



## Baltimore Science Fiction Society, Inc.

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Dear Balticon Program Participant:

This is an attachment to the Balticon 46 Program Participant Invitation. We are continuing the revised Balticon Participant Membership Policy as established in 2009. The Participant Membership is offered in exchange for participant program hours, as follows:

To qualify for Participant Membership, which includes a Balticon membership, we request that you:

- Participate in a minimum of two program hours per day of membership, with a minimum of six program hours (recognizing that Friday and Monday are not really "full" days) for the full weekend. Please note that we are a four-day convention and would like to keep our programming strong on Friday and Monday, so please be with us all four days if at all possible. Our goal is to have attendees anxious to get in and get started Friday afternoon and putting off leaving until the last minute on Monday!

To further clarify the above the program hours requirement:

- Doing a solo presentation will be considered to be the equivalent of a *minimum* of two program hours. A solo presentation might be something like a concert, preparing for and running a contest, running a workshop, a "by invitation" masquerade entry, running a dance, or a solo lecture.
- So, for example, for a full weekend membership the participant needs to do the equivalent of six program hours across the weekend, which might include a) 5 panels and an autograph session or b) a solo presentation and 3 panels or c) a 2-hour workshop and 2 panels, or a 3-hour dance and 1 panel.
- If you intend to be at Balticon only the day of your presentation, which is typical for some programs, your presentation will offset your day of membership.

Please note that there is no maximum number of program hours — we will try to give you as many hours as you want. Final determination of program hours credit will be made (in consultation with the program coordinators) by the Chair and/or Registration Manager.

No complimentary memberships are offered for the Participant's SO, life partner, or traveling companion or children. Memberships for them may be purchased at a discounted rate:

- Any participant can purchase memberships for one SO, life partner, or traveling companion for one half the lowest published membership rate for the Balticon to be attended.
- Any participant can purchase children's memberships, for an indefinite number of the participant's eligible minor children aged 6 through 12, at one half the lowest published children's membership rate for the Balticon to be attended.
- Membership for children between the ages of 13 and 21 who live with the participant or those aged 13 to 18 who live with another custodial parent can be purchased at one half the lowest published adult membership rate for the Balticon to be attended.

We hope that you understand that our Participant Membership Policy is governed by budget constraints. We are doing the best we can!

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