



Wyrd Con is not a local convention.

Wyrd Con is designed to move and support Live Action everywhere. As a result the convention has to be able to move and travel and the convention leadership should also change to demonstrate the variety of the live action community.

To the point, you can form the convention committee, you can choose the next site for the convention, you can run things. The convention income travels from one convention to the next, and Live Effects will help finance the opportunity. Over time we intend to build ourselves off of the WSFS model and grow the convention as a non-profit entity.

Wyrd Con Two is going to run next year, and there you can bid to run Wyrd Con Three. As of this moment Wyrd Con is transforming itself in to a membership organization. *Members, gain the privilege of voting for the next Wyrd Con location and leadership.* Those who pre-paid for Sponsor badges, are automatically voting members of Wyrd Con Two. Want to become a member? You can sign up for a membership on the Wyrd Con website right now.

So you may be wondering, how do I submit a bid to run the convention?

The process will refine itself over the years, you can read a detailed document on how votes are managed, and what constitutes a formal bid on the Wyrd Con website. But in general you need:

- 1) A letter stating your intent to bid.
- 2) Documentation demonstrating potential acceptance from a proposed site. This can be a simple quote in facility costs, or a draft contract from your preferred facility. It should be detailed enough to determine if a site is capable of hosting the convention.
- 3) The rules in which your committee shall operate, with at a minimum, who will be on the convention committee, and the rules explaining how to handle change of a committee member if necessary.
- 4) Contact information for all members of your committee.

Collect this information and provide it to the existing convention committee chairman (email info@wyrdcon.com) and you will be all set.

You may have noticed that there is nothing listed above stating why you should be selected. The reason is that is something you should campaign on. In other conventions parties and events take place to convince the voters to select your location as the spot to be.

I look forward to the new places the convention travels, be in Seattle, Amsterdam, or the Moon.

Here's to the future,

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Live Effects

General Guidelines and Structure for Wyrd Con Elections (v1.01 6/14/2010)

For the 2011 Wyrd Con these guidelines shall be in effect regarding memberships and selection of future Wyrd Con sites.

Purpose

The purpose of Wyrd Con is to create exposure to multiple Live Action Role Playing concepts and experiences through both entertainment, and academic methods.

The purpose of elections is to encourage change, thus exposing Wyrd Con to additional concepts and experiences.

Memberships

1.0: Each Wyrd Con shall offer supporting and attending memberships.

1.1: The rights of supporting members of a Wyrd Con include the right to receive all of its generally distributed publications.

1.2: The rights of attending members of a Wyrd Con include the rights of supporting members plus the right of general attendance at said Wyrd Con.

1.3: Members of Wyrd Con who cast a site-selection ballot with the required fee shall be supporting members of the selected Wyrd Con.

1.4: Voters have the right to convert to attending membership in the selected Wyrd Con within ninety (90) days of its selection, for an additional fee set by its committee. This fee must not exceed two (2) times the site-selection fee and must not exceed the difference between the site-selection fee and the fee for new attending members.

1.5: The Wyrd Con Committee shall make provision for persons to become supporting members for no more than one hundred and twenty-five percent (125%) of the site-selection fee, or such higher amount as has been approved by Live Effects, until a cutoff date no earlier than ninety (90) days before their Wyrd Con.

1.6: Other memberships and fees shall be at the discretion of the Wyrd Con Committee.

Article 2 - Future Wyrd Con Selection

Section 2.1: Voting.

2.1.1: Wyrd Con shall choose the location and Committee of the Wyrd Con to be held one (1) year from the date of the current Wyrd Con.

2.1.2: Voting shall be by mail, or written ballot at the current Wyrd Con with tallying as described in Section 2.5

2.1.2.1 All mailed ballots must be received 15 days prior to the currently scheduled Wyrd Con.

2.1.3: The current Wyrd Con Committee shall administer the voting

2.1.4: Live Effects shall collect the advance membership fees, and administer those funds for the winning Committee for the purposes of Wyrd Con.

2.1.5: The site-selection voting totals shall be announced in the Progress Report of the winning Committee, with the by-mail and at-convention votes distinguished.

Section 2.2: Voter Eligibility.

2.2.1: Voting shall be limited to Wyrd Con members who have purchased at least a supporting membership in the Wyrd Con whose site is being selected.

2.2.2: The supporting membership rate shall be set by unanimous agreement of the current Wyrd Con Committee and all bidding committees who have filed before the ballot deadline. If agreement is not reached, the default fee shall be the median (middle value) of the US dollar fees used in the previous three (3) Wyrd Con site selections.

Section 2.3: Non-Natural Persons. Corporations, associations, and other non-human or artificial entities may cast ballots, but only for "No Preference". "Guest of" memberships may only cast "No Preference" ballots. Memberships transferred to individual natural persons may cast preferential ballots, provided that the transfer is accepted by the administering convention.

Section 2.4: Ballots. Site-selection ballots shall include name, signature, address, and membership-number spaces to be filled in by the voter. Each site-selection ballot shall list the options "None of the Above" and "No Preference" and provide for write-in votes, after the bidders and with equal prominence. The supporting membership rate shall be listed on all site-selection ballots.

Section 2.5: Tallying.

2.5.1: The name and address information shall be separated from the ballots and the ballots counted only at the Wyrd Con. Each bidding committee should provide at least two (2) tellers. Each bidding committee may make a record of the name and address of every voter. Email address and phone number collection are optional but should be requested on the ballot if possible.

2.5.2: A ballot voted with first or only choice for "No Preference" shall be ignored for site selection. A ballot voted with lower than first choice for "No Preference" shall be ignored if all higher choices on the ballot have been eliminated in preferential tallying.

2.5.3: "None of the Above" shall be treated as a bid for tallying, and shall be the run-off candidate.

2.5.4: All ballots shall be initially tallied by their first preferences, even if cast for a bid that Live Effects has ruled ineligible. If no eligible bid achieves a majority on the first round of tallying, then on the second round all ballots for ineligible bids shall be redistributed to their first eligible choices, and tallying shall proceed according to Section 2.5.8.

2.5.5: If "None of the Above" wins, or if two or more bids are tied for first place at the end of tallying, the duty of site selection shall devolve on Wyrd Con Committee of the current Wyrd Con. If the Wyrd Con Committee is unable to decide by the end of the Wyrd Con, Live Effects shall make the selection without undue delay.

2.5.6: Where a site and Committee are chosen by Live Effects, they are not restricted by exclusion zone or other qualifications.

2.5.7: Where a site and Committee are chosen by Live Effects following a tie in tallying, they must select one of the tied bids.

2.5.8: Votes shall first be tallied by the voter's first choices. If no majority is then

obtained, the candidate who places last in the initial tallying shall be eliminated and the ballots listing it as first choice shall be redistributed on the basis of those ballots' second choices. This process shall be repeated until a majority-vote winner is obtained. If two or more candidates are tied for elimination during this process, the candidate that received fewer first-place votes shall be eliminated. If they are still tied, all the tied candidates shall be eliminated together.

Section 3.1: Bid Eligibility.

3.1.1: To be eligible for site selection, a bidding committee must file the following documents with the Committee that will administer the voting:

- (1) a formal announcement of intent to bid, including a statement that the committee agrees to be bound by the terms of this guidelines document;
- (2) adequate evidence of an agreement with its proposed site's facilities, such as a conditional contract or a letter of agreement;
- (3) the rules under which the Wyrd Con Committee will operate, including a specification of Committee membership and the conditions and procedures to manage change in your membership as necessary.
- (4) contact information (name, address, email, and telephone number) for all members of the proposed Wyrd Con committee.
- (5) agree to be bound by insurance and legal requirements for the region the bidding committee will operate in.

3.1.2: The bidding committee must supply written copies of these documents to Live Effects, or the current Wyrd Con committee upon request.

3.1.3: For a bid to be allowed on the printed ballot, the bidding committee must file the documents specified above no later than 180 days prior to the official opening of the administering convention.

3.1.3.1: The days prior shall be reduced to 90 days during the first five (5) Wyrd Con events placed in operation.

3.1.3.2: If a bid is submitted prior to 180 days of an administering convention, Live Effects shall announce the bid in its next publication to the membership.

3.1.4: To be eligible as a write-in, the bidding committee must file the documents specified above by the close of the voting.

3.1.5: If no bids meet these qualifications, the selection shall proceed as though "None of the Above" had won.

3.1.6: The head of the existing Wyrd Con committee, and/or those they designate in writing, or Live Effects is required to acknowledge the receipt of each valid bid received.

Section 4.1: Site Eligibility & Requirements

4.1.1: If total attendance at the current Wyrd Con exceeds 1000 natural persons a site shall be ineligible if it is within three hundred (300) miles of the site at which selection occurs.

4.1.2: The site selected, and the expenses proposed by the Wyrd Con Committee must be those that are possible within the Live Effects convention budget and available funds.

4.1.3: All Wyrd Con conventions must contain both an entertainment, and academic

purpose.

Section 5.1: Live Effects Expectations

5.1.1: Live Effects shall act as the financial management organization for all Wyrd Con operations, including final approval of membership prices, collection, budgeting, and management of all convention funds.

5.1.2: Live Effects shall provide funding to operate the convention, pending the budget approval.

5.1.3: Charges outside of the jointly established budget are not the responsibility of Live Effects, but the convention committee.

5.1.4: Live Effects shall own and manage the rights to the Wyrd Con brand, and copyright, as well as intellectual property necessary to operate the convention.

5.1.5: The Live Effects representative(s) of the convention shall not have a vote in the site selection process, but will be considered an 'attending member' for all other purposes.

5.1.6: Insurance coverage for the event will be provided by Live Effects as required by the hosting site.

5.1.7: The liability of Live Effects is limited to the budget of the current Wyrd Con.

5.1.8: Live Effects will provide the Wyrd Con Committee access to the Wyrd Con website, marketing materials, and communications platforms, and registration systems used at previous conventions.

5.1.9: Live Effects expects the elected committee to initiate, design, implement, and close a convention with a similar spirit and purpose and prior Wyrd Con conventions.

Section 6.1: Definition.

6.1.1 Wyrd Con Committee: The staff membership consisting of the persons stated during site selection and a Live Effects representative. They are the responsible party operating the current Wyrd Con.

6.1.1.1 The existing Wyrd Con Committee shall step down at the conclusion of the current Wyrd Con.

6.1.2 Live Effects: The legal entity who owns the Wyrd Con copyright and organization. Live Effects has a right to change the details in this agreement, but only after the upcoming Wyrd Con completes. Live Effects has no legal ties to any Wyrd Con committee beyond developing and implementing a specific Wyrd Con convention.

6.1.3 Notification: Acceptable methods to communicate to membership and appropriate parties shall include active methods such as postal and electronic mail. Posting on a passive medium, such as a website, shall not be considered proper notification.

Section 7.1: Changes

6.1.1 Live Effects shall have the right to amend these rules at any time, however the amendments and changes shall not go in to effect until the conclusion of the next Wyrd Con.

6.1.1.1 As this is a new process, Live Effects may change these rules with 180 days prior to the second Wyrd Con and they shall go in to effect immediately once all those who have submitted bids have been notified of the change.