



August 8, 2022

ATTENDING MEMBERS

Hello, members of Chicon 8!

We're so pleased you'll be joining us in just a few short weeks!

Today's Email Update covers quite a few topics:

- Monkeypox Statement
- Special Guest Dr. Eve L. Ewing will be virtual
- Hugo voting closes August 11
- Site Selection voting is open
- Hotel Reservations Extended
- Chicago Worldcon Community Fund
- Volunteer Opportunities

We're less than a month away! Can't wait to see you all online!

Stay well,
Helen Montgomery
Chair, Chicon 8

Chicon 8: The 80th Worldcon Statement on Protecting Member Health

On Aug. 1, 2022, Illinois Governor JB Pritzker declared Monkeypox a public health emergency in the state of Illinois, in order to rapidly mobilize all available public health resources to prevent and treat Monkeypox and ensure smooth coordination at all levels of government.

Chicon 8 is committed to doing as much as is reasonably possible to protect the health of our community. Our COVID policy goes a long way in protecting against airborne diseases. To avoid diseases spread by physical contact, Chicon 8 recommends that members do their best to avoid physical contact with people not well known to them and to continue practicing social distancing and hand washing.

How Monkeypox Spreads

Monkeypox mainly spreads from human to human through direct contact with infectious rashes, scabs or bodily fluids. It can also be transmitted from respiratory secretions during prolonged face-to-face contact, or during intimate physical contact, such as kissing, cuddling or sex. People can become infected by touching items — such as clothing or bedsheets — previously used by someone who is infectious. Pregnant people can transmit the virus to their fetus. CDC Guidance: <https://www.cdc.gov/poxvirus/monkeypox/index.html>

Special Guest Dr. Eve L. Ewing

Dr. Ewing has had to change her appearance from in-person to virtual, and also had to decrease the number of program items she could be on. Full details will be in next week's launch of the program schedule.

Hugo Voting Closing This Week!

This is your last opportunity to download the Hugo Voters Packet and to vote for this year's Awards! **All ballots must be received by 11 August 2022, 11:59 pm PDT (UTC-7)**. More information on the Hugo Awards can be found on our website [here](#).

Site Selection Voting

Site Selection Voting is now officially open. This year, the membership of Chicon 8 will be able to select the location of both the 2024 Worldcon and the 2023 NASFiC. We accepted bid filings from one Worldcon bid, [Glasgow in 2024](#), and two NASFiC bids, [Winnipeg 2023](#) and Orlando in 2023. However, on Friday, August 5, Orlando in 2023 withdrew from the race. Full information about Site Selection can be found on our website [here](#).

Hotel Reservations Extended

The deadline to reserve a hotel room has been extended until August 16. Rooms are still available at the convention rate until then. Details can be found [here](#) on our website.

Donate to the Chicago Worldcon Community Fund!

The Chicago Worldcon Community Fund (CWCF), inspired by the funds and initiatives that have come before, is here to facilitate bringing more people into our community. The CWCF is a special fund to help defray the expenses of attending Chicon 8 for the following groups of people: Non-white fans or program participants, LGBTQIA+ fans or program participants, and local Chicago area fans of limited means.

We are trying to help meet the last requests we have for funding, and we only need about \$5000 to fund everyone's requests! Can you help? Learn more about the CWCF and how you can donate [here](#).

Volunteers Needed!

Today I'm writing to ask for a bit of help. Running a hybrid / virtual event like this takes a lot more volunteers than you might think it would. As you're already attending in-person, and have full access to Virtual Chicon 8 as well, we wanted to see if you might also be able to give a couple hours of your time as a volunteer (and earn some free swag!)

On our [website](#), you will find a detailed list of jobs that we have available and what they will entail. You will also note that we will be doing lots of trainings, so no worries about not knowing how to do something - we've got you covered.

If you are interested, please fill out our volunteer form, which is found on the page linked above.

Thanks very much for considering! We really appreciate it.