

# Fuzzy's Travelogue: Volume Fourteen

*The Newsletter of LAcon V:*

*The 84<sup>th</sup> World Science Fiction Convention*



## WSFS Business Meeting

It's almost time for the World Science Fiction Society ("WSFS") Business Meetings to begin! You must have an Attending or Virtual membership (that includes your WSFS membership) in order to attend the meetings.

The Preliminary WSFS Business Meeting will start at **9:00am Pacific Daylight Time (PDT)** this **Friday, July 17, 2026**. Subsequent meetings will also start at 9:00am PDT on the following dates:

**Sunday, July 26, 2026**

**Saturday, August 1, 2026**

**Sunday, August 9, 2026**

There will also be an in-person meeting held at the convention on Sunday, August 30 at 10:00am PDT, with the results of 2028 Site Selection, Question and Answer Time for Future Seated Worldcons.

For more info about the WSFS business meeting, the downloadable agenda and a handy set of instructions on how to access the meeting online (both in PDF format), [click here](#).

## Time Is Running Out: Hotel Reservations

We're down to the wire... the hotel reservations deadline for LAcon V is **August 4, 2026**.

If you want to be close to all of the action we suggest you act now and book your room. Wonderful options are still available at the [Anaheim Marriott](#) with our reduced rate.

## Transportation & Shuttle Services

There is a new shuttle service from John Wayne (Santa Ana) Airport: **HMR Shuttle** has hourly shuttles to both the Hilton Anaheim and the Anaheim Marriott. Pick up and drop off locations at both hotels are their respective valet area. You can make your reservations on the [HMR Shuttle Website](#). Adult rates are \$20 one way and \$35 round trip.

Don't forget... our website has some handy information about [getting to LAcon V by air](#), and a full page about [Parking, Shuttles and Rideshare](#) with all the information you need to get to this year's Worldcon!

## **Registration & Badge Pickup at LAcon V**

Convention Registration for LAcon V will be located at the Anaheim Hilton Hotel, in Pacific Ballroom B. Located on the Ballroom Level or Second Floor. This is where attendees will check-in, pick up their credentials and other information, and gain full access to the event.

Convention Registration and badge pick up will open for everyone beginning **Wednesday, August 26**. Registration will be open during the following hours (all times are Pacific Daylight Time/PDT):

**Wednesday** (Early Arrivals): 10:00am to 8:00pm

**Thursday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday:** 8:30am to 8:00pm

**Monday:** 8:30am to 2:00pm

If you haven't yet [purchased your membership](#) to attend the convention, you can do so both before the convention as well as on-site... and in fact, at the door, you can still register online when you arrive at the facility, then pick up your credentials after your transaction is completed. Please make sure you bring photo ID with you to pick up your badge.

## **2028 Site Selection Continues**

All members of LAcon V (*other than single-day admission*) are members of the **World Science Fiction Society**, and eligible to vote to determine the site for the 86<sup>th</sup> Worldcon, to take place in 2028. A \$50 USD voting fee is required to cast a vote. Even if you don't have a preference in the outcome, voting in Site Selection guarantees you a WSFS membership in the 86<sup>th</sup> Worldcon.

**Brisbane in 2028**, a bid for the 2028 Worldcon in Australia, is running unopposed. (Nuremberg, Germany regretfully withdrew their bid just before the opening of online site selection voting.) Voting is primarily done electronically, but there is also a paper option. Voting will remain open through 5:45pm PDT on August 29.

For more information on how to cast your ballot, see our [Site Selection Instructions](#) page.

For more information on Brisbane in 2028, see <https://www.brisbane28.org/>.

For information on Nuremberg's withdrawal, see <https://nuremberg2028.de/>.

## **Hugo Award Voting & Hugo Voter Packet Reminders**

Don't forget to cast your vote for the **2026 Hugo Awards**! Voting will close on **August 8** at noon PDT. Access to the Hugo Voter Packet will be removed at the same time.

More information on the [Hugo Awards](#) and [Finalists](#) are available on our website. You can access the voting platform through our [Member Portal](#). If you have any questions or problems, email [hugo-help@lacon.org](mailto:hugo-help@lacon.org).

## The Hugo Awards at LAcon V

And speaking of those awards... the prestigious **Hugo Awards®** are the leading award for excellence in the field of science fiction and fantasy. First presented in 1953, they have been awarded every year since 1955 (except during WWII) by the members of the World Science Fiction Convention (Worldcon).

The Hugo Award ceremony is the culminating event of the World Science Fiction Convention. It is where and when the members of the Worldcon recognize and honor the best works in the science fiction & fantasy field from the previous year. They stand at the heart of the convention and of the Worldcon community as a whole.

This year's Hugo Awards ceremony will take place on **Sunday, August 30 at 8:00pm PDT**, in the Arena of the Anaheim Convention Center. It will be hosted by LAcon V's toastmaster, **Ursula Vernon** (aka T. Kingfisher), herself a multiple Hugo Award winner.

Also part of the ceremony is the presentation of the **Lodestar Award for Best Young Adult Book** and the **Astounding Award for Best New Author**. In addition to the usual categories, LAcon V will issue a Special Hugo Award for **Best Poem**.



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We welcome everyone to come and enjoy the show!

## The Program Is Almost Here!

The Program Division has been working around the clock and the globe to bring you an utterly amazing program! Last week we sent out draft schedules to our potential participants. Approximately 1,200 people applied to be on program and we had more than 1,700 items to schedule and check.

The program is the heart and soul of a Worldcon ... hundreds of program participants, and more than a thousand items for you to attend. Here is where you will be entertained, taught, and joined by other attendees on this adventure we call LAcon V!

LAcon V will have Programming and Events in both the Anaheim Convention Center North (ACC) and the Anaheim Hilton (2nd Floor and 4th Floor).

The schedule for LAcon V's Programming on site is as follows (all times are Pacific Daylight Time/PDT):

**Thursday:** 12:00pm to 11:30pm

**Friday, Saturday & Sunday:** 9:00am to 11:30pm

**Monday:** 9:00am to 2:30pm

There will likely be a few things on Thursday before noon for those who have already arrived and picked up their badge, and a morning stroll at 8:00am the other days.

Our **Robust Virtual Program** will enable programming almost around the clock... and around the planet! It will include both live items as well as some "on demand" viewing of pre-recorded items. There will be table talks and workshops as well as readings, and games in person and online.

The full schedule will be released by early August 2026, but over the next few weeks you should keep an eye on the website and our social media as we begin announcing some of our Featured Participants and some Program Highlight Items!

This week we are announcing several amazing participants, just to get things started... we're delighted to welcome **Shay Kauwe, Charlaine Harris, Mary Robinette Kowal, Fonda Lee, John Scalzi, Charlie Jane Anders, Martha Wells, John Picacio, Robin Hobb, Leigh Bardugo, Robert Jackson Bennett**, and joining us virtually are **Ada Palmer, Wole Talabi, Kieron Gillen**. And there are many more program participants yet to be announced!

We cannot wait for you to see what we have created. We know you will be as excited about it as we are!

## **Religious Observances: Volunteers Needed**

Worldcons often facilitate public religious observances, and LAcon V plans to do so as well. If you are a member of an organized faith and wish to coordinate one of these layperson-led observances during the convention, please contact [program@lacon.org](mailto:program@lacon.org) to let us know as soon as possible.

## **Drop Off Childcare with Kiddiecorp**

We are delighted that **KiddieCorp** will be hosting the drop off childcare during the LAcon V. With forty years of experience, KiddieCorp has been a trusted provider of high-quality childcare for conventions and conferences, and offers a variety of activities based on the children's ages and interests. Kiddiecorp has had a long-term relationship with US-based Worldcons, and most recently provided care at Chicon 8 in 2022 and Seattle Worldcon in 2025. Activities include exciting themes, arts & crafts, group games, music & movement, board games, story time, dramatic play, etc. We tailor activities to suit each age group appropriately.

LAcon V's Drop-Off Childcare is available on **Friday, Saturday and Sunday**, from 3:00pm to 11:00pm each day. Children of ages six months up to 12 years are welcome. The cost for this service is \$12.00 per hour, per child. Drop-Off Childcare is located in the Hilton Anaheim Hotel, right across from the convention center.

We encourage early registration as availability is limited and operates on a first-come, first-served basis. To secure advance reservations, both the registration form and full payment must be received by KiddieCorp. On-site registration will be limited to available space.

To **register your child** for drop off childcare, [click here](#).

**NEED MORE INFORMATION?** KiddieCorp is available to answer any questions. Feel free to contact KiddieCorp by phone at (858) 455-1718 or by e-mail at [info@kiddiecorp.com](mailto:info@kiddiecorp.com).

## **Angels Baseball Tickets**

Feel like catching a ballgame while you are in town? LAcon V attendees can enjoy up to 30% off tickets for the **Los Angeles Angels** baseball team at **Angel Stadium**, two miles east of the Anaheim Convention Center. Games taking place during convention week are as follows:

**Tuesday, August 25:** Angels vs Guardians @ 6:30pm

**Wednesday, August 26:** Angels vs Guardians @ 1:00pm

These discounted tickets can be accessed through the Member Benefits area of our [Member Portal](#) for registered convention attendees; click the link below to visit the Member Portal. You must be logged in to see the Member Benefits button.



## **Disneyland Resort Discounts**

As a reminder, we are also able to provide our attending members (through the [Member Portal](#)) with special discounts for the Disneyland Resort. These discounts for the Disney parks can be accessed through the Benefits area of our Member Portal for registered attendees. Discounted tickets are valid from Sunday, August 23 through Thursday, September 3, 2026, so attendees can purchase tickets for a theme park visit during this twelve day window.

But please remember this: the discounted Disney ticket store for this event **closes at 9 pm PDT on Wednesday, August 26, 2026**, so you will need to complete your purchase **BEFORE** the start of the convention. They will **not** be available for purchase on site or during the convention.

We also want to remind you that the Disneyland Resort Kids' Summer Ticket Offer is now available. For a limited time, children ages 3 to 9 can visit both theme parks for \$50 per child with the purchase of a special 1-Day Park Hopper Ticket. You can also choose 2-Day and 3-Day ticket options. Reservations are required and this offer is only valid for child tickets for ages 3 through 9.

## Freebies Book Lounge: Now Is the Time To Donate

The [Freebies Book Lounge](#) is still open for book donations. Publishers and self-published authors are encouraged to donate some of their new books or backlist. Freebies replaces the bookbags given away at some smaller conventions. Here's a quick reminder of what we're accepting for donation:

- New adult speculative fiction books
- SF/F-genre children's books
- Graphic novels
- Comics
- Manga
- Genre magazines
- Used speculative fiction books or magazine collections in good condition
- Other adjacent books/genres, such as relevant historical fiction, SF/F-related non-fiction, and SF/F art books
- Book-related SWAG will be accepted **at-con only** and will be limited to small printed materials (bookmarks and postcard-size or smaller), plus pins and ribbons.
- **Not accepted:** Audiobook and ebook giveaways are **not** supported. (Digital books are only available to members with accessibility needs, on a limited basis. Please contact [Freebies@lacon.org](mailto:Freebies@lacon.org) for further information on receiving books in these formats.



### **To get started donating by shipping in advance, please follow these instructions:**

Self-published authors should fill out the [Self-Published Authors Freebies Form](#), then we'll send you the shipping address and answer any questions. For traditional publishers, small presses, used book donations, and general questions, please email us at [Freebies@lacon.org](mailto:Freebies@lacon.org).

## The LAcon V Member Portal

Reminder, our Member Portal is live at [portal.lacon.org](http://portal.lacon.org). The Member Portal is your one-stop destination, whether you're attending in person or joining us virtually, to manage your LAcon V experience. Although options are limited at the moment, items such as the full schedule of events, maps, streaming events, online chat, and much more are coming in the near future. You can also reach the Member Portal through our [website](#).

When you joined, you should have received an email from [virtual-support@lacon.org](mailto:virtual-support@lacon.org) with the subject "LAcon V Virtual Convention Access" or "Nominate for the 2026 Hugo Awards"; these include information on how to activate your account.

If you can't find one of these emails, then contact [virtual-support@lacon.org](mailto:virtual-support@lacon.org) with as much information about your membership as possible and we will be able to look up and find your username for you.

## ***Adventure Awaits!***

### **LAcon V: The 84<sup>th</sup> World Science Fiction Convention**

**August 27-31, 2026**

Anaheim Convention Center, Anaheim Hilton & Anaheim Marriott Hotels

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