

Welcoming the 2015 World Science Fiction Convention to Spokane

WHEREAS, the World Science Fiction Convention (Worldcon) first started in 1939 in New York City; and

WHEREAS, Worldcon draws thousands of authors and science fiction enthusiasts from around the world and has previously been hosted in places such as Glasgow, Scotland; Yokohama, Japan; Melbourne, Australia and the Hague in the Netherlands; and

WHEREAS, the winners of the Hugo Awards, the oldest and most noteworthy award for science fiction, are presented at Worldcon; and

WHEREAS, past winners of the Hugo Awards include influential and successful authors such as Isaac Asimov, Frank Herbert, Ray Bradbury, Philip K. Dick, Octavia Butler and JK Rowling.

WHEREAS, the members of the 2013 Worldcon, Lonestarcon 3 selected Spokane, Washington as the site of their 2015 convention from August 19, 2015 to August 23, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the convention will feature author readings, art and writing contests, panel discussions, live music, games including role-playing, board and card games, exhibits on science and publishing, and a world-class stage masquerade with the best fan costumers;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Spokane City Council, on behalf of the citizens of Spokane, welcomes the organizers and attendees of the 2015 World Science Fiction Convention (Sasquan) to our city, and encourages the citizens of Spokane to attend and enjoy this great event.

I, Ben Stuckart, Spokane City Council President,
do hereunto set my hand and
cause the seal of the City of Spokane
to be affixed this 17th day of August in 2015

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ben Stuckart". The letters are cursive and somewhat stylized, with the "B" and "S" being particularly prominent.

Ben Stuckart
Spokane City Council President