

(regular invite)

Greetings!

We invite you to participate in Boskone 46, February 13–15, 2009 at the Westin Waterfront Hotel. Boskone is a regional science fiction convention with an acclaimed program that spans a diverse array of topics and formats (see www.boskone.org) Program participants will have their membership fees waived.

Please take the time to complete our questionnaire at ----- . This information will help us determine what type of program items to put you on (or keep you off of!) While many conventions send out checklists of topics and ask program participants to sign up for them, we believe *you* are our greatest source for neat ideas. Feel free to tell us your likes and dislikes, and please share your program ideas (we're perfectly happy to borrow successful ideas from other conventions!). Please also indicate if there's anything we should be mindful of that we didn't even know to ask. In other words, help us produce a great program for Boskone 46.

We are especially interested in designing more "non-panel" program items, and would appreciate your input. For example:

* Discussion groups. These roundtable discussions for up to 10 persons can be on topics you might wish. This is a perfect opportunity (and a popular one) for small group interaction, fervent discussion, or a focused workshop on a specific topic of interest to you.

* Science and technology topics. Whether your expertise is astronomy or robots, urban planning or psychology, Boskone members make for an engaged audience for panels on hard and soft science topics. Slide shows, participatory discussions, panel-led seminars – all formats are welcome.

* Items relating to our Guests----- Boskone members enjoy sessions which highlight their works, and their interests. These program items can be retrospectives, focused discussions, etc.

If you have any questions (or ideas!), we really want to hear them. And, we look forward to seeing you at Boskone 46.

Sincerely,----- (program@boskone.org)

Your log-in number is: -----

You may return to this website at any time, and make additions and changes whenever you wish. We would like to hear from you by -----, so that we have sufficient time to find the best places for you on the program.

(wannabe invite)

Replace first paragraph with:

You wrote to us a while ago asking to be on the program for Boskone 46. We enjoy having diverse new participants on the program, but unfortunately we are unable to use everyone who volunteers. Please note that even if we've used you on the program in the past, we may not be able to include you every year (and please don't consider that a failure on your part!)

Add as last paragraph:

If we can use you on the developing program, we'll tell you as soon as possible. (And, if so, we will comp your membership.) If we can't use you on the program, we will be happy to hold the pre-con rate of \$46.00 for you (and might be able to squeeze in an autograph session for you at-con, if you so wish.)

Thanks for your help, and we hope that you will be able to attend Boskone 46.

(for guests)

Replace first paragraph with:

Delighted to be working with you.
So, what would you like to do?
(The usual boilerplate follow, but we turn handsprings to accommodate the guests!)

Replace the section about Guest program, replace with:

- Program items that relate to you (and our other Guests) are always of interest. Ideas? We would also like to offer you a special spotlight program: would you prefer to make a speech or be interviewed? Anything else?