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Welcome to MNCBA SpringCon 2026: A Call to Action

by Sehee Snead, MNCBA Volunteer

If you're a longtime attendee of the MNCBA then you might notice that I'm a new-ish face here. Even after volunteering for three conventions, a part of me feels like I somehow finessed my way into a secret society of collectibles, comic books, and geeky wonder.

Though I can't tell you the last time I picked up a comic book, nor can I articulate a good reason why Spiderman is my favorite superhero (is Maguire a good enough reason?), what I can tell you is the moment that I felt a calling to volunteer with the MNCBA.

It started when I met Steve Henninger – previous MNCBA president, current MNCBA Vice President, a “Sparky” of the Saint Paul Vulcans, and a longtime supporter and volunteer of the MNCBA. I know him by a different name: “Chef Steve,” the ol' dude who yaps and cooks at the transitional housing facility where I used to work. He's the best chef the place has had, and the only chef that has stuck around this long. I have many memories of him in the kitchen talking (read: yelling) on the phone. His voice boomed in that kitchen so loudly that it reached the staff office that my coworkers and I used. Every shift, I heard Steve talking about the same thing – the upcoming convention.

This happened during the preparation for MNCBA FallCon 2024, when the MNCBA finally started to get back into the swing of things since the COVID-19 pandemic. Steve was always fussing about this or that with the darn convention: “We need this done!” or “Jen blah blah blah!” and always, “WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS!”

One day, I went into the kitchen, and by Steve's desk I saw the FallCon 2024 poster – Gene Ha's version of “Shortbox the Squirrel” in all his superhero glory. I was intrigued. That image stayed with me as I left

work that night, then as I went to my grad classes the following week, and even followed me into my daydreams as I “studied” for exams. I think it stuck with me for a reason; first, a squirrel for a mascot is SO random that I found it humorous, and yet, it felt like a sign. Is this what y’all would relate to as seeing the bat signal?

In a strange way, it felt like a sign of encouragement from my dad. You see, my dad was a creature of habit. He would start every morning with his cup of coffee and sit at his spot in the kitchen looking out into the backyard. He would dutifully report back to me and my mom about the squirrels’ activities – including his favorite tailless lil’ guy. Squirrels were his thing. So much so that my family and I still can’t look at a squirrel without remembering our dad, who passed away on November 9th, 2022.

With determination, I told Steve I would volunteer at this “FallCon,” and I found myself nervous. Would people judge me for partaking in something that I had little connection with and knowledge of? Would people see me as a fake? But my first experience volunteering with the MNCBA has probably been one of the best volunteering experiences I have had. Chef Steve, Jen, Old Steve, Shawn, Matt, Dan, Eric, and the rest of the volunteers I met at that first convention were so welcoming! I even had an encounter with Pat, who made sure I got to enjoy the convention not only as a volunteer but as an attendee. I’ll never forget his warmth and openness by including me as part of the MNCBA.

Today, after volunteering with MNCBA and writing for the newsletter, it’s safe to say I am here to stay! I encourage anyone with a curiosity or connection to this community to take the leap and volunteer. I guarantee you will be just as welcomed and accepted in this community as I have been, and you get to have fun doing it, too.

In conclusion, it is with great honor and pleasure for me to welcome all attendees, guests, and exhibitors to the Minnesota Comic Book Association’s Spring Con 2026 – along with a big thank you to our volunteers. As a fellow volunteer myself, I know how much work it takes to run a convention, and each volunteer makes a huge difference (especially for Steve’s blood pressure). Thanks, y’all!



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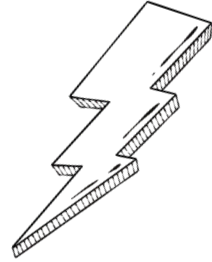
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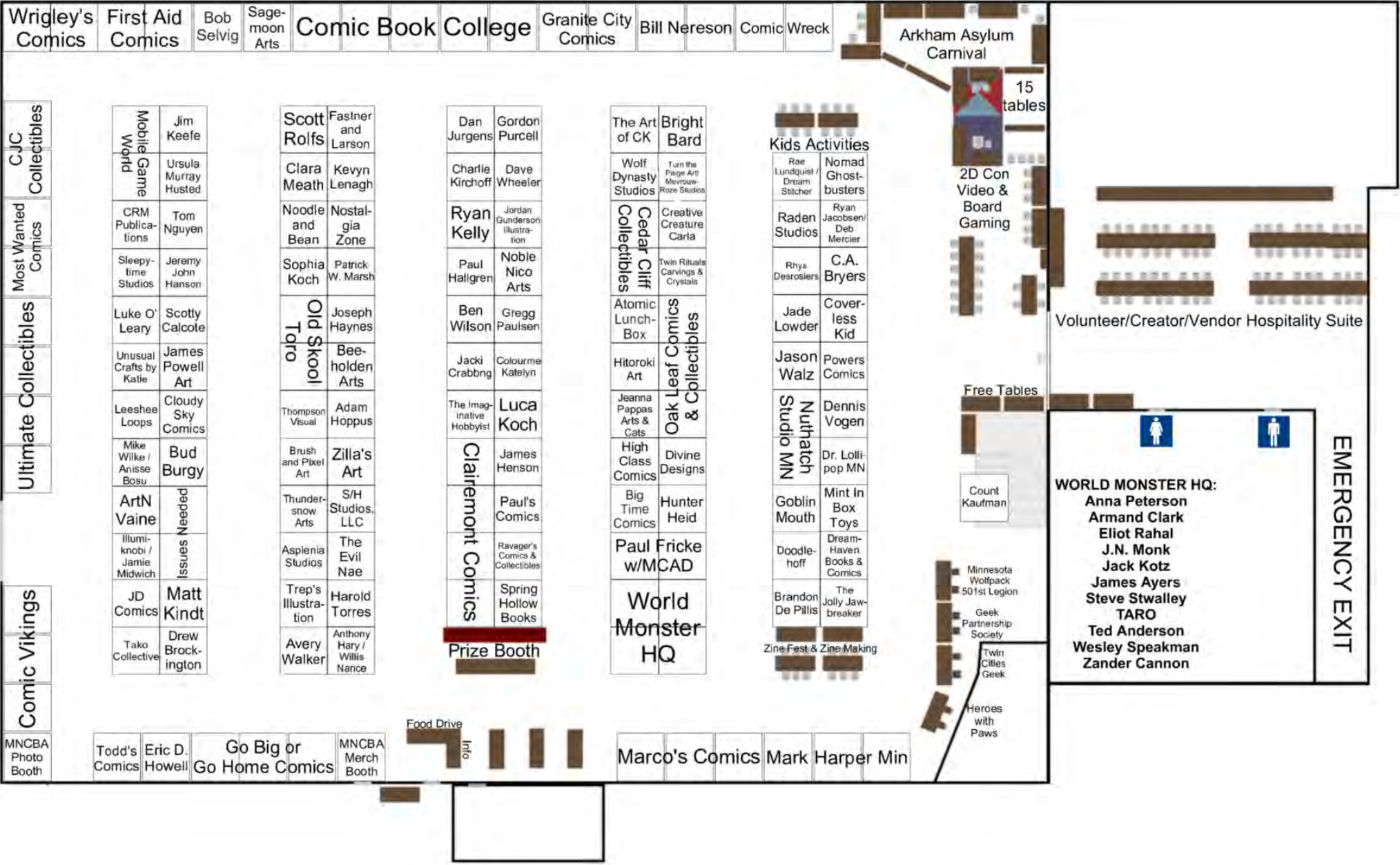


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MNCBA Community Spotlight: The Nomad Ghostbusters

by Todd Slocum



Did anyone actually think that ghosts only haunt New York?

Think again!

Anyone within the supernatural community of the great state of Minnesota can tell you that we have our own fair share of strange occurrences, possessions, and ghostly apparitions.

Look no further than the spooky old mansions, abandoned buildings, creepy caves, haunted forests, ham-in-a-can, purple beings, and an unusually tall lumberjack.

Who are you gonna call if the appearance of unexplained phenomena gets to be too much to handle for the local mediums, psychics, or parapsychologists?

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You may be asking yourself, why Nomad? It's because we are not limited to any particular location in Minnesota, with the ability to venture out to the surrounding states and beyond. Like *beyond*, beyond...

We've had a few incidents.

When not covered in sweat, ectoplasm, and an absorptive amount of other substances you really don't want to experience...

We like to do good things for the community!

We have partnered up with and raised money for the American Cancer Society. Last year we raised \$11,000 for cancer research, and this year we plan on raising even more!

We've been a big hit at birthday parties (take that, He-Man!); we've successfully interacted with crowds at various parades; one of our members had a disgusting amount of actual slime dumped on him (for fun?); we've had thousands of photos taken that we will never locate somewhere on the "inter-webs"; we've discussed our thoughts on the entire franchise at convention fan panels; and we've learned that in order to have a successful event, our equipment has to break or malfunction...

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Pat Gruber Memorial Food Drive

Beginning with some of its earliest years, the MNCBA has made an effort to give back to the surrounding community by hosting a food drive at its events.

Traditionally, attendees would receive \$1.00 off the price of admission at the door with their food shelf donation. While the move to advance tickets and online ticketing has made the admissions process a faster, more enjoyable experience for all our attendees, it also reduced the amount of food donations we received.

Today, while supplies last, we offer as a “Thank You” gift a 2.25” limited-edition pinback button to attendees who drop off a non-perishable food shelf donation at our SpringCon and FallCon conventions. Our 2.25” pinback buttons feature the unique flyer art for each event and are manufactured in Ohio from USA-made parts.

Pat Gruber was an active, loved, and long-time volunteer for the MNCBA who passed away on March 24, 2025. Because the MNCBA’s food drive was especially close to Pat’s heart, the “Pat Gruber Memorial Food Drive” name was established in his memory.



Learn more about donating to food shelves at [FeedingAmerica.org](https://www.feedingamerica.org).

Nick Post Fellowship Application



Nick Post (Dominic Postiglione) was a larger-than-life and much-loved figure who ran the MCBA (then Midwest Comic Book Association) from the late 1990s until his untimely passing in 2014. During Nick's long tenure as leader of the organization, he subsidized many of its operations, making it financially able to offer free exhibitor space to all creators. We no longer have access to such resources.

The present-day MNCBA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization staffed and run entirely by volunteers. Our MNCBA events at the MN State Fairgrounds cost tens of thousands of dollars to host and promote. To make the organization sustainable, we do our best to fairly distribute our expenses among everyone who participates. For this reason, we are no longer able to offer free exhibitor space to all creators.

In memory of Nick Post (Dominic Postiglione); to honour the organization's history; and to provide opportunities for full-time students, emerging creators, and others unable to pay the fee for a standard creator space; the MNCBA allocates a percentage of its creator spaces to be made available at no cost. To read full details about the Nick Post Fellowship Application and learn how to apply, please visit:

<https://www.mncba.org/creator-info.html#fee-waiver>

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