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The 74th West Coast Science Fantasy Conference

PROGRESS REPORT 5

May 2022

Guests of Honor

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From the Chair

After three years, it's almost time for Westercon 74 in Tonopah! While the road to Tonopah has been rather bumpy at times, I hope that all of you who come to the convention will come away with a great experience that is memorable for all the right reasons.

We recommend that you plan to arrive in Tonopah on Thursday, June 30. Pre-registered members will be able to collect their membership badges starting on Thursday afternoon in the lobby of the Belvada Hotel. Note that Tonopah is in the Pacific Time Zone.

Westercon 74 will start on the morning of Friday, July 1, with online/virtual programming starting at 8 AM PDT, convention registration opening in the lobby of the Belvada Hotel at 9 AM, the Tonopah Convention Center Main Hall opening at 10 AM, on-site programming starting at 11 AM, and the Dealers room opening at Noon. Once the convention opens, we will be open around-the-clock, with 24-hour access to the Tonopah Convention Center and our Hospitality Zone in the Main Hall running through Monday.

After the Closing Ceremony on Monday, July 4 at 5 PM, we encourage you to stick around, go to the Town of Tonopah's fireworks display down by the Stargazing Park, then return to the Convention Center for our Alien Autopsy Party on Monday night.

We sent all members hotel reservation information in Progress Report 4. While the Belvada Hotel is sold out and the Jim Butler Inn & Suites is nearly full, there are still rooms available in the other hotels in Tonopah. However, while Tonopah does have around 500 hotel rooms, there are other things happening in town, and once the rooms are full, it's a long trip to the next-nearest city with significant rooms, so book your hotel room now! I look forward to seeing you all in person in Tonopah.

—Kevin Standlee

COVID-19 Health & Safety Requirements

For the protection of the health and safety of our members, **all members must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19**, including at least one booster shot for those persons eligible to receive one, such as those persons whose first or second original dose (depending on the vaccination type) was more than six months before the start of Westercon 74. This means you must have received all required COVID vaccination doses no later than 14 days prior to the day you arrive at Westercon 74 to allow them to reach full efficacy before arrival.

Members must present proof of vaccination (including at least one booster) at the convention registration desk in order to receive their membership badge, and attendees over the age of 18 must show a photo identification matching the name shown on the proof of vaccination. Members must wear their membership badge when accessing convention-controlled facilities including the Tonopah Convention Center and other function spaces.

While we encourage and recommend that people obtain and use COVID-19 self tests, **testing is not a substitute for vaccination.**

Unvaccinated persons, including anyone ineligible for vaccination such as children under five years of age, may not attend the convention.

When accessing convention-controlled facilities including the Tonopah Convention Center and other programming spaces, **all members are required to wear as a face covering either an authentic N95, KN95, or KF94 mask or a surgical mask that covers both their nose and mouth whenever they are not actively eating or drinking.** While surgical masks are acceptable, we strongly encourage all members to wear an N95, KN95, or KF94 face covering as these are superior to a surgical mask.

Plastic face shields or cloth face masks may only be used as supplemental covers worn on top of an N95, KN95, KF94, or surgical mask. See [Project N95](#) for sources of legitimate authentic N95 and other protective wear. It is the responsibility of each attendee to acquire their own masks prior to the convention. In the case of unexpected or unusual circumstances, the convention will have a limited number of complimentary surgical masks for those members who have only a cloth mask and will have a limited supply of [DemeTECH](#) N95 masks available for purchase at the convention for \$5 while the supply lasts.

Gaiters, scarves, and bandanas, masks made of mesh or lace, ski masks, and masks with vents or exhalation valves are not allowed. Masks must not contain a message that violates other elements of our code of conduct.

Westercon Programming

We have **something for everyone** at Westercon 74. Convention programming starts on Friday, July 1, at 8 AM PDT (online) and 11 AM PDT (in person), and will continue through 6 PM on Monday, July 4.

The **Opening Ceremony** (Friday afternoon), **Match Game SF** game show (Saturday 7 PM), **Westercon Business Meeting** (Sunday 11 AM), and **Closing Ceremony** (Monday 5 PM) will take place on the stage of the Main Hall of the Tonopah Convention Center (TCC). All other programming will take place in the Blue and Gold rooms in the TCC, the Nevada Club room in the Belvada Hotel, and the Ballroom located upstairs above the Mizpah Club Casino (north of the Mizpah Hotel; enter through the door to the A&W restaurant), plus online.

Did we say online? Yes! If you are a supporting (virtual) member (or an attending member who can't make it to Tonopah), you can still view our **online programming**. We will send out a message to all members with email address closer to the convention explaining how to access our online/virtual programming. So be sure to watch for the access information in your email.

On our **virtual programming** schedule, you will see some of your favorite European writers like Adrian Tchaikovsky, Ashraf Alfaqih, Lauren Beukes, Mike Carey, Stark Holborn just to name a few. Check our website <http://westercon74.org/whats-on/programming/> for the International program schedule and a full look at our list of International guests. You will also be able to see the online programming from one room in the TCC. That same room will also be used for hybrid programming, with a mix of online and in-person programming participants.

Want to talk to some of your favorite writers up close and personal? Join our **Kaffeeklatsches**. We will be holding Kaffeeklatsches in the Safe Room at the Belvada Hotel. This intimate space is limited to a small number of attendees so be sure to sign up. Sign Up sheets will be at the Program Ops table adjacent to the Fan Table area. Coffee and other beverages will be available for purchase from the adjacent Belvada Café when it is open (we are still negotiating hours), or you can bring beverages from the TCC, which is only one block away from the Belvada Hotel.

Tonopah, NV is known for its ghosts. So, check out our **Ghost Hunting and Paranormal** programming and learn what goes bump in the night.

To all you poets out there check out our **SciFi Poetry Slam**. Attendees are invited to share their SciFi Poetry on Saturday night. So, bring your creative self and share your artistic side.

If you like **Gaming** (board and tabletop games), roll the dice and check out our gaming room located on the third floor of the Mizpah Hotel. (If the type of gaming for which Nevada is more well known is what you're looking for, the Mizpah Club Casino is right next door to the Mizpah Hotel.)

For science enthusiasts, check out our **science track**, filled with spacecraft, Terraforming, and Worldbuilding. If **Filking** is your melody, join other filkers for our evening program.

For you **Costumers** we have Presentations for you. We encourage members to come in costume. We will have **Hall Costume Awards** with judges around the convention presenting costumers with awards on the spot. Due to facility constraints, we will not have a formal Masquerade.

We have **something for all**: Panels, Workshops, Presentations, Discussions, and Events within our day and night programming. So be sure you're there so you can participate in the fun. See you there, either in person or online!

—Arlene Busby

Regency Dancing

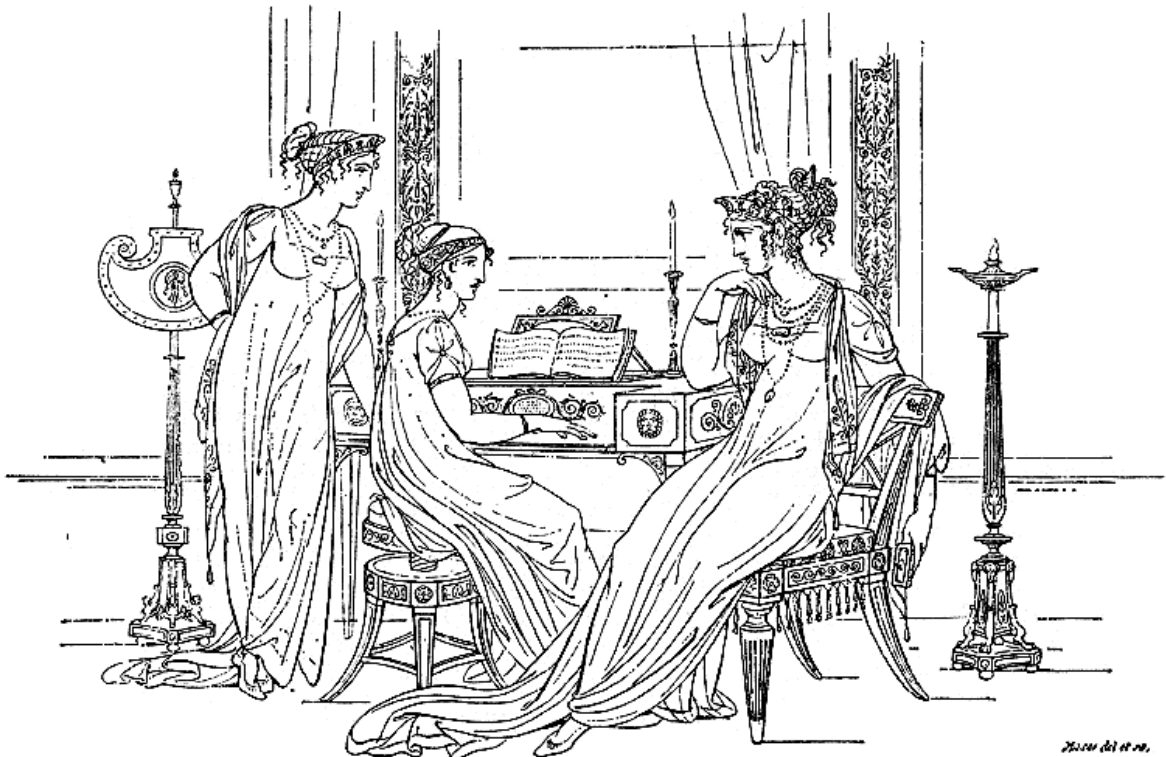
The English Regency period, roughly around the year 1800, was a colorful period, when the cut of a man's coat was as important as his politics, and "Beau" Brummel offended the Prince Regent by asking, "Do you really call that a coat?"

A regent rules a monarchy while the monarch is alive but unable to rule, such as by youth or absence. England has had only one in modern times. When George III began to go mad around 1790, the Prince's star began to rise, so his era may be thought to begin then, although he was not made Regent until 1811.

The Regency writer Jane Austen is a great name in literature. I recommend the 20th Century Englishwoman Georgette Heyer. Her stories are quite wonderful: witty, lively, and historically accurate. Even heterosexual men like me love them. Other sapient beings should not look smug.

For years now, science fiction conventions have had an evening or afternoon for Regency ballroom dancing. I'll teach at this year's Westercon. You're welcome to try. Come in costume or come as you are.

— John Hertz



Program Participants

In-person Program Participants

Alma Alexander	Sean Patrick Hazlett
Guy Bradshaw	Dani Kollin
Timothy Cassidy-Curtis	Eytan Kollin
Jim Comer	Charlotte Kosa
Myrna Donato	Brad Lyau
J L Doty	Kevin Andrew Murphy
Michelle Evans	Will Morton
Zelda Gilbert	Maggie Nowakowska
Steve Gillett	Janice Oberding
Dr. Kevin R. Grazier	Bill Thomasson
Madeleine Harmath	

International (Online) Program Participants

Lauren Beukes	Ken MacLeod
Mike Carey	Juliet E. McKenna
Ashraf Fagih	Cheryl Morgan
Fábio Fernandes	Noura Al Noman
Stark Holborn	Gareth L. Powell
Lucy Holland	Adrian Tchaikovsky
Cristina Jurado	

Program participants are as of May 14, 2022.
Participants are subject to change without notice.

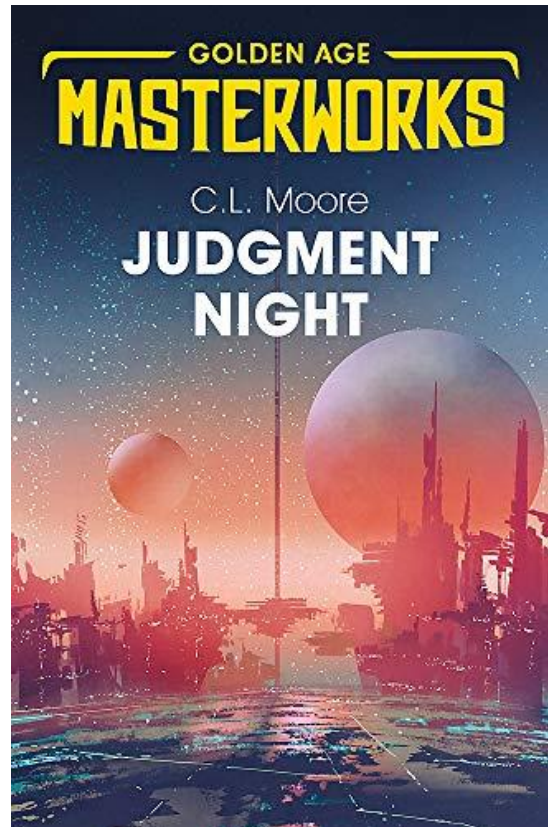
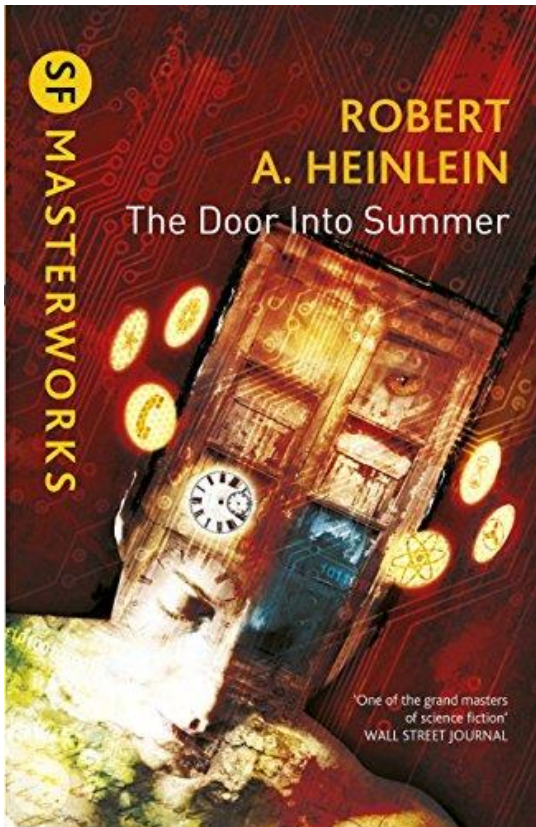
Classics of Science Fiction at Westercon 74

We'll discuss two Classics of Science Fiction and Westercon LXXIV, one discussion panel per work. Come to one or both as you like. You'll be welcome to join in.

Our working definition of a classic is "A work that survives its own time. After the currents that might have sustained it have changes, it remains, and is seen to be worthwhile for itself." If you have a better definition, bring it.

Each work is famous in a different way. Each may be more interesting now than when first published. Have you read them? Have you re-read them?

— John Hertz



If you don't know who Petronius Arbiter was, it wouldn't hurt you to look him up. That's what Dan named his cat, so you'll learn something about Dan. There's plenty going on. You'll meet people coming and going. *Please* don't worry about whether the year 2000 really turned out this way. Carl Sagan said our book was tautly constructed; that matters. So does the title.

Poetry. Combat. A Galactic Empire. Rebellion. An Amazon. Throughout all, the author manages an almost palpable sense of inevitability; as things happen, you knew that they would — a tribute to her vision and narration. A.J. Budrys called our book an *Astounding* tour de force. So it is.

Kuma's Korner

Kumas Bears lives with his Girl and Boy and makes sures theys don'ts gets intos troubles. Boys says theres onces was a Westercons chaired by Chocolate Moose. Bears asked Boys if Kumas coulds chairs this Westercons, and Boys just looked at Bears funnys. Kumas is verys exciteds abouts Westercons and wants lots of stuffeds friends tos comes to Westersons toos. Watch the schedules for a times whens we cans all gets together on the Mains Stages in the big Halls and haves our pictures taken together!

— Kuma Bear

Share the Ride to/from Tonopah

Tonopah, Nevada is located at the junction of US-6 and US-95, approximately 200 miles from either Reno or Las Vegas, Nevada. We encourage members to organize group travel/vehicle sharing, especially if you are flying to one of the two “gateway” airport cities (Reno or Las Vegas). Our travel coordinator, Sandra Childress, has set up a survey available from our website’s travel page <http://westercon74.org/location/getting-here/> to gather information about travel plans to set up ride-sharing. Fill out the survey form linked from our travel page and she will try to help you work out a way to work with other fans to make your way to Westercon.



Bus: Salt Lake Express (<https://saltlakeexpress.com/>) (208) 656-8824 operates one bus each way daily between Las Vegas and Reno via Tonopah. The SLE bus stop is at the Chevron station approximately 1.2 mi / 2 km from downtown Tonopah, near the Comfort Inn. There is no public transport within Tonopah, and options for getting downtown from the bus stop are limited. If you are planning on coming by bus, contact Sandra Childress at travel@westercon74.org with your schedule and we will attempt to help get you to your hotel from the bus stop.

Hotel Room Sharing

Westercon 74 is not organizing hotel room-sharing. However, members who want to discuss with other members any aspects of the convention including ride-sharing (see above) and hotel plans may want to use the Facebook discussion page for our Event available from our Social Media Links page at <http://westercon74.org/about/social-media-links/>. Westercon 74 takes no responsibility for individual plans made through this or any other forum.

Westercon 74 Registration Information

Attending Membership after May 1, 2022: \$70

Conversion from Supporting/Voting: \$50

Single-Day Memberships: \$30 at the door only

At-convention attendance is limited to 450 people due to the capacity of the Tonopah Convention Center.

Supporting/Virtual Membership: \$20

Supporting members (including anyone who voted in Westercon 74 site selection in 2019) can access our online/virtual programming.

Youth Memberships (Age as of July 1, 2022)

Children under 5 not allowed to attend due to COVID-19 Policy

Kid-in-Tow (5-6 inclusive): Free

Child (7-12 inclusive): \$20

Young Adult (13-19 inclusive): \$30

Register online at westercon74.org

To register by mail, send check payable to Westercon 74, c/o Linda Deneroff, 11300 1st Avenue NE #313, Seattle WA 98125

All advance registration ends June 25, 2022

Committee and Staff

Chair: Kevin Standlee

Advisor: Sally Woehrl

Stuffed Member Liaison: Kuma Bear

Dealers Room: David W. Clark

Facilities/Hotel Liaison: Mike Willmoth

Deputy: Sean McCoy

Hospitality: Lisa Hayes

Deputies: Lisa Deutsch Harrigan, Chris Marble, Randy Smith

Party Coordinator: Lynn Gold

Fan Tables: Christopher Carson

Mixologists: Kevin Roche, Andrew Trembley

Staff: Devon Creasey, Linda Kelly

Member Services: Fred Moulton

Operations: Rick Kovalcik

Technical Services: Cathy Beckstead, Dean Johnson, John Spence

Programming: Arlene Busby

Programming Assistant: Edward Hooper

Filking: Nick Smith

Gaming: Petrea Mitchell, Chris French

Hall Costume Awards: John Hertz

Author/Artist Small Groups (“Kaffeklatches”):

Local Events Liaison: Russ Gartz

Non-North American Programming Liaison: Cheryl Morgan

Paranormal Interest Group: Adrienne Foster

Program Ops: Michelle Deborah Weisblat-Dane

Trivia Contest: Keith Wood (pre-con), Ric Bretschneider (at-con)

Publications: Kevin Standlee

Registration: Linda Deneroff

Transportation Coordinator: Sandra Childress

Treasurer: Bruce Farr

Website: Cheryl Morgan

Westercon Business Meeting: Kevin Standlee

Westercon Business Meeting Secretary: Martin Pyne

Westercon Business Meeting Videographer: Lisa Hayes

2024 Westercon (Westercon 76) Site Selection: Sharon Sbarsky

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Westercon Bylaws

As of close of Westercon 73, November 28, 2021

The following document is the current text of the Westercon Bylaws and Standing Rules, as of the close of Westercon 73 (Los Angeles, California, 2021). This includes a revision to Section 3.16, which was passed at Westercon 73 and must be ratified at Westercon 74. Linda Deneroff and Kevin Standlee prepared this document based on the results of the Westercon 73 Business Meeting and shows the Bylaws as amended below.

1 General Provisions

1.1 Name and Date

It is traditional, but not obligatory, that the West Coast Science Fantasy Conference (Westercon) shall take place over the July 4th weekend.

1.2 Guests of Honor

It is traditional, but not obligatory, that Westercon Guests of Honor and other notables be selected from among SF personalities residing within the Westercon geographical area.

1.3 Membership Classes

There shall be at least two classes of membership in Westercon: supporting and attending. The committee shall notify the members of their membership class in a timely fashion.

1.3.1 Supporting Members

Supporting members shall receive any progress reports or any other generally mailed publications published after the member joins the Westercon, including the Program Book, and may exercise any voting rights permitted by any other part of these bylaws, except attending the Business Meeting. All Westercons shall be required to offer supporting memberships until at least thirty (30) days prior to the opening of the Westercon, and such supporting memberships shall not cost more than one hundred and fifty percent (150%) of the voting fee charged when the site of the Westercon was selected. Any class of membership offered by a Westercon costing at least as much as a supporting membership shall include a supporting membership.

1.3.2 Attending Members

Attending members shall have all of the rights of supporting members, plus the right to attend the Westercon and the business meeting(s) held there, subject to the restrictions established by the other parts of these bylaws.

1.3.3 Restriction of Memberships

Each Westercon committee shall have the right to limit the activities of its attendees, either individually or in groups, insofar as such activities endanger, physically or legally, other persons or property. Such limitations may include, but are not limited to, closing down parties, ejecting persons from the Westercon, or turning offenders over to other authorities. No refund of membership need be given in such circumstances. Each member, in purchasing his/her membership, agrees to abide by these bylaws.

1.4 Name Badges and Membership Numbers

All committees shall issue name badges for all attending members. Name badges for pre-registered members shall display the member's name in no less than 24-point bold type. All committees shall assign a unique membership number upon processing of a membership. This number provided to each member with the site selection ballot and with each progress report, shall be printed on membership name badges, and shall be used for site-selection purposes. In the event a membership is transferred, the old membership number, if applicable, shall be noted, both on the badge and on registration information used for site-selection voting administration. Membership badges or other proof of membership remain the property of the Westercon committee for the duration of the conference and may be confiscated for cause; no refund of membership fees need be given in such circumstances.

1.5 Archive of Bylaws

The Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society, Inc. (LASFS) shall act as an archive to the Westercon bylaws and the minutes of business meetings. Each committee shall reimburse LASFS for the costs of copying and forwarding copies of the Bylaws and Minutes to those who request them. A copy of the minutes, including the text of motions passed by the business meeting, shall be sent to LASFS within two (2) months of the close of each Westercon by the administering Westercon. LASFS shall maintain the Westercon bylaws and shall forward one copy of the current bylaws, including the text of any amendment to the bylaws awaiting secondary ratification, to the current Westercon committee within four (4) months of the close of the previous Westercon. The current Westercon shall provide copies of the Bylaws to the committees of all Westercon bids for the year which that Westercon is administering the site-selection.

1.6 Distribution of Bylaws to Members

The Westercon Bylaws, as well as the complete text of any amendment awaiting secondary ratification, shall be published in at least one (1) progress report and in the program book of the current Westercon each year. Failure to publish this information shall not affect the procedure to amend the bylaws as stated in Article 4.

1.7 Westercon Service Mark

All Westercons shall publish, in all publications such as promotional flyers, progress reports, and program book, the following notice: "Westercon' is a registered service mark of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society, Inc."

1.8 Responsibilities of Administering Westercon

It is a responsibility of each Westercon to enforce the provisions of these bylaws.

1.9 Committee Failure

Should a Westercon Committee declare itself unable to fulfill its duties, the Board of Directors of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society shall determine alternate arrangements for that Westercon.

2 Westercon Business Meeting

2.1 Scheduling of Sessions

At least one (1) regular session of the Westercon business meeting must be scheduled at each Westercon. No regular session of the Westercon business meeting shall be scheduled to start prior to 11 a.m., nor later than 2 p.m., nor on the last day of the Westercon. A special session, at which site-selection business shall be the sole order of business, may be scheduled on the last day of the convention, provided that said special meeting is scheduled to begin no earlier than 11 a.m. or later than 2 p.m. All sessions occurring during the same Westercon, be they regular, adjourned, or special, shall be considered, for procedural purposes, as the same parliamentary session.

2.2 Site-Selection Business

Site-selection business shall be in order at any session of the business meeting. Site-selection business shall include, but need not be limited to, the announcement of the results of the balloting and of a winner if one is produced by the balloting, or of a site-selection resolution, as hereafter defined, if one is necessary [see Section 3.16]. The winner of the site-selection may be announced prior to the site-selection business meeting, if one is held.

2.3 Quorum

For business other than site-selection business, a quorum of ten (10) attending members of the current Westercon shall be required. For site-selection business, the quorum shall be those attending members of the current Westercon who attend the meeting. All those persons voting at any meeting must be attending members of the current Westercon. Except as noted in these bylaws or in such rules of order as may be adopted, all business requires a simple majority to pass.

2.4 Parliamentary Authority

The current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall be the parliamentary authority of the Westercon business meeting except where it conflicts with these bylaws or with any special rules of order which may be adopted by the business meeting.

3 Westercon Site-Selection

3.1 Eligibility of Sites

Any site on the North American continent west of the 104th west meridian, or in the state of Hawaii, shall be eligible to be the site of a Westercon, except as restricted by the provisions of these bylaws.

Provided that, upon the annexation of Australia by the United States of America or the annexation of the United States of America by Australia, Section 3.1 shall be amended to read:

“Any site in Australia, or on the North American continent west of the 104th west meridian, or in the state of Hawaii, shall be eligible to be the site of a Westercon, except as restricted by the provisions of these bylaws.”

[Note: On a parliamentary inquiry based on a question of when the annexation must take place for a site to be eligible, the 2002 Business Meeting decided that a bid for an Australian site is eligible, even if the annexation has not yet taken place, provided that the annexation has taken place by the filing deadline for the intervening Westercon (the April 15th following the Westercon at which the Australian Westercon is selected), and that if the Australian site has been selected, and the annexation has not taken place by that date, then this shall constitute committee failure, as covered by Section 1.9.]

3.2 Site Selection Zones

The following Site Selection Zones are defined within the area defined in section 3.1:

3.2.1: North: Sites in North America north of the 42nd north parallel.

3.2.2: Central: Sites in North America between the North and South zones.

3.2.3: South: Hawaii; California south of and including San Luis Obispo, Kern, and San Bernardino Counties; Nevada south of and including Clark County; Arizona; New Mexico; and all countries, states, provinces, territories, or other political subdivisions southward within North America.

3.2.4: Other: Any location otherwise eligible under section 3.1 not part of the above zones.

3.3 Regional Exclusion Zone

No site within the Site Selection Zone containing the site of the Westercon administering the site-selection election shall be eligible to bid, except as provided in this section. If no eligible bids are filed by the January 1st of the year of the site-selection balloting, then all sites defined in section 3.1 shall be eligible.

3.4 Filing Deadline for Ballot

Only those eligible bids whose filing paperwork required by section 3.5 is in the possession of the administering Westercon by the April 15th preceding the balloting shall be listed on the ballot.

[Note: On a parliamentary inquiry at the time of ratification of the text of the above section, it was ruled that "If the filing paperwork can be verified to be at the address of the administering convention, it is in the committee's possession."]

3.5 Filing Requirements

A Westercon bid committee must provide written evidence of the following: At least two (2) separate people declaring themselves Chairman and Treasurer; an organizing instrument such as bylaws, articles of incorporation or association, or a partnership agreement; and a letter of intent or option from a hotel or other facility declaring specific dates on which the Westercon shall be held; and, for a sponsoring organization from within the United States of America, evidence that the sponsoring organization is a non-profit association or corporation within the applicable state law of the sponsoring organization.

3.6 Eligibility of Voters

Site-selection voting shall be limited to those persons who are attending or supporting members of the administering Westercon and who have paid a voting fee toward their membership in the Westercon being selected. Other classes of membership may vote only upon the unanimous agreement of all qualified bidding committees. One person equals one membership equals one vote. Corporations, Associations, and other non-human entities may vote only for "No Preference." "Guest of" memberships must be transferred to an individual before voting for anything other than "No Preference."

3.7 Voting Fee

The voting fee shall be twenty US dollars (US\$20.00) or the local equivalent unless the committees listed on the ballot and the administering Westercon agree unanimously to charge a different amount.

3.8 Minimum Rights of Voters

The payment of the voting fee shall make the voter at least a full supporting member of the Westercon being selected, and may make the voter an attending member at the discretion of the winning bid.

3.9 Prototype Ballot

The Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society, Inc. (LASFS) shall prepare a prototype site-selection ballot, including instructions for preparation of the ballot, and shall

provide the prototype to each administering Westercon at the same time the bylaws are provided to the administering Westercon as provided for in section 1.5. Upon receipt of the prototype, the administering Westercon shall complete the ballot by filing in the information about the eligible bid committees, including the dates of the proposed Westercons, the voting fee, minimum membership requirements, including the cost of a supporting membership in the administering Westercon, and the address to which site-selection ballots should be sent. The administering Westercon shall be responsible for the publication and the distribution of the ballots to the membership of the administering Westercon. All eligible bids received in accordance with sections 3.4 and 3.5 shall be included on the ballot. The ballot shall also include entries for "No Preference" and "None of the Above," and shall provide space for at least one (1) write-in bid. The ballot shall be a secret ballot, specially marked for preferential voting with an explanation of the method of counting preferential votes.

3.10 Distribution of Ballot

The site-selection ballot and full rules for site-selection voting, including the deadlines for voting by mail, shall be mailed on or before the May 10th preceding the voting to all members of the administering Westercon as of one week before the mailing. The ballot and full rules for site-selection, including the hours during which site-selection will take place and the location of the site-selection, shall be given to all attending members upon registration at the Westercon, or such information shall be prominently displayed at the registration area throughout the Westercon.

3.11 Deadline for Voting by Mail

All ballots received by the administering Westercon prior to June 20 shall be counted.

3.12 Bid Presentations

Each eligible bid committee shall have at least fifteen (15) minutes of scheduled program time on the first full day of the administering Westercon for the purpose of making a bidding presentation.

3.13 At-Conference Voting

Site-selection shall be open for at least six (6) hours between the hours of 11 a.m. and midnight on the day before the business meeting at which site-selection business is scheduled. All on-site balloting shall be from one central location, under the supervision of the administering Westercon. Each eligible bid committee shall provide at least one (1) observer for on-site balloting. If no site-selection business meeting is scheduled, then site-selection shall be open for at least six (6) hours between the hours of 11 a.m. and midnight on the next-to-last day of the administering Westercon.

3.14 Verification of Ballots

Properly completed ballots shall contain: the member's printed name; the member's membership number as assigned by the administering Westercon; the member's dated signature; the member's address of record with the current Westercon; the member's current address if different; and the member's vote(s) as defined elsewhere in this article. Verification of the ballots shall consist of matching the name and number of the member with the records of the administering Westercon. Ballots received by the committee prior to June 20, and any others received by mail which may be counted, shall be held by the administering Westercon until the opening of the Westercon, at which time they shall be verified by the administering Westercon and the bidders.

3.15 Counting of Ballots

The administering Westercon shall arrange for the counting of ballots, and each eligible bid committee shall be allowed to send at least two (2) observers to such ballot-counting. The count shall be by preferential ballot. The winner shall be that bid which gains a majority of those votes expressing preference for a bid. For the purpose of vote counting, "None of the Above" shall be treated as if it were a bid. "None of the Above" and votes for ineligible bids shall count toward the total number of votes cast. Blank ballots, illegal or illegible ballots, and votes for "No Preference" shall not count toward the total number of votes cast. All vote totals of final results and of all intermediate counts shall be made available at or before the closing ceremony.

3.16 Procedures When No Bid Wins or is Eligible

Should no eligible bid gain the needed majority, or should there be no qualified bidding committee, or should "None of the Above" win, a three-fourths (3/4) majority of the site-selection business meeting of the administering Westercon may award the Westercon to any bid, or a simple majority of the meeting may decide that they are unable to decide. If the business meeting does not choose a site, the Board of Directors of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society, Inc. shall choose a site within six (6) weeks of the close of the administering Westercon. If "None of the Above" wins, none of the bids which were on the ballot may be selected. A site chosen under the provisions of this section shall not be restricted by any portion of this article except this section and section 3.1.

3.17 Availability of Results

The results of the balloting shall be reported to the site-selection business meeting of the administering Westercon, if one is held. A record of the results of the balloting, including all intermediate counts and distinguishing between the by-mail and at-con ballots,

shall be published in the first or second progress report of the winning Westercon.

3.18 Hand-Carried Ballots

The administering Westercon shall accept hand-carried ballots, which are otherwise valid ballots delivered to the administering Westercon by someone other than the member who prepared the ballot.

4 Procedure for Amendment of These Bylaws

4.1 Method of Adoption

Amendments to the Westercon Bylaws must be ratified by the majority vote of the business meetings in two consecutive years. Proposed amendments shall be read in full by the chairman of the business meeting immediately before being voted upon.

4.2 Primary and Secondary Ratification

The secretary of the business meeting at which an amendment receives primary (first year) ratification shall submit an exact copy of the amendment to the following year's Westercon business meeting. The question of secondary (second year) ratification is debatable and is amendable only to the extent that such amendments do not increase the scope of the original bylaw amendment.

4.3 Effective Date of Amendments

Unless otherwise provided, amendments shall take effect at the close of the Westercon where they receive final ratification. Operating rules for already-selected Westercons shall not be changed by amendments to the bylaws. Rules regarding eligibility and voting procedures for site-selection are not considered to be operating rules.

Standing Rules

1. Close Debate. Before proceeding to take a vote on a motion for the Previous Question, the presiding officer shall ask for a show of hands of how many people still wish to speak to the pending motion. This rule does not allow debate on the motion for the Previous Question.

The above copy of the Bylaws and Standing Rules of the West Coast Science Fantasy Conference is hereby certified to be true, correct, and complete, effective as of the close of Westercon 73, November 28, 2021.

Kevin Standlee, Chairman
Linda Deneroff, Secretary
Westercon 73 Business Meeting

Business Passed on and Draft Agenda for Westercon 74 Business Meeting

A. Call to Order

B. Committee Reports

B.1. Westercon 75 Selection Committee

B.2. Westercon 76 Site Selection

C. Pending Bylaw Amendments

The following item was initially passed at Westercon 73 in Los Angeles, California, and must be ratified by Westercon 74 in Tonopah, Nevada, in order to become part of the Westercon Bylaws:

C.1. Business Meeting Site Selection

Moved, to amend Section 3.16 to lower the majority necessary for the Business Meeting to select a site when the normal process does not return a winner by ~~deleting~~ and adding words as follows:

3.16 Procedures When No Bid Wins or is Eligible

Should no eligible bid gain the needed majority, or should there be no qualified bidding committee, or should "None of the Above" win, a ~~three-fourths (3/4)~~ two-thirds (2/3) majority of the site-selection business meeting of the administering Westercon may award the Westercon to any bid, or a simple majority of the meeting may decide that they are unable to decide. If the business meeting does not choose a site, the Board of Directors of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society, Inc. shall choose a site within six (6) weeks of the close of the administering Westercon. If "None of the Above" wins, none of the bids which were on the ballot may be selected. A site chosen under the provisions of this section shall not be restricted by any portion of this article except this section and section 3.1.

D. New Business

Bylaws amendments passed by the Westercon 74 Business Meeting will be passed on to the following Westercon for ratification.

E. Announcements

F. Adjournment

The Westercon 74 Business Meeting is scheduled for Sunday Morning at 11 AM in the Main Hall of the Tonopah Convention Center. All members of Westercon may participate, debate, and vote on matters before the Business Meeting.

Membership List

As of May 21, 2022. Does not include members who requested that their names not appear in our publications.

Fawn Agapoff (224 A)
James Agapoff (223 A)
Alex (200 A)
Alma Alexander (234 A)
Carol "Darklighter" Alves (167 A)
James Alves (168 A)
Izak Andersen (201 A)
Gray Anderson (123 A)
Karen G. Anderson (113 A)
Gene Armstrong (13 A)
Hal C. F. Astell of Apocalypse Later (63 A)
Auntie M (14 A)
Chris Ballowe (401 S)
Bandit (57 A)
Mari Bangs (402 S)
Stephanie L. Bannon (126 A)
Jan Bass (228 A)
Mathew Baughman (22 A)
Bay Area Ghost Hunters (130 A)
Robin Baylor (230 A)
Kuma Bear (3 A)
Tom Becker (219 A)
Judy Bemis (31 A)
Gregory Benford (156 A)
Sherri Benoun (127 A)
Guest of Woody Bernardi (158 A)
Woody Bernardi (157 A)
Douglas E. Berry (142 A)
Kirsten M. Berry (143 A)
Randy Bixby (209 A)
Kevin Black (207 A)
Gary Blog (53 A)
Kent Bloom (103 A)
Michael Boehm (176 A)
Amy Bradley (185 A)
John Bradley (255 A)
Guy Bradshaw (178 A)
Jonathan Brazee (79 A)
Seth Breidbart (80 A)
Debbie Bretschneider (188 A)
Ric Bretschneider (189 A)
Jordan Brown (95 A)
Kim Brown (96 A)
Troy Brown (97 A)
Pam Burr (27 A)
Arlene Busby (6 A)
Ted Butler (470 S)
Tess Calhoun (90 A)
Fred Capp (229 A)
Guest of Amy Carpenter #1 (61 A)
Guest of Amy Carpenter #2 (62 A)
Jamie Cassidy-Curtis (245 A)
Timothy Cassidy-Curtis (244 A)
Countess Chaos (64 A)
David Clark (48 A)
Steve Cole (196 A)
Jim Comer (247 A)
George Crandell (86 A)
Jennifer Crawford (213 A)
Richard Crawford (212 A)
Angela Creasey (116 A)
Mary Creasey (115 A)
Richard Creasey (117 A)
Lisa Cummings (177 A)
Jennifer Darcy (85 A)
Joni Brill Dashoff (406 S)
Jo Davidsmeyer (34 A)
Philip Davis (192 S)
Lesa Deadman (221 A)
Robert Deadman (222 A)
Richard Dehhong (407 S)
Joy Denebeim (408 S)
Linda Deneroff (9 A)
Clark T. Denning (140 A)
John DeVoy (28 A)
Urth Diva (94 A)
Dorothy Domitz (409 S)
Emily Domitz (410 S)
Robert Domitz (411 S)
Myrna Donato (175 A)
Laura Donohue (211 A)
Doty, J. L. (161 A)
Brenda Dupont (146 A)
Craig Dyer (46 A)
Thomas Eivins (109 A)
Jacqueline T. Elderkin (47 A)
Cherie Evans (238 A)
Michelle Evans (237 A)
Gadi Evron (414 S)
Bruce Farr (5 S)
Lea Farr (170 A)
Doug Faunt (162 A)
Tupou Fehara-Smith (233 A)
Charles Fisher (415 S)
Terry Fisher (416 S)
Don Forbis (20 A)
Adrienne Foster (129 A)
Jack Foy (468 S)
Chris French (195 A)
Kevin Frost (163 A)
Janice Galeckas (23 A)
Steve Gallacci (215 A)
David Gallaher (418 S)
Jo Ann Garbarini (141 A)
Lisa Garrison (419 S)
Russ Gartz (7 A)
Cynthia (138 A)
Paul Gilbert (250 A)
Zelda Gilbert (420 S)
Steve Gillett (214 A)
Craig Glassner (67 A)
Marsha Glassner (66 A)
Jean Goddin (18 A)
Lynn Gold (38 A)
Larry Gomez (71 A)
Lynne Goodwin (422 S)
Michael Goodwin (423 S)
Dr. Kevin R. Grazier (242 A)
Ed Green (154 A)
Greta (51 A)
Brandy Grote (120 A)
G. Michael Zgrote (119 A)
Richard Hallock (106 A)
ChrisO (147 A)
JohnO (148 A)
Electra Hammond (426 S)
Linda Hardie (203 A)
Madeleine Harmath (248 A)
Pixievolt No.1 (15 A)
J. Kent Hastings (125 A)
Lisa Hayes (2 A)
Sean Patrick Hazlett (251 A)
Felicia Herman (81 A)
Judith Herman (425 A)
John Hertz (41 A)
Alice Hescocx (216 A)
Kevin Hewett (92 A)
Rebecca Hewett (91 A)
The Hare (184 A)
Ed Hooper (243 A)
Chris Hull (121 A)
Linda Hull (122 A)
Chris Illes (65 A)
Irene (101 A)
J (246 A)
Jeanne (Sourdough) Jackson (428 S)
Jim Janney (254 A)
Curtis Jewell (429 S)
Cathy Johnson (164 A)
Dean Johnson (165 A)
Barbara Johnson-Haddad (430 S)
Michael Johnston (179 A)
Daniel Julicher (424 S)
Kate Julicher (431 S)
Kané (102 A)
Kaze (452 A)
Douglas Killings (206 A)
Dani Kollin (240 A)
Eytan Kollin (239 A)
Charlotte Kosa (241 A)
Rick Kovalcik (82 A)
Watson Ladd (432 A)
William Laubenheimer (197 A)
Andrea Letourneau (433 S)
Guy Letourneau (434 S)
Mark Linneman (435 A)
Jerry Lohr (72 A)
John Lorentz (436 S)
Rita Loy (186 A)
Chris Lozon (218 A)
Lenka Lukacova (437 S)
Kathryn Luke (83 A)
Richard Luke (84 A)
David Luperti (135 A)
Guest of David Luperti (134 A)
Brad Lyau (124 A)
Alexandra Lyons (180 A)
Michele Lyons (181 A)
Raymond Lyons (210 A)

Rebecca Lyons (182 A)
 Robert Lyons (438 S)
 Duncan MacKinnon (226 A)
 Jerry Majors-Patterson (217 A)
 Margaret Mannatt (191 S)
 Jim Manning (40 A)
 Sandy Manning (39 A)
 Beth Marble (69 A)
 Chris Marble (68 A)
 Cheryl Martin (439 S)
 Theresa Mather (49 S)
 Keith McClune (25 A)
 Sheila McClune (26 A)
 Cheryl McCombs (440 S)
 Christian McGuire (111 A)
 Althea McMurrin (110 A)
 Petréa Mitchell (421 A)
 Deidre Saoirse Moen (442 A)
 Rick Moen (443 A)
 Helen Montgomery (444 S)
 Cheryl Morgan (8 S)
 Sunny Jim Morgan (208 A)
 Jeffrey Morman (152 A)
 Judith Morman (151 A)
 Mem Morman (105 A)
 Michael Morman (153 A)
 Liz Mortensen (155 A)
 William Morton (193 A)
 Yvonne Morton (194 A)
 Fred Moulton (445 A)
 Kevin Andrew Murphy (174 A)
 Pat Murphy (205 A)
 Marguerite Murray (446 S)
 G. David Nordley (172 A)
 Maggie Nowakowska (249 A)
 Ron Oakes (35 A)
 Tara Oakes (36 A)
 Bill Oberding (236 A)
 Janice Oberding (235 A)
 Michael Oberg (58 A)
 Pamela Oberg (59 A)
 Tom O'Dell (70 A)
 Dorothy O'Hare (100 A)
 Chris Olds (42 A)
 Diane Osborne (99 A)
 Dick O'Shea (469 S)
 Carole Parker (220 A)
 Tony Parker (32 A)
 Jim Partridge (231 A)
 Ken Patterson (404 S)
 Paul (118 A)
 Joe Pearce (427 A)
 Robert Pechmann (29 A)
 Lisa Peoples (104 A)
 Joseph Pregracke (74 A)
 publius (405 A)
 Martin Pyne (73 A)
 QelDoQ (98 A)
 Nora Rankin (76 A)
 Rick I Filk (89 A)

Michelle Roberts (232 A)
 Linda Robinett (16 A)
 Kelly Roche (169 A)
 Kevin Roche (131 A)
 Heath Row (471 S)
 Ruth Sachter (448 S)
 Scott Sanford (37 A)
 Eric Sayle (52 A)
 Sharon Sbarsky (10 A)
 Pharaoh Kaires (78 A)
 Cindy Scott (449 A)
 Marah Searle-Kovacevic (450 A)
 Chuck Serface (187 A)
 The Shadow Cat (30 A)
 Jannie Shea (227 A)
 Barry Short (50 S)
 Michael Siladi (107 A)
 John Sloan (88 A)
 Kathleen Sloan (87 A)
 Boris Smersh (44 A)
 Natasha Smersh (45 A)
 Cindy Smith (133 A)
 Nick Smith (171 A)
 Randy Smith (204 A)
 Gisela (137 A)
 Sylvia Sotomayor (136 A)
 John Spence (198 A)
 Spike (199 A)
 Kevin Standlee (1 A)
 Maurine Starkey (128 A)
 Howieird (139 A)
 Alison Stern (108 A)
 Peggy (149 A)
 Rob Stewart (150 A)
 Edwin Stokke (256 A)
 Kelly Strait (75 A)
 James Stringer (19 A)
 Gary Swaty (455 A)
 Sherilynn Thagard (456 S)
 W. A. Thomasson (17 A)
 Toni (21 A)
 Andrew Trembley (132 A)
 R. Laurraine Tutihasi (458 S)
 Gerard Tyra (459 S)
 Rhiannon Tyra (460 S)
 Sandra Tyra (461 S)
 Shawn Tyra (462 S)
 UnObtanium Bazaar (252 A)
 UnObtanium Bazaar (253 A)
 Joseph Uphoff (183 A)
 Becky Veal (55 A)
 Tom Veal (54 A)
 Vincent Villafranca (464 S)
 Alex Von Thorn (463 A)
 Dave Wallace (11 A)
 Kern Wallace (12 A)
 John Wardale (465 S)
 Kennita Watson (466 A)
 Mike Weasner (467 S)
 Chris Welborn (77 A)

Patty Wells (225 A)
 Linda Wenzelburger (190 A)
 Alan White (145 A)
 DeDee White (144 A)
 Tom Whitmore (112 A)
 Gayle Wiesner (173 A)
 Jeff Wildman (93 A)
 William (412 S)
 Kim Williams (33 A)
 Mike Willmoth (4 A)
 Sally Woehrl (114 A)
 Ben Yalow (43 A)
 Stephanie Young (24 A)
 Jazmine ZieZzel-Andersen (202 C)

Members per Class and Location					
A=Attending C=Child S=Supporting					
Total		317	263	1	53
Country	State/ Prov	All Classes	A	C	S
CANADA	ON	2	2		
DENMARK		2	1	1	
ISRAEL		1			1
UK		1			1
USA	*	31	30		1
USA	AK	2	2		
USA	AZ	32	18		14
USA	CA	128	118		10
USA	CO	11	10		1
USA	DE	1			1
USA	FL	3	3		
USA	IL	7	7		
USA	KY	1			1
USA	MA	2	2		
USA	MN	2	2		
USA	MO	2	2		
USA	NJ	1	1		
USA	NM	9	8		1
USA	NV	21	18		3
USA	OH	1	1		
USA	OK	1	1		
USA	OR	12	9		3
USA	PA	1			1
USA	TX	8	3		5
USA	UT	12	7		5
USA	VA	1	1		
USA	WA	21	17		4
USA	WI	1			1

*No state specified

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A stylized sunset landscape. At the top, the word "ORLANDO" is written in a large, bold, yellow-to-orange gradient font with a slight shadow. Below it is a large, circular sun with horizontal lines, transitioning from red at the top to orange at the bottom. Two palm trees are positioned on either side of the sun. In the foreground, a mountain range is depicted with a white wireframe grid overlaying a red-to-blue gradient. The overall background is a gradient from dark purple at the top to light blue at the bottom.

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Book directly with the hotels. We do not have a housing bureau. Rates at the hotels other than the Belvada/Mizpah/Hostel are not guaranteed. Contact facilities@Westercon74.org with questions.

Rates are for 1 or 2 people, except when listed as \$/\$/\$/\$, in which case they are for 1/2/3/4 people. Rates are rounded up to the next-highest dollar. Rates do not include 9% occupancy tax. Some hotels offer advance-purchase or other discounts. Distances from the Tonopah Convention Center are approximate. Hotels marked with  include a limited number of handicapped-accessible rooms; contact the hotel for details.

- 1**  **Belvada Hotel** (90m/300ft): \$116–\$143. 775-277-3950, belvadahotel.com, booking code **WC74** *****SOLD OUT*****
- 2** **Mizpah Hotel** (140m/450ft): \$98–\$125. 775-482-3030, themizpahhotel.com, booking code **WC74**
- 3**  **Old Brewery Hostel** (230m/750ft): \$50–\$55 per person (hostel accommodation, shared bathroom, common kitchen/lounge). Book via Mizpah Hotel, booking code **WC74**
- 4**  **Jim Butler Inn & Suites** (160m/525ft): \$69/\$78/\$87/\$95. 800-635-9455, jimbutlerinn.com *****NEARLY FULL*****
- 5**  **Best Western Hi-Desert Inn** (450m/1450ft): \$144–\$175 (includes breakfast). 800-780-7234, bestwestern.com
- 6** **The World-Famous Clown Motel** (950m/0.6mi): \$86–\$144. 775-624-9098, theclownmotelusa.com
- 7**  **National 9 Inn** (1.3km/0.8mi): \$69-up (includes continental breakfast). 775-482-8202, national9tonopah.com
- 8**  **Comfort Inn** (2km/1.2mi): \$173–\$175 (includes breakfast). 800-635-9455, choicehotels.com
- 9**  **Tonopah Station Hotel** (1.6km/1mi): \$73–up. 800-635-9455, tonopahstation.com. Also has an RV park with full hookups; contact hotel for rate information. *****SUITES SOLD OUT*****