



CONGRATULATIONS DENVER!

Denvention III
Wednesday, August 6—
Sunday, August 10, 2008

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In the closest Worldcon Site Selection voting in recent memory, Denver won the bid to host the 2008 Worldcon. After three rounds of balloting, Denver was declared the winner by just 12 votes at 8:59 p.m. Friday.

The counts between the three legitimate bidding cities (Denver, Chicago and Columbus) were very close during all three rounds of counting.

During the first round of the Australian-style balloting, all of the votes are counted by the first choice. After the first round, there is a redistribution of all None Of The Above and Write-In ballots (which included the 79 for Hollister—which was always an invalid bid because of the 500-mile exclusion zone) to one of the legitimate bidding cities and No Preference, if that ballot has a second choice on it.

After the second round, Columbus was dropped from the running after totaling 455 votes, compared to Denver's 540 votes and Chicago's 508 (but were far below the 752 votes needed to win on that round). Then there was a redistribution of the Columbus ballots to either Denver or Chicago or No Preference, if one of them was marked on the ballot.

After the third round, Denver was declared the winner, receiving 672 votes to Chicago's 660 (with 667 votes needed to win on that round).

"It was so close to a tie (during all three rounds), I was astonished. We're surprised, but very pleased to host the 2008 Worldcon."

Denver bid secretary Mary Morman

"It comes down to a couple of minutes of very close... That is a very hard thing."

Chicago bid chair Dave McCarty during the third round of counting.

"I want to congratulate Denver and I want to congratulate Chicago. Both committees are really good friends and I'm looking forward to seeing everyone in Denver in 2008."

Columbus bid chair Kim Williams

"Hollister in 2008 would like to thank the thousands of Worldcon attendees who had no idea who we were, didn't come to our parties, didn't eat our food or drink our wine and left us with a surplus for the BASFA Party Fund. Your apathy means so much to us. As for the 79 people who voted for us...you're a menace to fandom. Keep up the good work."

The Hollister in 2008 Exploratory Committee

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2008 WorldCon Site Selection Results

Round 1

Bid	Mail-In	Wed	Thur	Fri	Total
Chicago in 2008	88	58	99	244	489
Columbus in 2008	55	43	98	237	433
Denver in 2008	69	45	111	269	494
Monkeys Eyebrow	1		1		2
Geneva	1		2		3
Hollister	1	6	21	51	79
Minneapolis in 73 95 in 95	1	1		2	4
				2	2
None of the Above	1	1	3	5	10
Total With Preference	217	154	335	810	1516
# Needed to Win					759
No Preference	5	3	7	30	45
Total Valid Ballots	222	157	342	840	1561

2008 WorldCon Site Selection Results

Round 2

Bid	Mail-In	Change	Wed	Change	Thur	Change	Fri	Change	Total
Chicago in 2008	89	+1	58		109	+10	252	+8	508
Columbus in 2008	57	+2	46	+3	105	+7	247	+10	455
Denver in 2008	71	+2	49	+4	118	+7	302	+33	540
Total With Preference	217		153		332		801		1,503
# Needed to Win									752
No Preference	5		3		10	+3	37	+7	55
Total Valid Ballots	222		156		342		838		1558

2008 WorldCon Site Selection Results

Round 3

Bid	Mail-In	Change	Wed	Change	Thur	Change	Fri	Change	Total
Chicago in 2008	114	+25	75	+17	145	+36	326	+74	660
Denver in 2008	84	+13	64	+15	152	+34	372	+70	672 Winner
Total With Preference	198		139		297		698		1,332
# Needed to Win									667
No Preference	22	+17	17	+14	46	+36	135	+98	220
Total Valid Ballots	220		156		343		833		1552