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HELMUTH: The Boskone Newsletter

Special email edition for past and current Boskone members.

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Boskone 59 is back in Boston!

Dear Boskone Community,



We are excited to share the Boskone 59 will be a hybrid convention in 2022, held as a three-day in-person and online event, starting in the afternoon on Friday, February 18 at 2:00 pm (U.S. Eastern Standard Time) and running through Sunday, February 20. About 1/3 of our program will be streamed and available online as live sessions, which will also be recorded and available for playback through the end of March 2022 for all attendees.

Please check the Boskone 59 website for additional details regarding in-person and online events. Our goal is to create the best convention possible as we continue to evolve during these unprecedented times. We deeply appreciate your ideas, suggestions, and understanding as we navigate our path forward.

We are pleased to announce our Guest List for Boskone 59:

- **Ted Chiang** - Guest of Honor
- **Sara Felix** - Official Artist
- **Tamsyn Muir** - Special Guest
- **Tim Griffin** - Musical Guest

We appreciate your support, your imaginations, and your company as we gather as a community in February 2022. Purchase your membership for Boskone 59 today, and we will see you in Boston and online!

BOSKONE IS HERE!
Attend in person
or online!
**REGISTER NOW FOR
BOSKONE 59**



Memberships:
*In-person (with access to online content): \$60.00
*Virtual/Online Only: \$29.59

[Buy a membership.](#)

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#Boskone

Sharon Sbarsky
Chair, Boskone 59

[Visit the Boskone 59 Website.](#)

PROGRAM PARTICIPANT LIST

Welcome some of today's most exciting authors and artists in science fiction to Boskone 59. Here's a sneak peek at the list of this year's program participants. See the website for the full list.

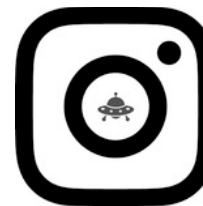
- P. Djèlí Clark – (virtual only)
- Neil Clarke – (virtual only)
- C. S. E. Cooney
- Vida Cruz – (virtual only)
- Julie Czerneda – (virtual only)
- Cory Doctorow – (virtual only)
- Gary Ehrlich
- Martin Elvis
- Jeffrey Ford
- Esther Friesner
- Donato Giancola
- Max Gladstone
- Andrea Hairston
- Elsa Sjunneson-Henry – (virtual only)
- Carlos Hernandez
- Nancy Holder – (virtual only)
- Julian K. Jarboe
- Henry Jenkins – (virtual only)
- Justin Key
- Mur Lafferty
- Thiago Ambrosio Lage – (virtual only)
- Rich Larson
- Tim Lebbon – (virtual only)
- Arkady Martine – (virtual only)
- Kwame Mbalia
- Gabriela Damián Miravete – (virtual only)
- Reiko Murakami – (virtual only)
- Larry Niven – (virtual only)
- Garth Nix – (virtual only)
- Errick Nunnally
- Malka Older – (virtual only)
- Ada Palmer – (virtual only)
- Tamora Pierce – (virtual only)
- Tonia Ransom
- Karl Schroeder – (virtual only)
- Dave Seeley
- Jarvis Sheffield – (virtual only)
- Charles Stross – (virtual only)
- Michael Swanwick



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- Sheree Renée Thomas – (virtual only)
- Paul Tremblay
- Carrie Vaughn – (virtual only)
- Jane Yolen
- E. Lily Yu – (virtual only)

- and many more!

[See the full list of Boskone 59 speakers.](#)

BUY YOUR BOSKONE 59 MEMBERSHIP!

Attend In-Person *OR* Attend Virtually!
Join us!

Boskone 59 takes place over 3 days, February 18-20, 2022 and will feature over 300 individual program items, with over 100 of them being available to online members. All program items are available to in-person members.

Program timing is based on U.S. Eastern Time, but the schedule covers morning, afternoon, evening, and nighttime activities to accommodate virtual members from around the globe.

BOSKONE 59 Memberships



Membership Categories for Full Convention:

- Adult [\\$60.00](#)
- Online Only Membership [\\$29.59](#)
- Active Military* [\\$50.00](#)
- Young Adult (ages 18-25)* [\\$35.00](#)
- Child (ages 5-17)* [\\$25.00](#)
- Kids-in-Tow [\\$0](#)

(See website for more [information on Kids-in-Tow.](#))

*(ID may be required)

[Visit the Boskone membership page!](#)

BOOK YOUR HOTEL ROOM

There are still hotel rooms available at the Westin Boston Seaport District. All

guest rooms include in-room WiFi as well as free WiFi in the lobby area.

Our block rates are good through January 27, 2022 or until the block is sold out.

Guest Room Rates:

\$169 plus tax (currently 14.45%) for Single/Double/Triple/Quad

Guest Room Types – [Reservation Link for all Room Choices](#)

- Non-Party Kings
- Non-Party Doubles
- Party Kings*
- Party Doubles*

*Party Block Notice: When making your reservation for a room in the “Party Block,” please note that this year we’re requiring people to book for both Friday and Saturday to avoid holes in the party block that could potentially be filled with non-Boskone attendees who could potentially complain about noise and cause parties to shut down early. If you don’t mind being a “buffer” room, please let us know.

For more information, please visit the Boston 59 hotel page.

[View Boskone's Hotel Page.](#)

COVID VACCINATION & MASK POLICY

Boskone has updated its COVID Vaccine and Mask Policy given the new mandates passed by the City of Boston. These changes place Boskone’s policy in line with local government regulations.

To read more about the City of Boston’s mandate, please visit their website at <https://www.boston.gov/departments/mayors-office/introducing-b-together>

We believe that Boskone’s updated policy will make the convention an even safer and more comfortable place for all of our members, participants, and staff to attend in person.

Boskone 59 Covid Vaccine and Mask Policy:

- All people physically attending Boskone, 5 years old and older, must be fully vaccinated and show proof of vaccination. There are no exceptions.
- All people 2 years old or older [attending Boskone] must wear a mask in convention spaces (including open parties) at all times, except when eating or drinking in designated food and drink spaces. There are no exceptions.
- Children 4 and under must be with parents or guardians at all times and have a negative PCR test taken February 15 or later.

Please contact us (at info@boskone.org) if you have any questions.

[View Boskone's Policies.](#)

DEALERS, ARTISTS, & FANS GROUPS!

Boskone 59 will have a reduced layout in the Galleria area to give dealers, artists, and members a little more space.

[Visit the Boskone At-con Page.](#)

VOLUNTEER FOR BOSKONE 59!

We're looking for in-person and virtual volunteers to help with a variety of tasks that include:

- Art Show Set Up
- Logistics staff
- AV/Tech Team
- Virtual Room Hosts
- Onsite Registration
- And more!

If you're interested in being a Boskone 59 volunteer, please contact us at volunteers@boskone.org.

[Visit the Boskone 59 Volunteer Page.](#)

LET'S GET TOGETHER!

We look forward to seeing you online at Boskone 59 in February 2022.

To learn more about the convention, please visit [Boskone 59's website](#) and be sure to also review our [Code of Conduct](#) and Covid Vaccine and Masking Policy. If you have any questions, please contact us at info@boskone.org.

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