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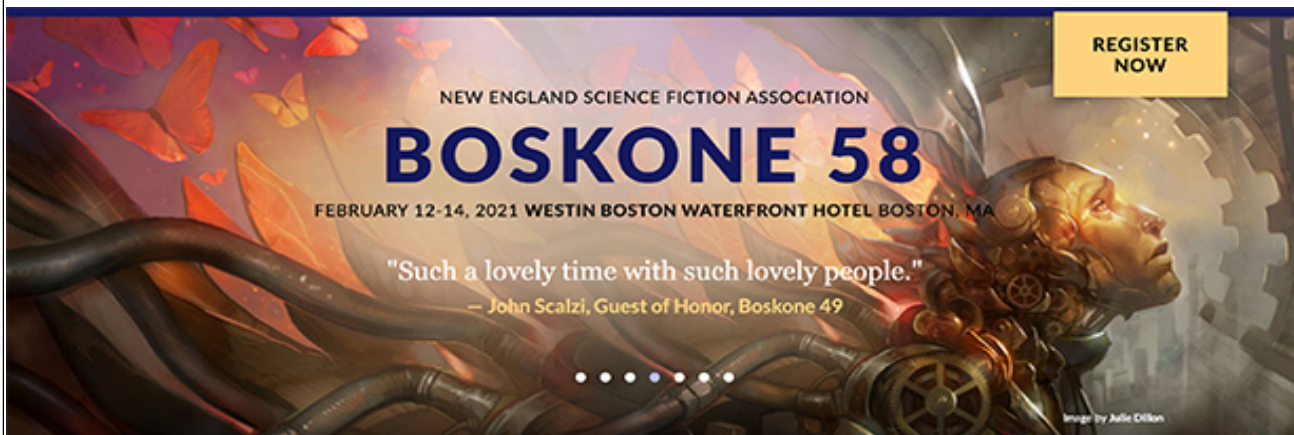
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Boskone 58 Community Check-In!

Boskone is a community of friends and family, and the volunteers who bring you

Boskone every year want to let you know that we are thinking of you. We hope you are safe and healthy since we care about your well-being and look forward to seeing you again soon, whether in-person or online.

This summer we are investigating what Boskone might look like in February from considering a fully virtual convention, a hybrid convention, or an in-person convention. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has been transparent about their plan for opening to businesses and various social activities given the Covid-19 crisis. We will need to make our plans for Boskone in accordance with regulations that are mandated by our local government. We will keep you up to date on the status of things as we continue our planning.

In the meantime, we are using this summer to give ourselves experience with running an online science fiction convention by planning a new online event called reCONvene 2020, which will be held on August 15, from 11:00 am-5:00 pm (Eastern U.S. Time). Memberships are only \$10 per person.

We hope you will be able to join us at reCONvene 2020 since this online convention will give us practical experience with running a fun and engaging online convention should Boskone 58 need to go online in February 2021.

We have planned some fantastic programming for reCONvene 2020 that features some of today's more exciting speakers and we looking forward



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Boskone's Sister Con.
Come reCONvene with us!



August 15th, 11 am - 5 pm
U.S. Eastern Time

NESFA's new online science fiction convention has an exceptional line up of speakers and a fantastic program designed for our fannish friends.

Join us online:
August 15, 2020,
11:00 am-5:00 pm
(Eastern US Time)



to seeing you this summer for some good ol' fannish fun!

Erin Underwood
Chair, Boskone 58

[Visit the Boskone 58 Website](#)

FEATURED SPEAKERS AT RECONVENE 2020

Help us welcome some of today's most popular authors and artists in science fiction to reCONvene 2020. While we are still confirming the final few speakers, here is a partial to view:

- Joe Abercrombie
- Steven Barnes
- Ted Chiang
- P. Djèlí Clark
- Br Guy Consolmagno SJ
- Aliette de Bodard
- Alan Dean Foster
- Andrea Hairston
- Charlaine Harris
- Stephen Graham Jones
- Aleron Kong
- Victor LaValle
- Sharon Lee
- Alastair Reynolds
- Rebecca Roanhorse
- John Scalzi
- Karl Schroeder
- Adrian Tchaikovsky
- Martha Wells
- Micah Yongo
- and many more!

[See the full speaker list for reCONvene 2020](#)

BUY YOUR RECONVENE 2020 MEMBERSHIP!

Since reCONvene 2020 is an experimental online science fiction convention, we want you to join us in order to see what is truly possible in an online format. Therefore, we are keeping the membership prices low.

reCONvene 2020
Memberships:
\$10.00



Register today for reCONvene 2020, and let us know you are coming. This will help us to plan for a great online experience.

[Visit the reCONvene 2020 registration page for more information.](#)

INCOME TRANSPARENCY FOR RECONVENE 2020

Since reCONvene 2020 is an online convention, our costs are lower. However, we do have costs associated with setting up a flexible online format, which is why we need to charge a small membership fee.

We are also making it possible to give additional contributions to reCONvene that will help to cover our costs for creating an all new online convention experience. Any income over our programmatic costs will go to Boskone to help provide services such as closed captioning, American Sign language, funding for our New Voices Fun, and other critical costs.

[Visit the Registration page to give Supporting Contributions to Boskone and to reCONvene 2020](#)

ONLINE CONVENTION FEATURES

In true Boskone-style, reCONvene 2020 will be offering a selection of program formats ranging from panels to presentations, kaffeeklatches, demos, discussion groups, and more!

In addition, we are also developing an Art Show that will be available to members on August 15 along with a Book Table that will give fans a place to buy books written by reCONvene 2020 authors. We are working with a local book store, Porter Square Books, to deliver printed books and other online retailers can provide ebooks and audiobooks.

[Visit the reCONvene Book Table.](#)

VOLUNTEER FOR RECONVENE 2020!

Would you like to help out? We're looking for volunteers to help with a variety of tasks that include:

- Monitoring Zoom Rooms.
- Acting as an "in room" tech to help moderators.
- Blog posts and other writing.

If you're interested in being a reCONvene 2020 volunteer, please contact reconvene@nesfa.org.

[Visit the reCONvene 2020 website.](#)

LET'S RECONVENE IN AUGUST 2020!

We look forward to seeing you online at reCONvene on Saturday, August 15, 2020, from 11:00 am-5:00 pm (Eastern U.S. Time).

To learn more about the convention, please visit [reCONvene 2020's website](#) and be sure to also review our [Code of Conduct](#). If you have any questions, please contact us at reconvene@nesfa.org.

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