

**SMOFCON 2016
FANNISH INQUISITION QUESTIONNAIRE**

Name of Bid:

DC Smofcon in 2019 (Smofcon 37)

What are the proposed dates for which you are bidding?

Friday, 6 December – Sunday, 8 December 2019

Does your proposed Smofcon have a theme?

Not yet, but we plan to have one.

What is your proposed convention host city?

Washington, DC

Is your convention site in a city center location or a suburb?

City center

What is the typical current airfare to your closest airport from world cities such as Auckland, Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Dublin, Helsinki, London, Los Angeles, and Melbourne?

- Auckland, New Zealand - \$1,400 (one stop)
 - Boston, MA USA - \$142 (nonstop)
 - Chicago, IL USA - \$128 (nonstop)
 - Dallas-Fort Worth, TX USA - \$163 (nonstop)
 - Dublin, Ireland - \$665 (nonstop)
 - Helsinki, Finland - \$483 (one stop)
 - London, United Kingdom - \$701 (one stop)
 - Los Angeles, CA USA - \$248 (nonstop)
 - Melbourne, Australia - \$1,512 (one stop)
- Is your closest airport a hub for a major carrier?
 - Yes**
 - **Washington Dulles International Airport (IAD) – United Airlines**
 - **Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA) – American Airlines**
 - Do international flights, as well as domestic; fly into your local airport?

Yes

- Which airlines service your airport?

Dulles (IAD): flydulles.com/iad/airlines-serving-dulles-international

Baltimore-Washington (BWI): bwiairport.com/en/flight/airlines

Reagan National (DCA): flyreagan.com/dca/airlines-serving-reagan-national

- Are direct flights from the cities above flown into your local airport?

Direct flights (IAD) for all except Auckland, New Zealand, Helsinki, Finland, and Melbourne, Australia

How far is your convention site from the nearest airport/train station and what is the likely cost of getting to the hotels by both public transport and taxi from that airport/train station?

Using the Marriott Wardman Park as the theoretical convention site:

The closest train station, Union Station, is 3.9 miles (6.3 km) away. By public transport, it takes 12 minutes via Metrorail. It costs \$2.30 during peak fare hours. Users travelling off-peak will experience lower prices. Taxi fare is under \$20.

The closest airport is Reagan National Airport (DCA) 7.4 miles (12 km) away. By public transportation, it costs \$3.35 during peak fare hours and takes 35 minutes. Users travelling off-peak will experience lower prices. Taxi fare is under \$30.

What hotels are being used for the convention?

Our site selection process has just started.

Preliminary discussions have been held with the Marriott Wardman Park. The Marriott Wardman Park has 1,048 rooms and 104 suites and is located next to the DC Metrorail Woodley Park-National Zoo Red Line station.

Please describe the restaurant scene near your site.

- **There are approximately 30 restaurants within two blocks ranging from MacDonald's to Petits Plats, a country-style French bistro with fireplaces for cozy dinners.**
- **There are 2,144 restaurants located in Washington, DC.**
- ***Bon Appétit* magazine has named Washington D.C. as the Restaurant City of the Year for 2016.**

What are the policies/laws regarding smoking at your:

- **Hotel(s): No smoking indoors**
- **Convention Center: No smoking indoors**
- **City: Smoking is not permitted indoors within the city, at bus stops, or at playgrounds.**

What type of weather can we expect at the time of year your convention is to be held?

Historic early-December temperatures for DC: 32F (0C) to 50F (10C).

What are some of the main tourist attractions of your city?

The free Smithsonian museums (including the National Zoo, the Air and Space Museum, and the National Museum of Natural History), the White House, the US Capitol, the Washington Monument, the Lincoln Memorial, various other museums and galleries, and the entire National Mall to name just some of the more prominent. Washington, DC is one of Earth's prime tourist cities and every bit of it will be available to us. Moreover, if you venture beyond the DC metropolitan area, Virginia and Maryland are thick with sites of historical, cultural, recreational, or scientific interest.

Who is on your committee?

Baltimore-Washington Area Worldcon Association, Inc. (BWAWA) will host this event should we be chosen. Michael Nelson is the exploratory committee chair. Colette Fozard is our Facilities Liaison.

What arrangements will be made for evening socializing and party space?

There are five large Presidential Suites. We believe one of these suites would serve well as our Con Suite. Each of these suites features a full-sized kitchen equipped with stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, sink, and microwave oven.

Do you currently have a code of conduct in place for your bid/convention?

Our parent organization, the Baltimore-Washington Area Worldcon Association, Inc., has a Code of Conduct (bwawa.org), which has been used at other BWAWA-run events and will be adapted to the needs of our Smofcon should we win.

Are you planning to have any membership discounts for specific groups, such as young adults, military, seniors or families?

We plan to offer special rates.