)?

Parking rate at the Palais is \$25 Canadian per day and is open 24 hours a day. Most hotels have valet parking owned by third parties and average about \$50 per day and recommend guests use the Palais.

- **Location**

- Summarize nearby restaurants (five minutes walk, 400 meters, 440 yards) including fast food, fine dining, and anything in between.

In the Palais:

Burger King

Van Houtte Café (bistro)

La Popessa (Italian, Pizza)

Noobox (Chinese noodle house)

Subway

Sushi Shop

Tim Hortons

Others nearby:

Le Club Chasse et Pêche - Upscale dining with a focus on local ingredients.

Damas - Syrian cuisine.

L'Express - French bistro known for its traditional dishes and wine selection.

Bouillon Bilk - Canadian cuisine with a creative twist.

La Banquise – If you want to try Poutine....

Kazu - Japanese izakaya-style dishes and sushi.

Just beyond the Westin is Old Montreal with hundreds of restaurants in walking distance

- What is the typical weather in your area during your convention dates?

Average high	23.5 °C or 74.3 °F
Average low	13.2 °C or 55.8 °F
Chance precipitation	35.8%
Chance snow	0%

- What are a few of the most notable or interesting tourist attractions in your area?

Space for Life Planetarium

Old Montreal (adjacent to the Palais) with hundreds of restaurants, many in walking distance

Mount Royal Park

La Grande Roue (Ferris Wheel)

Montreal Science Center

Museum of Fine Arts

Waterfront in the Old Port

AURA Light Show at the Notre-Dame Basilica

- **Convention Specifics**
- Are you planning to have any membership discounts for certain demographic groups, such as young adults, unemployed, or seniors?

Full currently 250 31+ including WSFS

YA currently 200 18-30 including WSFS

Teen currently 90 12-17

Child currently 45 8-12

Child in Tow complimentary

- Do you have a Code of Conduct? Please link to your Code of Conduct and any other relevant policies.

<https://bid.montreal2027.ca/en-ca/code-of-conduct>

- What are your plans and policies about diversity, equity, and inclusion regarding members, staff, and volunteers?

We plan to work with leadership of recent Worldcons to incorporate lessons learned and create effective plans and policies to help us produce a safe, inclusive, non-discriminatory, and accessible Worldcon.

- Do you have plans for remote virtual participation by members and/or program participants?

Yes. We plan for a range of online and hybrid (simultaneous in-person and online) programming, and all major events will be streamed for online participants. We also plan to make recordings of programming and events available to members during and after the event. Several members of our team have experience organizing and executing the online elements of large conventions, including previous Worldcons.

- What is the human rights situation in your country or region? Specifically, can members who are LGBTQ+ or members of religious, ethnic, or racial minorities travel in safety to your convention?

Canada's Constitution is highly regarded internationally for its protections.

- Are you able to accept direct payment from outside your country for memberships or other purchases via credit card or other electronic payments?

- Yes, linked through convention website.

- Is there anything else you want to share with our members? Give us links to any pages you want to point people to. You could also give a short statement here if there's anything important not covered in the questions above.

Our core values drive our efforts:

- We believe in treating ourselves, each other, and our diverse community with respect. This includes asking questions to better understand why things are being done as they are prior to problem-solving, understanding that other people have their own goals that will interact with ours and working to facilitate this when possible and being inclusive in a practical manner. We also strive for courtesy and compassion in our behaviors where applicable.
- We believe in accepting all diverse geek communities.
- We believe in providing a culture of enjoyment of our shared genre interest. We'd like you to have fun in your fandom!
- We believe our community service is delivered with a willingness to listen, a problem-solving attitude and the ability to stay within our remit of hosting a Worldcon.
- We believe in being open-minded and sparing of judgment.
- We believe in taking risks, learning from our experiences and responding to communications in a timely fashion.
- We believe in being patient and honest.
- We believe in encouraging some innovations while staying within WSFS bylaws.
- We believe our actions should inspire volunteerism, confidence, and creativity.

Thank you for your consideration of Montréal 2027 Worldcon. We look forward to welcoming you to our city! Please visit us online at <https://montreal2027.ca>