

# Volunteers

By Sharon Kahn, Volunteers Head



We want you to volunteer for Minicon for the same reason that we want you to come to Minicon in the first place—because it's fun. It's a way to meet new people, get together with old friends, and feel like an important part of the Minicon experience. There's also the fact that without bartenders, badgers, gophers, etc. there is no way that we could run a convention this size without charging hundreds of dollars for memberships. Minicon has no paid staff; it is a completely volunteer-run convention.

There are several ways to join our volunteer corps. In theory, any one of these methods will work. In real life, we're far from perfect, so if you don't get a response, please try again.

- ➡ Fill in the Volunteer section of your registration form printed inside the cover of this Progress Report.
- ➡ Submit a volunteer form online, and/or subscribe to the Minicon volunteers mailing list (<http://www.mnsthf.org/minicon35/volunteer.html>)
- ➡ Join us at the DreamHaven bookstore on February 26th, March 18th, April 1st or April 15th for our open meetings. DreamHaven is at 912 W. Lake Street and the meetings begin at 1:00 pm.
- ➡ Contact the head of the department that you interests you. (See page 13 for addresses)
- ➡ Send email to me at [volunteers@minicon35.mnsthf.org](mailto:volunteers@minicon35.mnsthf.org)
- ➡ Sign up at the convention at the handy Volunteers desk (which will open at the Thursday evening work party this year).

If you've already volunteered, or do so soon, you can expect to be contacted in March or April by someone hoping to schedule you for specific volunteer shifts. You will not be automatically scheduled for shifts. If you don't hear from us by mid-April, you can either contact a department head to remind them that you are available or wait until the con and sign up at the Volunteers desk.

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the hotel. There are also plenty of suites available, for those Furbys in a hospitable state of mind. The Hilton has also indicated to us that they are also willing to rent these rooms to humans without Furbys, so act quickly before the rooms are snatched up by our fine electronic friends.

If your Furby is interested in meeting people, volunteering is a fine way to do this. Please contact the Volunteers Department, either before or at the convention. Please note that all Furbys who volunteer must be accompanied by a human during their volunteer shift.

Furbys must follow the common sense weapons and reality policies of Minicon, which will be specified in detail in the Souvenir Book you get at registration. Not having arms does not exempt them from this.

As long as we all (human and Furby alike) follow these policies, it should be a great convention for everyone. See you there!

# Contacting Us

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## Advertising Rates and Publishing Schedule

We hope you've enjoyed this Progress Report. Our next publication is the Souvenir Book, which will be given to all members at Registration. Copy and ad requests are already coming in! If you would like to place an ad, the reservation deadline is March 1, 2000, and the rates are as follows:

	Fan Rate	Pro Rate	Reservation Deadline
Souvenir Book full page (7.5" x 10.25")	\$ 150	\$ 300	1-Mar-2000
Souvenir Book half page (7.5" x 5")	\$ 75	\$ 150	

Fan rates are available for non-profit groups and other non-commercial fan-run conventions and activities. We are printing via CTP (computer-to-plate) and will get the best results from electronic files. Camera-ready art must be scanned and placed into the electronic layout; if it contains halftones or screens it will not reproduce properly. Contact Anne at [publications@minicon35.mnsthf.org](mailto:publications@minicon35.mnsthf.org) for details.

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