

LAcon V Questionnaire

General

Name of Convention?

LAcon V

What dates will your convention run?

August 27-31, 2026

What is your convention host city?

Anaheim, California

Is your convention site in a city center location or a suburb? If a suburb, what are the transport options into the city center? How far is the site from the city center?

Anaheim is one of the major suburbs of Los Angeles, approximately 30 miles from Downtown L.A. in the heart of Orange County. Our facilities are centered in Anaheim directly opposite the Disneyland Resort.

What are your main facilities? How far are your hotels from your main venue?

We have contracts with the Anaheim Convention Center and both the Anaheim Hilton and Anaheim Marriott hotels. We are using the Arena and ACC North building at the Convention Center as our primary programming and event spaces, as well as our fixed functions including dealers, art show, exhibits and registration, among others. Both hotels are within 500 feet of the Convention Center facilities. Select programming will be located in both hotels.

Who is your convention chair?

Joyce Lloyd, who also chaired the LA in 2026 Bid Committee.

Who is on your committee? What experience do they have in general? What experience do they have in running (insert appropriate convention here, i.e. Worldcons/NASFiCs/Smofcons)?

Our committee is extensive and can be found at lacon.org/committee. As a seated Worldcon, there are too many participants to individually address each one.

If applicable, have you agreed to participate in Pass-Along-Funds? Would you be willing to increase the percentage from 50% to 70%?

If we are able.

What is the sponsoring organization?

The Southern California Institute for Fan Interests (**SCIFI**), Inc. is the primary sponsor of LAcon V. SCIFI Inc. is the past sponsor of the 1984, 1996 and 2006 Los Angeles World Science Fiction Conventions (Worldcons); the 1999 North American Science Fiction Convention (NASFIC); the 2019 World Fantasy Convention; the 1989, 1994 and 2002 West Coast Science Fantasy Conferences (Westercons); and the 1994 and 2014 SMOFCons.

Is the sponsoring organization a 501(c)(3) or otherwise a non-profit? If not a 501(c)(3) but a non-profit, please explain.

Yes, SCIFI Inc. is a 501(c)(3) organization.

Is the sponsoring organization tax-exempt for local taxes, especially sales tax?

No, not in California.

What is your website and less other social media presence?

- Website: <https://www.lacon.org>
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/laworldcon>
- Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/laworldcon/>
- Twitter/X: <https://twitter.com/laworldcon>

Who should people contact for additional information or questions (email preferred)?

Our email address is info@lacon.org.

Travel**What is the typical current airfare to your closest airport from world cities such as London, Boston, Los Angeles, Tokyo, Melbourne, etc.?**

The following pricing is for coach/economy class, round-trip, nonstop flights in US dollars and based on mid-August 2024 travel to Los Angeles International Airport (LAX), except those denoted as being travel to John Wayne International Airport (SNA):

Chicago	\$318 (SNA)	Victoria	\$356	Munich	\$898
London	\$726	Dublin	\$1047	Shanghai	\$3507
Paris	\$899	Montreal	\$412	Hong Kong	\$1479
Boston	\$373 (SNA)	Seattle	\$217 (SNA)	New York	\$345 (SNA)
Melbourne	\$1688	Helsinki	\$803	Tokyo	\$1152

Do international flights, as well as domestic, fly into your local airport?

Which airlines? If not, where is the closest international airport?

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

All major domestic and nearly all major international airlines fly into Los Angeles International Airport (LAX), which is the primary hub of the Los Angeles metropolitan area, and one of America's major airports. LAX is approximately 30-40 minutes away from Anaheim. The majority of flights into and out of LAX are non-stop flights.

Domestic service, as well as international service from Canada and Mexico only, is also available to John Wayne International Airport (SNA) in Santa Ana, which is approximately 15 minutes away from our site.

Additionally, the Los Angeles metropolitan area is served by Hollywood Burbank Airport (BUR), Long Beach Municipal Airport (LGB) and Ontario International Airport (ONT), all of which are served by most or all US domestic airlines.

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, shared ride service (Lyft/Uber/etc.), and taxi from that airport/train station?

John Wayne Airport (SNA) is 11 miles away

Uber/Lyft/etc is @\$34, taxi service is \$45-\$55

Los Angeles International (LAX) is 36 miles away

Uber/Lyft/etc is @\$70, taxi service is \$140-\$180; however, many shuttle services such as Supershuttle operate from LAX at substantially lower costs.

The closest Amtrak (train station) is 6 miles away

Uber/Lyft/etc is @\$10-\$15, taxi service is \$22-\$28

What is the visa situation for citizens of foreign countries to attend your convention? What countries are eligible for ESTAs (Electronic Travel Authorizations which are generally a formality)? What countries would require visas? How long does it normally take to get a visa, and what does it cost?

Currently, there are 41 countries participating in the USA's [Visa Waiver Program](#). The program permits citizens of participating countries to travel to the United States for business or tourism for stays of up to 90 days without a visa. If your passport is from one of these countries, you are eligible for ESTA. If the country you hold a passport from is not listed above, you will need to acquire a travel visa. The current fee for a visitor visa to the US is \$185 and takes from 3 to 5 weeks to process.

Facilities

What hotel(s) are being used for the convention?

We have contracts with the Anaheim Hilton and Anaheim Marriott Hotels.

How many rooms, what type, accessibility issues, etc.?

Approximately 1300 rooms available at the Anaheim Hilton, and 300 at the Anaheim Marriott. Both hotels meet all local and national Accessibility requirements, as the US is governed by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) on all levels. The Hilton in particular has increased its number of accessible rooms during a recent remodel.

What are your hotel room rates?

The Anaheim Hilton will offer a \$179 per night rate for single/double occupancy, as well as a \$20 per person addition for triple/quadruple occupancy. The Anaheim Marriott will provide a \$199 per night rate for single/double occupancy.

Do these rates include breakfast?

Breakfast is not included in the room rate.

Do they include internet access in the room?

Yes, internet is included in the room rate.

How firm are these rates?

They are currently fixed per contract.

What additional taxes and fees are there?

There is a 15% California hotel occupancy tax, along with 7.75% state sales tax. Additionally, there is a 2% ATID assessment and \$1.70 resort assessment fee. These are all spelled out in our hotel contracts.

What does parking cost at your main hotel and/or convention center?

The Anaheim Convention Center is currently \$20 per day, without in/out privileges. The Anaheim Hilton is currently \$16 per day; the Anaheim Marriott's parking rate is to be determined later.

Do you have a signed (contingent) contract or letter of intent specifying the above?

We have contracts with the Anaheim Convention Center, Anaheim Hilton and Anaheim Marriott Hotels.

What is the distance from the nearest door of your main hotel(s) to the closest entrance of the convention site?

Approximately 500 feet. Both hotels are adjacent to the Anaheim Convention Center.

What are the transportation options for those who prefer not to walk or who have mobility difficulties?

All our facilities are located in close proximity and are we expect many members to walk between them. For those who may need assistance, we plan to offer scooter rentals to accommodate their needs.

Where will your large events be held?

The Arena of the Anaheim Convention Center, which was used for the 1996 and 2006 Worldcons, will be the site of our major events such as the Hugo Awards and Masquerade. The base seating for the Arena is approximately 7500 seats, before stage allowances.

Please describe the restaurant scene near your site.

As our site is directly located within a major tourist destination, Anaheim being the home of the Disneyland Resort, there are over 80 restaurants within a mile of the site: American cuisine, Japanese, Mexican, Chinese, Thai, Indian, premium steakhouses... the list goes on. There are many choices and price ranges available.

What arrangements will be made for evening socializing and party space? Do you have a corkage waiver?

Parties and hospitality are planned for the Anaheim Hilton, which has 93 suites (most of which will be blocked for the convention.) A corkage waiver will be in place for the convention for these spaces.

Please describe the policies / laws regarding smoking in your hotel(s), convention center, and city.

All public areas in California, including all of our convention facilities, are required to be 100% non-smoking facilities. Smoking is not allowed inside or within 20 feet of hotels, convention centers, restaurants and bars.

Miscellaneous

What type of weather can we expect during your convention? What is the average temperature during that time of year?

Typically Anaheim is sunny, averaging 86 high and 66 low in August (Fahrenheit). The city is less than ten miles away from the California coastline, which heavily affects the favorable climate.

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

The Disneyland Resort complex is across the street from the Anaheim Convention Center. There are many attractions within the immediate area, including the Knott's Berry Farm amusement park, accessible by shuttle from the Anaheim Hilton for a small fee. The Los Angeles area also has many famous attractions throughout; we maintain a list on our [website](#) about the many things to see and do when visiting Southern California.

Are you planning to have any membership discounts for certain demographic groups, such as historically marginalized groups, young adults, seniors, or military?

Our membership plans are similar to recent Worldcons.

How do you plan to recruit staff?

We have been recruiting our staff for over a year and continue to do so.

What is your vision for your convention?

We will present a Worldcon that is inclusive, diverse, exciting, and represents the fandom in Southern California. One that incorporates all that is fantastic and wonderful in the realm of science fiction. We are already in the very early planning stages and are hashing out some ideas. Adventure is out there and we are looking forward to being your guides!

What is a notable aspect of your local fan culture and how do you plan to incorporate it into your convention?

Los Angeles offers a unique perspective on science fiction. We are a community that creates the dreams, and we are a community that makes the dreams a reality. We are also known for our entertainment industry. It is a huge portion of our culture. Many of our fans are directly involved as writers, artists, costumers, programmers, or are indirectly involved with the day-to-day workings. Because of this we will have many

people willing to share their hands-on knowledge of creating the illusions and the stories.

But we also have a large contingency of fans that make it their mission to take science fiction to science fact. We are home to such notable institutions as NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) and Northrop Grumman Aerospace in Los Angeles. Let's not forget that CalTech alone has been affiliated with over 70 Nobel laureates including 40 alumni and faculty members. We are blessed with several fans who are willing to share how they take fiction and make it a reality.

Do you have a code of conduct? If so, is it available online and if so, where?

We have been developing a code of conduct for the convention, which amalgamates the best ideas from recent Worldcons. We aim to have a code of conduct that makes it clear that people who have historically experienced harassment are not only welcome but will be respected at our convention, and that we have no tolerance for harassment and microaggressions, intentional or otherwise.

What do diversity and inclusion mean to you?

In the broadest sense, diversity is all the wonderful variations that make up an individual. Whether it is their race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, their thought process – every single nuance that makes up how an individual personally identifies in the vast spectrum that is humanity. As a convention, we aim to include people from as many walks of life and viewpoints as possible while prioritizing the inclusion of people from groups that have historically been marginalized by the community surrounding Anglophone Speculative Fiction Fandom.

How are you working towards your goals in these areas?

While the original bid committee itself isn't all that diverse (it is, after all, created from the relationships we currently share, within and outside our local fan community), we are looking to recruit participants and staff - including in high-performing roles of substance - that come from a variety of backgrounds. We will have a DEI team (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion) that will look at ways to increase involvement from members of communities that have not always felt welcome at Worldcon and related fandom, and will outline principles that we expect all areas of the convention to follow, with regular check-ins to make sure that decisions made and executed continue to align with that mission.

What are your plans, if any, regarding handling a disease outbreak like the COVID-19 pandemic?

This will be addressed as we see how things are progressing closer to the convention dates. The challenge that presents right now is that we have to remain flexible in our planning to make sure that we are protecting the health and safety of our members as required by the state of the world we are faced with then.

Have you planned for a virtual component to your convention?

Yes.

Are you prepared to run any required site selection voting?

Yes.

If applicable, how do you plan to facilitate the Hugo Finalists input to your convention?

The program will feature recent and current Hugo finalists and winners. Acknowledging the possibility of disconnects between teams, the Program and WSFS divisions will have processes in place to ensure that we do not inadvertently leave finalists off of the program. Program will solicit input from the finalists who are program participants as to what they want to do and make our best efforts to accommodate them.

Is there any restriction on your use of software that is from outside your country? Are there any restrictions in your country on the type of software, collaborating on software, or use of open-source software?

None.

Do any of the local, regional or national governments in your country have restrictions/laws which would impact Worldcon attendees and especially anyone from a marginalized group? Additionally, are there any unwritten/unspoken, but commonly known biases against members of marginalized communities?

There are no restrictions or laws that would impact Worldcon attendees. California is one of the most liberal states in the United States.

Are you able to accept direct payment from outside your country for memberships or other purchases via credit card or other electronic payments?

Yes. We are working with a well-known established vendor, RegFox, owned by Webconnex, which processes payments both inside and outside the USA. We have used them in the past with no issues at all.