

Spokane Wins 2015 Worldcon On Third Ballot

Detroit Wins 2014 NASFiC On First Round

For the second time in 10 years, it took the third round of balloting to declare the Spokane bid as the winner of the 2015 Worldcon Site Selection, while it only took one round for Detroit to win the 2014 NASFiC.

During the first round of the Australian-style balloting for the 2015 Worldcon, all of the votes are counted by the first choice. Although Helsinki has the most votes with 528, it did not have the required 665 needed to win (based on the total number of 1348 valid votes cast).

After the first round, there is a redistribution of all None Of The Above and, Write-In ballots to one of the three legitimate bidding cities (Helsinki, Orlando and Spokane) and No Preference, if that ballot had a second choice on it.

After the second round, Orlando was dropped from the running after totaling 307 votes, compared to Helsinki's 533 votes and Spokane's 481 (but were far below the 661 votes needed to win on that round). Then there was a redistribution of the Orlando, Write-in and, None Of The Above ballots to either Helsinki or Spokane or No Preference, if one of them was marked on the ballot.

After the third round, Spokane was declared the winner, receiving 645 votes to Helsinki's 610 (with 628 votes needed to win on that round).

In addition, in the first round of balloting, Detroit received 231 votes to Phoenix's 210, with 223 votes needing to win based on the 453 valid votes cast.

We would like to congratulate Spokane and Detroit on their victories and wish them success in their conventions.

Both conventions will have tables set up in the Fan Table area in the Convention Center Gallery next to the Dealers Room where you can buy memberships and get further information on their conventions (and even volunteer to help).

SASQUAN

August 19-23, 2015
Spokane Convention Center
Spokane, Washington
www.sasquan.org

Guests of Honor

David Gerrold
Vonda McIntyre
Leslie Turek
Brad Foster
Tom Smith

DETCON 1

July 17-20, 2014
Detroit Renaissance Center Marriott
Detroit, Michigan
www.detcon1.org

Guests of Honor

Steven Barnes (Author)
John Picacio (Artist)
Helen Greiner (Science)
Bill and Brenda Sutton (Music)
Bernadette Bosky, Arthur Hlavaty,
and Kevin Maroney (Fan)
Roger Sims and Fred Prophet (Con Chairs Emeritus — both
were the co-chairs of the 1959 Detroit Worldcon)

2015 Worldcon Site Selection Results--Round 1

Bid	Mail-In	Thurs	Fri	Sat	TOTAL
Helsinki	85	124	155	164	528
Orlando	42	69	82	111	304
Spokane	72	90	116	192	470
None Of The Above	3	0	0	4	7
Invalid ballots	0	0	0	3	3
Boston Xman 2020	0	1	2	0	3
Minneapolis	0	1	0	2	3
Locust Grove, VA	0	0	2	0	2
?	1	0	0	0	1
Boston, NZ	0	1	0	0	1
Cokee County	0	0	0	1	1
Minneapolis in '73	0	1	0	0	1
Minneapolis in 1873	1	0	0	0	1
Pyongyang	0	0	0	1	1
Slab City	0	1	0	0	1
Xerpes in 2010	0	0	0	1	1
Total with Preference	204	288	357	479	1328
Number Needed to Win					665
No Preference	6	1	7	6	20
Total valid votes	210	289	364	485	1348

2015 Worldcon Site Selection Results--Round 2

Bid	Mail-In	Thurs	Fri	Sat	TOTAL
Helsinki	86	127	155	165	533
Orlando	42	70	82	113	307
Spokane	74	91	118	198	481
Total with Preference	202	288	355	476	1321
Number Needed to Win					661
No Preference	8	1	9	9	27
Total valid votes	210	289	364	485	1348

2015 Worldcon Site Selection Results--Round 3

Bid	Mail-In	Thurs	Fri	Sat	TOTAL
Helsinki	94	143	177	196	610
Spokane	95	130	163	257	645
Total with Preference	189	273	340	453	1255
Number Needed to Win					628
No Preference	21	16	24	32	93
Total valid votes	210	289	364	485	1348

WINNER

NASFiC 2014 Site Selection Results--Round 1

Bid	Mail-In	Thurs	Fri	Sat	TOTAL
Detroit	37	55	50	89	231
Phoenix	26	44	47	93	210
None of the Above	0	1	0	0	1
Invalid ballots	0	0	0	0	0
Gnawbone, IN	0	0	0	1	1
Minneapolis in 5773	1	0	0	0	1
Total with Preference	64	100	97	183	444
Needed to Win					223
No Preference	2	1	4	2	9
Total valid votes	66	101	101	185	453