What the heck does 17½ mean? It means that Minicon 49 is 3½ days long... Ok, and what *that* means is that we will have a full consuite and registration desk Thursday night, and some other departments will open that evening. Details TBA.

**Programming:** Minicon 49 will have continue to have excellent panel discussions, readings, demonstrations and other events. If you'd like to suggest a topic, find out about how to volunteer, or attend the Oct 19th Programming Brainstorming session, see mnstf.org/minicon49/programming

Minicon is run entirely by volunteers. Please join us. Mail volunteers@minicon49.mnstf.org to participate. We're all in this together!

**Gaming:** We will again be having a lively gaming room with both board/card games and video games. We are also adding miniatures: D&D Dungeon Command and HeroClix. We will have both scheduled events and plenty of pickup gaming; bring your favorite!



MNstf, the club that sponsors Minicon, is also running METHODCon Oct 18-20 – see mnstf.org/methodcon. And we hold bimonthly parties. See mnstf.org/einblatt for the schedule.