



August 22, 2022

SUPPORTING / VIRTUAL 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 and Anti-Racism Statement

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](#)

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.

Volunteers Still Needed!

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

Virtual C8 Virtual Host

We are looking for 50 people from differing time zones to fill this position.

TASKS:

Start program items that are fully virtual

1st tier tech support for virtual panelists before each panel item begins.

Monitor panel chat stream, highlighting comments and questions. (The moderator can do this if they are comfortable with it.)

Pinning speakers depending on the size of the panel.

Start video sharing for panels where needed.

Call panel times.

Familiarity with Airmeet is not required but would be very helpful

TIME COMMITMENT: 3 hour shifts, preferably daily, Thurs 1 Sept through Mon 5 Sept. The host call is 30 minutes prior to the panel start. Training will be held Aug 19-24

You can see all available jobs [here](#), fill out the volunteer interest form [here](#), or reach out to volunteers@chicon.org before the convention.

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.