

From the Eastern Talmud:

Rav Yalow defended his proposed ruling thusly: "Current system is making life very difficult in terms of finding suitable sites, often now have only one strong bid per zone. We don't now have the problem of the Worldcon potentially staying in one area as no group wants to be stuck continuously with it. The exclusion zone is to prevent local voters controlling the location."

Mar Smookler asked "[And from where do we learn] the rotation system is broken?"

Rav Bloom supported the point of Rav Yalow, saying "Finding suitable facilities and committees for a given year is very difficult."

Mar Timm said "Defeats the purpose of expanding groups and interests who want to run a Worldcon - may lead to the domination of a small number of local groups."

Rav Pelz answered "Running out of venue/ committee combinations. No-Zone rotation will protect a strong bid from a stronger one."

Rav Olson said "Fandom likes variety. Being plausible helps smaller bids. Overseas bids will lose their technical advantage, but fans still like voting for overseas bids."

Rav Boucher returned to the subject of strong opposition, saying "Shoestring bids such as Aussiecon Three would have difficulty with strong opposition."

To which Rav Pelz responded "Committees should run for a bid, not against another bid."

Mar Sacks said "[A] large exclusion zone may reduce competition."

To which Rav Olson responded "Intended to prevent enormous disparity between local and distant bids."

From the Southern Talmud:

Rav Yalow said: "Zone system was brought in to ensure rotation of the Worldcon around the US without capture, but meant 2/3 of North America was ineligible. Worked OK when Worldcons were smaller, but got harder as Worldcons got bigger, and there were fewer eligible cities. There is also a lot more competition for our space, and this leads to a lot of limitations. This year, without moving to San Jose, we would have had no Worldcon bid. This change allows more eligibility, more times. It's a change whose time has come."

Rav Veal said "No system will be perfect. The problem doesn't really exist, there is a proliferation of convention facilities and hotels. Smaller cities such as Louisville and Charlotte have plenty of room. The problem is not with facilities, it's with committees and how hard we've made it to run a Worldcon. This amendment will make life harder for second tier and non-N.A. cities."

Then Rav Bloom responded "Agree with Tom Veal that problem is committees not sites. But at heart this is still a question of assembling committee and site and keeping bid together for a reasonable period. No fan community, no Worldcon bid."

Mar Smookler said "Bids are club based not committee based. Smaller cities are encouraged by a particular year. 4 or 5 cities could dominate the process and discourage smaller cities."

Rav Whitmore disagreed: "I believe progress would be orderly. Smaller cities do get help from experienced people and groups. This makes it easier for people to line up in an orderly fashion."

Gv't Lurie said "Removes only advantage non-N.A. bids have."

Rav Docherty responded "This is an outrageous assertion that non-N.A. bids are weak. In almost every case non-N.A. bids have beaten N.A. bids."

The Halacha is according to Rav Yalow and Rav Pelz.

Rav Ben Yalow v Rav Bruce Pelz proposed the following:

To amend Article IV by:

- 1. Deleting all of section 4.7 except the last sentence.**
- 2. Replacing "sixty (60) miles" with "five hundred (500) miles or eight hundred (800) kilometres" in the last sentence of section 4.7**
- 3. Replacing "the North American region eligible" with "North America" in the first sentence of Section 4.9**
- 4. Deleting the first sentence of 4.9.2**

Provided that any site which would have been eligible under the old rules will also be eligible in the first three races conducted under these eligibility rules.

According to their teaching, the text would read: Section 4.7: Site Eligibility ~~A site outside North America is eligible for selection in any year. A Site within North America is eligible for selection if it is within the appropriate region as defined below. The North American regions shall rotate in the order Western, Central, Eastern region. A site shall be ineligible if it is within sixty (60)~~ five hundred (500) miles or eight hundred (800) kilometres of the site at which selection occurs.

Section 4.9: NASFiC

If the selected Worldcon site is not in North America, there shall be a NASFiC ~~in the North American region eligible~~ North America that year. Selection of the NASFiC shall be by the identical procedure to the Worldcon selection except as provided below or elsewhere in this Constitution:

4.9.1: Voting shall be by written ballot administered by the following year's Worldcon, if there is no NASFiC in that year, or by the following year's NASFiC, if there is one, with ballots cast at the administering convention or by mail, and with only members of the administering convention allowed to vote.

4.9.2: ~~Bids are restricted to sites in the appropriate region.~~ NASFiC Committees shall make all reasonable efforts to avoid conflicts with Worldcon dates.