

Fannish Inquisition Survey: Kansas City Worldcon Bid

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What are the proposed dates for which you are bidding? August 17-21, 2016

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?

Downtown Kansas City, Missouri

What is the typical current airfare to your closest airport from world cities such as London, Boston, Chicago, Los Angeles, Melbourne?

- London: \$1,424
- Boston: \$362
- Chicago: \$214
- Los Angeles: \$419
- Melbourne: \$1,548

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?

Kansas City International (MCI) is an international airport, but for practical purposes almost all flights, internationally, will be via connections.

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?

- 19 Miles (30.5 km) to KCI (~20 minutes)
Super Shuttle: \$18.00 per person (Shared Ride up to 10 persons), Taxi: \$49
- 1.5 Miles (2.4 km) to the main Amtrak station (\$9.00 Taxi)

What hotel(s) are being used for the convention? How many rooms, what type, accessibility issues, etc.?

Hotel Phillips ~\$120, Total rooms 213

Kansas City Marriott Downtown ~\$120, 22 floors, 946 rooms, 37 suites, 48 meeting rooms, 91,570 sq ft of total meeting space, 100% Non Smoking

Hilton President Kansas City ~\$150, 217 Rooms

Crown Plaza Kansas City ~\$120, Rooms 385, 99 Suites Non Smoking

Holiday Inn Aladdin \$Unknown, 193 Rooms, Non-Smoking

What are your hotel room rates? Do these rates include breakfast? Do they include internet in the room? How firm are these rates?

See above for rates. Breakfast is doubtful for downtown hotels. Internet is still in negotiation, but, Kansas City (Missouri and Kansas) is the site for the rollout of Google Fiber. They have begun installation and anticipate finishing by the end of 2013.

What is the cost to *park* at the convention/hotel facilities?

Unknown, but, not egregious. (Still in Negotiation but less than \$20 per day)

What is the distance from the 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?

Main hotel is ½ block, all others are within 2 Standard Blocks.

If using overflow hotels (or hotels not directly connected) what is the cost of a cab ride door-to-door with the convention center?

Less than \$10.

Please describe your convention site facilities. For example, the quantity and sizes of rooms, tech options, accessibility issues, etc.

Bartle Hall and the [Kansas City Convention Center](#) is a modern downtown facility.

Where will your large events (i.e. Hugo Ceremony and Masquerade) be held?

The Grand Ballroom can seat as many as 4000 people with up to 46,000 sq ft of space.

Please describe the restaurant scene near your site.

The [Power and Light District](#) is part of a revitalized downtown.

Please describe the policies / laws regarding smoking in your hotel(s), convention center, and city.

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Pretty Standard. No smoking in public places, all of the Hotels are non-smoking.

What type of weather can we expect at the time of year your convention is to be held?

Can't put too much lipstick on this pig. The midwest is known for hot and humid August weather. Upper 80's to mid 90's and very humid. The folks from Houston will welcome the break, all other coastal dwellers will swelter. We use air conditioning. a lot.

What are some of the main tourist attractions of your city?

Kansas City is a major metropolitan city. (Ranked as the 31st largest media market) We have museums, history, food, shopping, etc.

Who is on your committee? Who is your bid chair? What experience do they have in general? In running this convention in particular?

Ruth Lichtwardt, Diane Lacey, and Jeff Orth are the chairs. We have been busy gaining experience as Department heads, and Division Head, and assorted other tasks at Worldcons since 2004. The committee consists of many people from all over fandom and the North America.

If known, who will be the chair of the convention? What experience do they have?

Unknown. It is assumed that Diane, Ruth and Jeff will be on the hotseat but they're still trying to talk their way out of it.

What arrangements will be made for evening socializing and party space? Do you have a corkage waiver?

Waivers are in negotiation, but, the Midwest is very open to this sort of thing, we see no problems.

Are you planning to have any membership discounts for certain groups, such as young adults, military, or seniors?

We are still looking at options, but, some are likely.

Are you participating in pass-along funds?

Yes.