

WORLDCON RUNNERS GUIDE EDITORIAL COMMITTEE

The basic transcription of the Worldcon Runners' Guide from the Noreascon site is complete. The pages appear to have the same content, with the notices and formatting preserved as best as possible.

There is much work left to be done. The new site is set up using Mediawiki software, essentially the software behind Wikipedia, though with far fewer customizations. There are several things that should be done, and some guidance from the WSFS BM, would be appreciated. But don't go crazy about it. In particular, we need:

1. a Privacy Policy, explaining what information will be collected, who can see it, who we will give it to;
2. a Copyright notice – Reuse of the Eighth Edition copyright is OK, but is it enough for a wiki?

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Creative Commons has some nice choices that are closer to the intent, I think, of taking each page (not the whole document) as a whole and no charge for the content. If people can contribute to the guide, they need to be explicitly told they are contributing the rights to WSFS;

3. Disclaimers (use at your own risk, we did our best but YOYO, etc.);
4. Themes (colors and layout)
5. Illustrations
6. Access policy, as in who can add to or edit the contents? Obviously there are strong opinions on this since everyone is an expert, but I for am willing to take volunteers as they present themselves;
7. Style Guides – as the wiki develops, it should adhere to a style, in order to preserve a consistent feel across the articles.

8. General Policies, dispute resolution, American / British/ Canadian English usage (Americain/Britannique/Canadien Anglais traitement), etc.

By the time the Business Meeting gets this, I should have locked down the Eighth Edition pages to edits. I intend to open pages for the Ninth Edition with essentially the same content, and leave them open to edits. Thus a visitor can see both side by side an take their choice of content.

Suggestions welcome,

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