

# THE END?

## AND OTHER EXISTENTIAL QUESTIONS FACING DINOSAURIA

This meeting is designed by dinosaurs for dinosaurs who are passionate about the future. Together, we shall gather to share experiences, bold visions, and innovations, which will guide our votes on the issues shaping our world. You'll return to your Family with new insight, refreshed inspiration, and resilience to lead change when and where it matters most.

### AGENDA

- Registration and Socializing** [30 min]  
Led by FACILITATOR [First Name] Prosauropoda  
 Check-in; receive info; choose role assignments, from events below; hand out Votes (paper slips).  
 Locate and gather with others in your party. If you are a senior member, take charge of your party. If a junior member, pay attention, or vote for a leader.
- Opening Ceremonies** [5 min]  
Led by [First Name / Family Name] (+2 Votes)  
 Growl with your support.  
 Sing along with the leader.
- Keynote Address on *The End?*** [10+5QA min]  
Led by [First Name / Family Name] (+4 Votes)  
Help by [First Name / Family Name] (+2 Votes)  
 Listen to address and enjoy meal.
- Debates for the Top 3 Issues** [10 min each]  
Led by [First Name / Family Name] (+4 Votes)  
 Pick an issue and a side to debate. (+1 Vote per Issue)  
Use Tail, Jaw, Claw to break ties.
- Interviewing, Polling, Dealing** [30 min]  
Help by [First Name / Family Name] (+1 Vote)  
Help by [First Name / Family Name] (+1 Vote)
- Special Thanks / The Big Vote** [30 min]  
Led by FACILITATOR [First Name] Prosauropoda  
Issue 1 Question: Yes [ ] / No [ ]  
Issue 2 Question: Yes [ ] / No [ ]  
Issue 3 Question: Yes [ ] / No [ ]  
 All vote except Prosauropoda.  
 Prosauropoda and party leaders count votes.
- Closing Ceremonies** [5 min]  
Led by [First Name / Family Name] (+2 Votes)  
 Growl with your support.  
 Sing along with the leader.
- Final Announcement for Issues** [5 min]  
Led by FACILITATOR [First Name] Prosauropoda
- Epilogues for each Dinosaur** [15 min]  
Led by FACILITATOR [First Name] Prosauropoda

### PARTIES

**The Plants** stand for shared natural resources and governance of power.  
**The Meats** stand for hierarchical authority and controlling other's resources.  
**The Omnis** stand for trade of resources, and a checks and balances approach to power.

### STATUS

**Senior** members make party decisions.  
**Junior** members propose party ideas; mingle with other party members; act when seniors are gone.

### ISSUES

**Asteroid:** What to do about a theoretical impact by a large rock from beyond the sky.  
**Mammals:** What to do about the small furry creatures that are showing up everywhere.  
**Speciation:** What to do about the formation of new and distinct species in the course of evolution.

### CEREMONIES

Those responsible for the opening and closing ceremonies may recruit help for their events.

### KEYNOTE ADDRESS

The 10 minute keynote address should talk to the theme, *The End?* for all Dinosauria. Help is needed for moderating the 5 minute Q&A.

### THE DEBATES

The debates should focus on the issues at hand. They in turn will serve to construct the actual issue questions for the Big Vote. The Debate leader(s) will moderate and referee the events.

### INTERVIEWS / POLLS / DEALS

Party members use this time to interview, poll, and make deals with other attendees in preparation for the Big Vote.

### SPECIAL THANKS

For sponsors, caterers, musical talent, etc. Any special help from any of the attendees may be noted.

### THE BIG VOTE

Attendees vote yes or no on the issue questions at the end of the convention. Votes may be divided between the questions in any combination.

### FINAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Facilitator announces final results for each issue.

### EPILOGUES

Each player narrates their character's reaction to the Final Announcement for one minute.

### TAIL, JAW, CLAW

(Tail beats Jaw. Jaw beats Claw. Claw beats Tail.)  
If disagreements cannot be settled diplomatically (or if there is a tie), then the offended parties may settle the matter through the ancient custom of **Tail** (one hand as a fist), **Jaw** (one hand with only two fingers out vertically), **Claw** (one hand out flat). To be legitimate, the Facilitator OR at least two Senior members must witness the result. Best out of three. If still tied, then the matter is dropped and both parties growl on it.

### BACKGROUND

Dinosaurs lived between 230 and 65 million years ago (the Mesozoic Era). This was many millions of years before Homo sapiens appeared.

Scientists divide the Mesozoic Era into three periods: the Triassic, Jurassic and Cretaceous.

The dinosaurs represented here in this LARP (Live Action Roleplaying) game come from different periods, connected over millions of years through evolution on this magical place we call Earth.

### "FAMILY" RELATIONSHIP MAP

Visit <http://ntamura.deviantart.com/art/Dinosaur-phylogeny-339509599> to see how they are related.

### PURPOSE

To hold a safe and fun fictional philosophical/political discussion about issues which are often bigger than we can imagine. Also, to learn how we differ, and how we are the same, as living beings trying to come to terms with the big decisions that may affect all of us.

### THE FACILITATOR

Your role is to help coordinate and moderate the other participants throughout the convention; help them feel welcome; hand out Vote slips (paper to write down votes); manage time and event outcomes; and assist with the Epilogues if needed.

### VOTE TOTALS

ISSUE 1	ISSUE 2	ISSUE 3
Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No

### THE END? And other existential questions facing Dinosauria

Players: 5-15 | Facilitator: 1 | Duration: 3 hours  
Pitch: "The Land Before Time meets House of Cards."

### Entry for The Golden Cobra Challenge, 2016

Dinosaurs meeting at the Great Convention to discuss the most important topics of the era.

# GUEST REPRESENTATIVES ATTENDING THE GREAT CONVENTION

## 5-Participants

**Name:** **Prosauropoda (Long-Necked, 2 or 4-Foot Walker) [Facilitator]**  
**Party:** Omni  
**Status:** Senior  
**Teeth Control:** Neutral  
**ISSUES [Votes: NA]**  
**Asteroid:** Skeptical.  
**Mammals:** Undecided.  
**Speciation:** Concerned.



**Name:** **Ceratosauria (Horned)**  
**Party:** Meat  
**Status:** Junior  
**Teeth Control:** Anti  
**ISSUES [Votes: 9]**  
**Asteroid:** It doesn't exist!  
**Mammals:** They won't last here as long as us!  
**Speciation:** Dead issue. How can you improve on perfection? Am I right?



**Name:** **Ceratopsia (Horned, Frilled)**  
**Party:** Plant  
**Status:** Junior  
**Teeth Control:** Pro  
**ISSUES [Votes: 6]**  
**Asteroid:** Didn't one nearly wipe out all life years ago?  
**Mammals:** Where did they originate?  
**Speciation:** How will this affect future generations?



**Name:** **Herrerasauria (one of the oldest)**  
**Party:** Meat  
**Status:** Junior (was Senior)  
**Teeth Control:** Anti  
**ISSUES [Votes: 9]**  
**Asteroid:** Back in MY day, we didn't name rocks.  
**Mammals:** Who are YOU calling me WHAT?  
**Speciation:** Not in MY backyard!



**Name:** **Ornithopodia (Duck-Billed)**  
**Party:** Plant  
**Status:** Junior  
**Teeth Control:** Pro  
**ISSUES [Votes: 6]**  
**Asteroid:** Will I have to move? All my stuff is here.  
**Mammals:** OK, if they don't steal my food.  
**Speciation:** Do we need it?



**Note on Images:** Google Image search.

## Up to 10-Participants

**Name:** **Diplodocoidea (Long-Necked)**  
**Party:** Plant - Leader  
**Status:** Senior  
**Teeth Control:** Neutral  
**ISSUES [Votes: 12]**  
**Asteroid:** Sometimes an asteroid is just a rock.  
**Mammals:** No idea what you're talking about.  
**Speciation:** We should do a study on it, to be sure.



**Name:** **Tetanurae (Stiff Tails)**  
**Party:** Meat - Leader  
**Status:** Senior  
**Teeth Control:** Anti  
**ISSUES [Votes: 12]**  
**Asteroid:** What doesn't kill us makes us stronger.  
**Mammals:** This as an opportunity for growth.  
**Speciation:** We cannot allow it to run rampant. Think of the children!



**Name:** **Heterodontosauridae (Different Toothed)**  
**Party:** Omni - Leader  
**Status:** Senior  
**Teeth Control:** Neutral  
**ISSUES [Votes: 9]**  
**Asteroid:** This theoretical object should go through committee first.  
**Mammals:** Which party do they support?  
**Speciation:** We should run some polls to see how many families are afraid for their lives.



**Name:** **Ankylosauria (Armored)**  
**Party:** Plant  
**Status:** Junior  
**Teeth Control:** Pro  
**ISSUES [Votes: 6]**  
**Asteroid:** Let me know if and when it shows up.  
**Mammals:** To each their own, I say.  
**Speciation:** Each Family should decide for their own.



**Name:** **Coelurosauria (Hallow Tailed)**  
**Party:** Omni  
**Status:** Junior  
**Teeth Control:** Anti  
**ISSUES [Votes: 6]**  
**Asteroid:** More important worries, like the volcanoes.  
**Mammals:** Send them back!  
**Speciation:** Nothing is ever going to render me and my kind irrelevant.



## Up to 15-Participants

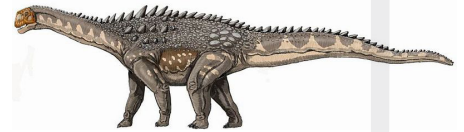
**Name:** **Pachycephalosauria (Bone-Headed)**  
**Party:** Plant  
**Status:** Junior  
**Teeth Control:** Neutral  
**ISSUES [Votes: 6]**  
**Asteroid:** It's a sign from beyond - we must change our ways, or else!  
**Mammals:** Spirit guides.  
**Speciation:** Whatever. It's just a bunch of hooey!



**Name:** **Stegosauria (Spiked, Plated)**  
**Party:** Plant  
**Status:** Junior  
**Teeth Control:** Pro  
**ISSUES [Votes: 6]**  
**Asteroid:** Yeah? I'll be gone before it gets here.  
**Mammals:** They remind me of those lil' Meatheads runnin' around.  
**Speciation:** Proof? Look at me. If you're not part of it, you're out of it. Period.



**Name:** **Titanosauria (Amored, Long-Necked)**  
**Party:** Plant  
**Status:** Junior  
**Teeth Control:** Pro  
**ISSUES [Votes: 9]**  
**Asteroid:** Little rocks from the sky are nothing compared to us, united.  
**Mammals:** What's that?  
**Speciation:** If it's such a threat, why haven't I heard of it before?



**Name:** **Aves (Birds)**  
**Party:** Omni (was Meat)  
**Status:** Junior  
**Teeth Control:** Anti  
**ISSUES [Votes: 6]**  
**Asteroid:** I'm ready. Bring it!  
**Mammals:** They stick to themselves, mostly.  
**Speciation:** Live it. Love it. It's the way of the future, baby!



**Name:** **Maniraptora (Hand Snatchers)**  
**Party:** Omni  
**Status:** Junior  
**Teeth Control:** Neutral  
**ISSUES [Votes: 6]**  
**Asteroid:** It's comin' right for us!  
**Mammals:** Did you hear what they did last week?  
**Speciation:** Watch out—I heard it's contagious!

