



August 22, 2022

ATTENDING MEMBERS:

One more week until we start moving in!

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Thank you to Chengdu 2023

Chicon 8, the 2022 World Science Fiction Convention, and Chengdu Worldcon 2023, the 2023 World Science Fiction Convention, are delighted to announce that Chengdu has redirected over \$57,000 of its Passalong entitlement to support Chicon 8 as Worldcon continues to recover from the Covid19 pandemic.

Full details can be found in our [Press Release 8](#).

Policies: Code of Conduct, COVID, and Weapons (oh my!)

Chicon 8 has a few policies that we want to remind you of before you arrive at the convention. Please take a moment to review them, as you are expected to follow them.

[Code of Conduct](#)
[Anti-Racism Statement](#)
[COVID Policy](#)
[Weapons Policy](#)

With regards to the COVID policy and Registration:

- You will need to show proof of vaccination and your ID at registration to pick up your badge.

- Children should accompany their parents in order to pick up their badge.
- Teens who have their own vaccination card and ID do not need to accompany their parents to pick up their badge.

If you have any questions regarding the COVID policy, please contact us at covid@chicon.org and questions about the Registration process should go to registration@chicon.org.

Pocket Program / ConClar / Website: Further Updates

We are continuing to work on producing the PDF versions of the pocket program, and they will be put on the website this week.

We are also continuing to work on improving the speed performance of our schedule app, ConClar. One recommendation we have is that you filter to search by day. ConClar can be found at guide.chicon.org

Lastly, we will be updating our website significantly this week to provide more quicklinks and signposting to help you find the information that you need.

Fringe Events

We are excited to report that we will be announcing several Chicon 8 Fringe events later this week! These events will be taking place in Chicago before, during, and after the convention. A few examples are some author readings, a visit to Maggie Daley Park for families and kids, Chicago Architecture Foundation boat tours, and visits to the Museum of the American Writer (which extended their Ray Bradbury exhibit just for us!).

Some events will be free, and others will require you to pay admission - they are not part of your membership, but a separate excursion.

Some events will require that you pre-pay and reserve your space, but most will be “meet in the lobby and go”, with you purchasing your admission when you arrive.

More details coming this week to the [Fringe](#) page of our website and social media!

Families and Kids

Are you bringing your kids or teens to Chicon 8? We have lots of things for them to do! Please take a look at our [Family and Children](#) page for more information about things your kids can do.

We would also like to highlight a Meet and Greet session specifically for children and teens, hosted by author Tamora Pierce, featuring her and other artists and authors whose work is geared to children and teens. This event will be held on Saturday, September 3 at 2:30pm in the Wrigley Room.

There are also Table Talks (formerly known as Kaffeeklatches) that are also specifically for teens. If you go to guide.chicon.org and put “teen” in the search box, these will come up. Sign ups for all Table Talks open on Wednesday, August 31 at 12 noon (Central), and attendees will be chosen via a lottery system and notified if they were picked.

Volunteers Still Needed!

Yup, we still need volunteers! We will need people to help with move-in starting Tuesday, August 30 at 6pm and all day Wednesday, August 31. We will also need volunteers throughout the weekend for a variety of tasks. You can see available jobs [here](#), fill out the volunteer interest form [here](#), reach out to volunteers@chicon.org before the convention, or stop by one of our Volunteers desks at the convention (East Tower, Gold Level, by convention registration, and West Tower, Gold Level, by the Regency Ballroom).

We also still need volunteers for Virtual Chicon 8! Descriptions can be found [here](#), and we are providing several training opportunities.

Whether you are volunteering in person or virtually, there will be thank you swag!

Charles de Lint Update

Chicon 8 received the following message from Julie Bartel, a friend of Charles de Lint and MaryAnn Harris. As you all probably know, Charles was to have been our Guest of Honor, but stepped down because of MaryAnn's illness and prolonged recovery.

They are currently starting both fundraising campaigns as well as a Facebook group for updates on MaryAnn's progress. I wanted to share both with you all.

Julie's email is below.

Thanks,

Helen

Hello. I'm writing (with their permission) as a friend of Charles de Lint and MaryAnn Harris. I'm working with them to set up fundraising campaigns (a new Patreon for Charles, a Go Fund Me, and an online auction in the fall) to raise money for additional therapy for MaryAnn as she continues her long recovery from Powassan. (If you'd like to read the whole narrative of this past year, you can find it at either the Go Fund Me or FB links below.) In order to improve, in order to go home, MaryAnn needs much more therapy – of all kinds, and much more frequently – than the Canadian healthcare system can or will provide. In addition, the past 11 months have been incredibly difficult for Charles, personally and professionally, as you can imagine.

In short, they need help and I am confident our community will answer the call.

I asked Charles whether he was comfortable with me reaching out to the Chicon/WSF community directly, and while he's always reluctant to ask for help, he will do so for MaryAnn and agreed. I confess I don't know exactly what I'm asking of you in this message — the convention is almost here and I'm not sure how or if working in something on behalf of Charles and MaryAnn could be done. But having worked on many conventions myself over the years, I know I'd want to at least be aware that an effort was underway to raise funds, especially when the cause is what forced Charles to withdraw from Chicon 8, an event he was so looking forward to (my family too — we were also attending and meeting them in Chicago for a long-awaited reunion).

The Go Fund Me and Patreon are live now but only as of today — publicity will start in earnest this week. You can see them at

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/harris-de-lint-recovery-fund>

<https://www.patreon.com/user?u=8521752>

We also have a new FB page set up for updates:
<https://www.facebook.com/harrisdelintrecovery/>

Please help if you can, and MaryAnn definitely appreciates well wishes if you want to leave them on the FB page.