

A. BUSINESS PASSED ON FROM LONCON 3

The following Constitutional Amendments were approved at Loncon 3 and passed on to Sasquan for ratification. If ratified, they will become part of the Constitution at the conclusion of Sasquan.

A.1 Short Title: Popular Ratification (“2 plus 1”)

Moved, to modify the existing constitutional amendment process so that proposed amendments passed by a WSFS Business Meeting and ratified by the following Business Meeting must be ratified by a vote of the members of the following Worldcon; to provide for special handling of the ratification of this proposal; and to provide for the transition between ratification systems, by ~~striking out~~ and adding words as follows:

1. Amend existing Sections 6.6 and 6.7 of the WSFS Constitution by consolidating them and by adding new provisions to modify the amendment process to a form of popular ratification:

Section 6.6: Amendment.

6.6.1. The WSFS Constitution may be amended by a motion passed by a simple majority at any Business Meeting but only to the extent that such motion is initially ratified by a simple majority at the Business Meeting of the subsequent Worldcon and finally ratified by a vote of the members of the Worldcon following the initial ratification.

6.6.2. Any member eligible to cast a Site Selection ballot may vote on the ratification of pending constitutional amendments in the same manner as Section 4.1; however, no fee beyond membership in the administering convention shall be required to vote on the ratification.

6.6.3. Ratification voting at the Worldcon should be available at least during the same times as Site Selection, and ratification ballots should be distributed at the same time as Site Selection ballots; however, a breach of this clause shall not render an otherwise legal ratification invalid.

6.6.4. The Business Meeting may provide by Standing Rule procedures for including arguments for and against the ratification of any Constitutional amendment.

6.6.5. Any amendment that receives more yes votes than no votes shall be ratified.

6.6.6. The results of the ratification votes shall be announced at the same session of the Business Meeting at which the results of Site Selection are announced, and may also be announced at any time after the votes have been counted at the discretion of the Worldcon administering the ratification vote. Failure to announce the results at the required time shall not affect the validity of the results.

~~Section 6.7: Commencement.~~

6.6.7. Any ~~Unless otherwise provided, any~~ change to the Constitution of WSFS shall take effect at the end of the Worldcon at which such change is finally ratified by vote of the membership., ~~except that no~~

6.6.8. No change imposing additional costs or financial obligations upon Worldcon Committees shall be binding upon any Committee already selected at the time when it takes effect.

2. *Amend Section 6.3 of the WSFS Constitution to include references to ratification elections for pending Constitutional Amendments:*

Section 6.3: Electronic Voting. Nothing in this Constitution shall be interpreted to prohibit conducting Hugo Awards nominating and voting, ratification elections for pending Constitutional amendments, and Site Selection voting by electronic means, except that conducting Site Selection by electronic means shall require the unanimous agreement of the current Worldcon committee and all bidding committees who have filed before the ballot deadline. Valid paper ballots delivered by any means shall always be acceptable. This section shall not be interpreted to require that such elections be conducted electronically, nor shall it be interpreted to allow remote participation or proxy voting at the Business Meeting.

3. *Amend Standing Rule 1.3 to administer the provisions of Section 6.6:*

Rule 1.3: Main Business Meeting(s). The Main Business Meeting may reject, pass, or initially ratify amendments to the Constitution. One Main Meeting shall also be designated as the Site-Selection Meeting, where Site-Selection business shall be the special order of business. The results of any votes to ratify pending constitutional amendments shall be announced at the Site Selection Meeting following Site Selection Business.

Provided that,

1. Section 3 of this proposal shall not become a part of the Standing Rules unless the constitutional amendment is ratified.
2. Constitutional amendments that receive first passage at or after the 2016 Worldcon shall be subject to this amendment.
3. This proposal shall be subject to re-ratification by the 2022 Business Meeting, and the re-ratification vote shall be automatically on the 2022 Business Meeting agenda. Should the 2022 Business Meeting fail to re-ratify this proposal, any constitutional amendments initially adopted at the 2021 or later Business Meetings shall not be subject to a popular ratification vote by members of a subsequent Worldcon.

A.2 Short Title: A Story by Any Other Name

Moved, to amend Article 3 of the WSFS Constitution to clarify that eligibility for the fiction categories should be based on content rather than the format of delivery, by amending as follows:

By inserting a new section after existing 3.2.5:

Section 3.2.6: the categories of Best Novel, Novella, Novelette, and Short Story shall be open to works in which the text is the primary form of communication, regardless of the publication medium, including but not limited to physical print, audiobook, and ebook.

And amending section 3.2.5:

Section 3.2.5: In the story ~~written fiction~~ categories (3.3.1 – 3.3.5), an author may withdraw a version of a work from consideration if the author feels that the version is not representative of what that author wrote.

A.3 Short Title: Hugo Finalists

Moved, to amend portions of Article 3 of the WSFS Constitution to change references to those works or people that appear on the final Hugo Award ballot to “finalist” and to change references to “candidate” to “nominee,” as shown:

Section 3.7: Nominations.

3.7.1: The Worldcon Committee shall conduct a poll to select the ~~nominees~~ finalists for the ~~final~~ Award voting. Each member of the administering Worldcon, the immediately preceding Worldcon, or the immediately following Worldcon as of January 31 of the current

calendar year shall be allowed to make up to five (5) equally weighted nominations in every category.

3.7.2: The Committee shall include with each nomination ballot a copy of Article 3 of the WSFS Constitution and any applicable extensions of eligibility under Sections 3.2.3 or 3.4.

3.7.3: Nominations shall be solicited only for the Hugo Awards and the John W. Campbell Award for Best New Writer.

Section 3.9: Notification and Acceptance.

3.9.1 Worldcon Committees shall use reasonable efforts to notify the ~~nominees~~ finalists, or in the case of deceased or incapacitated persons, their heirs, assigns, or legal guardians, in each category prior to the release of such information. Each ~~nominee~~ finalist shall be asked at that time to either accept or decline the nomination. If the ~~nominee~~ finalist declines nomination, that ~~nominee~~ finalist shall not appear on the final ballot.

3.9.2 In the Best Professional Artist category, the acceptance should include citations of at least three (3) works first published in the eligible year.

3.9.3 Each ~~nominee~~ finalist in the categories of Best Fanzine and Best Semiprozine shall be required to provide information confirming that they meet the qualifications of their category.

Section 3.10: Voting.

3.10.1: Final Award voting shall be by balloting in advance of the Worldcon. Postal mail shall always be acceptable. Only WSFS members may vote. Final Award ballots shall include name, signature, address, and membership-number spaces to be filled in by the voter.

3.10.2: Final Award ballots shall list only the Hugo Awards and the John W. Campbell Award for Best New Writer.

3.10.3: “No Award” shall be listed in each category of Hugo Award on the final ballot.

3.10.4: The Committee shall, on or with the final ballot, designate, for each ~~nominee~~ finalist in the printed fiction categories, one or more

books, anthologies, or magazines in which the ~~nominee~~ finalist appeared (including the book publisher or magazine issue date(s)).

3.10.5: Voters shall indicate the order of their preference for the ~~nominees~~ finalists in each category.

Section 3.11: Tallying of Votes.

3.11.1: In each category, tallying shall be as described in Section 6.4. “No Award” shall be treated as a ~~nominee~~ finalist. If all remaining ~~nominees~~ finalists are tied, no tie-breaking shall be done and the ~~nominees~~ finalists excluding “No Award” shall be declared joint winners.

3.11.2: “No Award” shall be given whenever the total number of valid ballots cast for a specific category (excluding those cast for “No Award” in first place) is less than twenty-five percent (25%) of the total number of final Award ballots received.

3.11.3: “No Award” shall be the run-off candidate for the purposes of Section 6.5.

3.11.4: The complete numerical vote totals, including all preliminary tallies for first, second, . . . places, shall be made public by the Worldcon Committee within ninety (90) days after the Worldcon. During the same period the nomination voting totals shall also be published, including in each category the vote counts for at least the fifteen highest vote-getters and any other nominee receiving a number of votes equal to at least five percent (5%) of the nomination ballots cast in that category, but not including any nominee receiving fewer than five votes.

A.4 Short Title: WSFS Membership Types and Rates

Moved, to amend the WSFS Constitution by inserting a new section between sections 1.5.7 and 1.5.8:

1.5.x: No convention committee shall sell a membership that includes any WSFS voting rights for less than the cost of the Supporting Membership required by Article 4 in the selection of that convention.