

The World Science Fiction Society
Minutes of the Business Meeting at Aussiecon Three
Friday 3rd September to Sunday 5th September 1999

All three meetings were held in room Bellarine 5 of the Melbourne Convention Centre.
The podium officers were:

Chairman: Jack Herman
Timekeeper: 'Zanne Labonville (Main & Site Selection Meetings)
Secretary: Pat McMurray

[Secretary: The debates in these minutes are not word for word accurate, but every attempt has been made to represent the sense of the arguments made. UK spelling is used throughout, except in some of the attached documents (because that's the way I spell.) Names are deliberately chosen to be the informal versions. These minutes are complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and recollection and are based on contemporary notes, transcribed to electronic form within one week of the conclusion of the meeting. Any other comments or notes I have will be marked in this fashion. Comments thus are purely informative and do not form part of the official text of these minutes.]

Minutes completed: September 1999

Pat McMurray
Business Meeting Secretary

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The World Science Fiction Society
Preliminary Business Meeting at Aussiecon Three
Friday 3rd September 1999, 9:00 AM

Chairman called meeting to order at 9:04 AM. Attendance as recorded on the sign-up sheets for this meeting was 57. The Chairman made corrections to the agenda as handed out and the Constitution as printed in the Programme Book. [*Versions with minutes are correct.*]

The Chairman also made clear that the purpose of the Special Rules was to ensure the Business Meeting complied with Australian Meeting laws, and that he would only apply them when he felt it was necessary to prevent the meeting being challengable under Australian law.

1.0 Committee Reports

1.1 Mark Protection Committee

Gary Feldbaum: Mr Shepherd sends his respects. The Mark Protection Committee asks leave to report tomorrow.

The floor was opened for nominations to the Committee:

Robert Sacks nominated Ken Smookler (Central)

Dave Ratti nominated Sue Francis (Central)

Zanne Labonville nominated Gary Feldbaum (Eastern)

Perry Middlemiss nominated Stephen Boucher (Rest of World)

All four nominees accepted nomination, provided written consent and confirmed their zones as above.

1.2 The Nitpicking & Flyspecking Committee

Kevin Standlee: Committee suggests Tim Illingworth provides Nitpicking report and Kevin Standlee provides Flyspecking report.

[*Secretary: See attached for report*]

Kevin Standlee (on behalf of Nitpicking and Flyspecking Committee): MOVE that Committee be continued for a further year. This was seconded and passed.

Kevin Standlee (on behalf of Nitpicking and Flyspecking Committee): MOVE "Rules should follow practice" motion.

Chairman: Before accepting this motion, I ask the advice of the meeting. Does the meeting agree this motion is appropriate?

Robert Sacks: Will result in change in practice.

Kent Bloom: No, it won't.

Robert Sacks: Constitutional amendments are privileged, this is a good description of existing practice.

Ben Yalow: Agree with two thirds of this motion, but not sure it is ratified by past practice as we don't OTC ratifications. Historically the Business Meeting has allowed OTC only to original motions, not ratifications.

Chairman: If SRXX codifies existing practice, then no SR is necessary.

Robert Sacks: MOVE to strike "constitutional amendment"

Kevin Standlee: Don't wish to waste meetings time on this. Want this SR to make situation clear.

Robert Sacks: Adding this to Standing Rules is good. But ratification of constitutional amendment is privileged and should not form part of this motion.

Richard Russell: Second Robert Sacks' motion

Gary Feldbaum (A): Like to see resolution except with OTC, but would prefer to foreshadow an amendment that OTC doesn't apply to ratifying constitutional amendments.

Robert Sacks: Withdraw motion

Gary Feldbaum: MOVE to add: "It shall not be in order to object to consideration with respect to ratification of a constitutional amendment, passed by a previous Business Meeting."

Kevin Standlee: Change text to "An object to consideration shall not be in order against ratification of a constitutional amendment"

Gary Feldbaum: Agreed, but might need to add to constitution

Kevin Standlee: Discuss outside meeting.

Robert Sacks: Seconded

Amendment passed

Ben Yalow: MOVE to amend by substitution: Remove section making this a Standing Rule and direct the Nitpicking and Flyspecking Committee to add this to Resolutions of Continuing Effect.

Kent Bloom: Seconded

Richard Russell (A): Rules can be read

Kent Bloom (F): This rule would be confusing and time-consuming.

Robert Sacks (A): Existing situation appears to confuse Kevin Standlee, our customs appear to contradict Roberts and therefore adding this to the Standing Rules would be appropriate.

Herman: If no further speakers, we will move to motion.

Robert Sacks: Inquiry: Are we changing sense too much, is this prohibited?

Kevin Standlee: Precedent from 1994

Amendment fails to pass

[Return to main motion, as amended.]

No further speakers, motion moved and passed.

Richard Russell: Point of Inquiry: What will Secretary do with new Standing Rule number?

Secretary: Unless meeting directs otherwise will follow Nitpicking and Flyspecking suggestion.

1.3 Worldcon Runners Guide Editorial Committee

Ben Yalow requested a postponement on Saul Jaffe's behalf until tomorrow.

Chairman agreed.

2.0 Worldcon Reports

2.1 Reports of Past Worldcons and NASFiCs

2.1.1 ConAdian (1994)

Interim Financial Report was submitted

Kent Bloom: Point of Information: Once a committee has spent all monies raised prior to and during the convention, there is no continuing need to report.

2.1.2 L.A.con III (1996)

2.1.3 LoneStarCon 2 (1997)

Final Financial report was submitted.

2.1.4 Bucconeer (1998)

Interim Financial report was submitted.

2.1.5 (Conucopia (1999 NASFiC)

2.2 Reports of Seated Worldcons

2.2.1 Aussiecon Three (1999)

Interim Financial report was submitted.

The Meeting commended the Aussiecon Three treasurer, Rose Mitchell, for having a report available at this time.

2.2.2 Chicon 2000 (2000)

2.2.3 The Millennium Philcon (2001)

Interim Financial report was submitted.

3.0 Business passed on from LoneStarCon 2

Chairman proposed that following earlier practice, in the absence of objections from the floor each amendment would be allowed six minutes of debate.

3.1 Tidying Site Selection

Six minutes

3.2 No-Zone Rotation

Six minutes.

Robert Sacks: Six minutes too short.

Ben Yalow: Extend to 20 minutes

Robert Sacks: Seconded

Motion carried

4.0 New Business

4.1 The Long and Short of it. (Main Motion)

4.1A The Not so Long and Short of it. (Amendment by Substitution)

[*Secretary: See Attached for full text of Amendments*]

Robert Sacks: Object to Consideration

OTC failed 19 to 6

Chairman: 12 minute debate

Kevin Standlee: MOVE extend debate to 30 minutes.

Robert Sacks: Seconded

Ben Yalow: MOVE 20 minutes, more than sufficient.

Patrick Molloy: Seconded

20 minute debate after voting

4.2 Return to two year bidding

[*Secretary: See Attached for full text of amendment*]

Joni Dashoff: Object to Consideration

OTC fails

Robert Sacks: Point of order. This will disenfranchise one year.

Chairman: Matter for debate, this is in order.

Tim Illingworth: See constitution 2.1.2

12 Minute time set

4.3 Rest-of-the-World Hugo Eligibility.

[*Secretary: See Attached for full text of amendment*]

Tim Illingworth: Object to consideration.

Robert Sacks: Point of Information, how does this apply.

Vince Docherty: All other categories are specified as one year, so net effect is only for fiction categories.

OTC failed 18-9

Robert Sacks: MOVE to appoint a committee to report a motion with a single alternative, not the existing three.

James Briggs: Seconded

Ben Yalow (A): Oppose move to committee. Preliminary Business Meeting has right to decide

Gary Feldbaum (F): Motion as stated is not in order, would rather see it put to committee.

Kevin Standlee (A): Agree with Ben, we should presume the first option is main motion and the other two are amendments by substitution.

Richard Russell (F): Drafting is ugly.

Docherty: This amendment is intended to encourage discussion

Chairman: The debate appears to be about making decision here or in committee.

Motion to move to committee was carried 19:11

Chairman: Committee appointed is Vince Docherty, David Ratti, Zanne Labonville, Andrew Adams, Tim Illingworth.

Joni Dashoff: Point of Inquiry: Could motion be stated so that if it fails, it goes to committee?

Chairman: No, but it could be foreshadowed.

Ben Yalow: Point of Inquiry: Would it be in order for committee to report with a recommendation that this be moved to committee.

Chairman: That would be in order

Perianne Lurie: Point of Inquiry: Debate time?

Chairman: Not until committee reports

Chairman: Any other new business?

Ben Yalow: MOVE to suspend rules to use 30 minutes of debate time to consider choice of 4.1 and 4,1A

Robert Sacks: Seconded

Motion Passes

4.1 The Long and Short of it. (Main Motion)

4.1A The Not so Long and Short of it. (Amendment by Substitution)

[Secretary: See Attached for full text of Amendments]

Chairman: Kevin Standlee will talk in favour of 4.1, Robert Sacks will then talk in favour of 4.1A. We will then form a discussion in committee, which will not count against the overall debate time. Kevin Standlee (4.1): If we decide to split, splitting by length with 20% variance is the simplest procedure.

Robert Sacks (4.1A): Content is more important than time.

'Zanne Labonville (4.1): 4.1A is vague, and would be tough to administer. What about a series of movies, or long episodes. 4.1 has clear definitions.

Bridget Boyle (4.1A): Quality of TV and Cinema is different

Ben Schilling (4.1): Other fiction categories are by length, this is consistent.

Perianne Lurie (4.1A): Yes, length is easy, but it is a meaningless descriptor

Andrew Adams (4.1): A better motion would be to amend 4.1 to follow intent

Richard Russell (4.1A): Multipart episodes, difficult to exclude ads, 4.1A is more likely to allow sensible nominations

Ben Yalow (4.1): Episodic versus non-episodic is not that clear – e.g. Star Wars

Robert Sacks (4.1A): 3.3.X version 2, Star Wars wouldn't count

James Daugherty (4.1): Fans will debate anyway. Animations will fit better in 4.1

Gary Feldbaum (4.1A): This will cause endless debate and grief – we should not risk creating tension and problems

Gordon Carleton (4.1): In general length determines budget, 4.1 better preserves other forms

Chairman: Will only take contributions from people who haven't spoken yet.

Gary Feldbaum: Point of Order: Not proper to rule that people may not speak twice.

Bridget Boyle: Point of Information: Don't think there's that much grey area

Andrew Adams: UK TV is much more variable than US TV

[Secretary: Note that the Chairman's ruling and Gary Feldbaum's Point of Order were both superseded by Kevin Standlee's Motion to Close debate. This ruling was not resolved.]

Kevin Standlee: Procedural Motion, MOVE to close debate

Robert Sacks: Seconded

Chairman: Does anyone wish to speak to main motion?

Gary Feldbaum: One person wishes to speak

Kevin Standlee: Withdraw motion

Beth Moresund: Clear to me if something is episodic or not.

Vince Docherty: Prefer quality based to time. Point of Information: Hugo winners have included 23 films, 6 TV episodes and the Moon Landing

Kevin Standlee: MOVE to close debate

Robert Sacks: Seconded

Chairman: Show of hands of those who wish to speak to main motion.

Move to close debate passes.

Chairman: Now determine choice of main motion. 18 in favour of 4.1, 12 in favour of 4.1A. 4.1 will be reported as main motion.

Ben Yalow & Robert Sacks: Not now in order to introduce 4.1A as it has been disposed of.

Richard Russell: Point of privilege: Intend to introduce motion based on little budget and big budget.

5.0 Site Selection Business

5.1 Report of the 2002 Site Selection & Presentation by Winner

5.2 Question Time for Seated Worldcons

5.3 Presentation by bidders for 2003 Worldcon

The meeting adjourned at 11:00.

The World Science Fiction Society
Main Business Meeting at Aussiecon Three
Saturday 4th September 1999, 9:00 AM

Chairman called meeting to order at 9:02 AM. Attendance as recorded on the sign-up sheets for this meeting was 100.

1.0 Committee Reports

1.1 Mark Protection Committee

[Secretary: See attached for report]

Report was presented by Gary Feldbaum.

Beth Moresund: Point of Information: What is a Canadian agent? Answer from MPC: No voting right, represents MPC in Canada

In the ballot for the three vacant seats on the committee, Tim Illingworth was chief teller, assisted by Peggy Rae Pavlat (or maybe Sapienza) and Tom Whitmore. Balloting opened at 9:05 and closed at 9:20, when all present who wished to hand in their ballot had done so.

Stephen Boucher, Gary Feldbaum and Sue Francis were declared elected after the count.

1.2 The Nitpicking & Flyspecking Committee

This Item was dealt with at the Preliminary Business Meeting

1.3 Worldcon Runners Guide Editorial Committee

[Secretary: See attached for report]

Report was presented by Saul Jaffe. The main item not mentioned in the report itself is that two subcommittees have been set up. One is led by Ben Yalow and concentrates on new articles and different points of view, email <crg-submission@sflovers.rutgers.edu>, the other is led by Sharon Sbasky and concentrates on converting existing documents to HTML, email <crg-editing@sflovers.rutgers.edu>

Ken Smookler: Copyright problems?

Saul Jaffe: Copyright resides in WSFS

Chairman: Perhaps MPC could investigate

Gary Feldbaum: MPC will take note

Andrew Adams: Suggest to submitters that they should transfer copyright to WSFS

Robert Sacks: MOVE to renew committee.

David Ratti: Seconded

Motion Passed

2.0 Worldcon Reports

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2.2.2 Chicon 2000 (2000)

Interim Financial Report Submitted.

Sue Francis: Current Rates

Tom Veal: US\$135 or A\$210 Attending, rises on October 1st to US\$150

Ken Smookler: What is Part 1, Item 1

Tom Veal: Pass along & donations

2.2.3 The Millennium Philcon (2001)

Interim Financial Report was submitted at Preliminary Business Meeting

3.0 Business passed on from LoneStarCon 2

3.1 Tidying Site Selection

Kevin Standlee (F): No significant effects, closes some holes

No speakers against, in favour, or to the motion.

Motion passes

3.2 No-Zone Rotation

Ben Yalow (F): 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.

Joni Brill Dashoff (A): Want to speak against second section, changing 60 to 500 miles (or 800 km). This would eliminate Toronto.

[*Secretary: Note that the Toronto bid for 2003 is grandfathered in this motion, and is not affected.*]

Robin Johnson: Didn't see maps last year.

Chairman: We have mileage charts

Chairman: Joni Dashoff, do you want to amend distance?

Tom Whitmore: Point of Information: Is it in order to amend a proposal up for ratification?

Chairman: Lesser amendment is in order, and I rule that any distance between 60 and 500 is a lesser change.

Perianne Lurie: Appeal ruling

Tom Veal: Seconded

Perianne Lurie: I believe that less than 500 is a greater amendment

Chairman: Increasing the size of the exclusion zone has a greater effect on this section of the motion.

Tom Veal: Believe this analysis is incorrect, we should consider the impact of any amendment on the total motion.

Rick Kovalcik: Point of Order: Is there a time limit to this debate.

Chairman: Yes there is

Robert Sacks: Any change to radius would be a greater change.

Secretary: [*Read from last year's minutes, at the request of the meeting, to investigate if last year's meeting had made any ruling on what constituted a greater or lesser change.*]

"Seth Breidbart: Request ruling from the Chairman as to what constitutes a lesser change.

"Chairman [*Tim Illingworth*]: That's Jack Herman's business, I won't comment on that."

Kevin Standlee: Have sympathy with Chairman, 60-500 seems pragmatic.

Richard Russell: Point of Information: What is effect?

Chairman: Vote to dissent means that no change is allowed.

Trey Haddad: Clauses are not severable.

Chairman: Motion is put in the form: That the Chairman's ruling be sustained. If in favour of the motion, lengths can be changed; if against the motion, lengths cannot be changed.

Motion failed 29-45. Any amendments to distance are a greater change.

Judy Bemis: Point of Inquiry: Difference between 500 miles and 800 kilometres?

Secretary: From last year's minutes:

"Chairman [*Tim Illingworth*]: 500 miles is almost exactly 800 kms.

"Motion adopted by unanimous consent.

"[*Secretary: I understand that the motion as adopted was to amend "five hundred (500) miles" to "five hundred (500) miles or eight hundred (800) kilometres" The difference between the two is roughly three miles or 5 kilometres., with 500 miles equal to 804.7km.*]"

Robert Sacks(A): We could have had a Boston in Orlando bid against the late San Jose bid this year, this is not an improvement. Local votes are not always in favour of a local bid. Not convinced existing system is broken.

Kevin Standlee: Question of Procedure: Should members wishing to speak rise or raise their hands?

Chairman: Simply catch the Chairman's attention.

Mary Morman: It is not broke, it is broken.

[Secretary: Kevin Standlee then performed a can-can while waving his arms in the air and yodelling, "Mr Chairman, Oh, Mr Chairman". This certainly caught the Chairman's attention.]

Kevin Standlee (F): Site selection is not broken but it's rolling home with half-flat tires. We came very close to having no bids on the ballot this year. If there are no bids, the Business Meeting gets to decide... We are too large, there are too few sites, we must increase the pool of sites. No real danger of rotating Worldcons.

Rick Kovalcik (A): Think Kevin is exaggerating, going to a Business Meeting to decide wouldn't be that bad, compared to that large gorilla.

[Secretary: For the benefit of those not present, the suggestion that the Business Meeting might ever have to decide Site Selection was not welcomed by those present at this Business Meeting. The general response to this suggestion was one of horror.]

Becky Thomson (F): At the moment we can't choose our own year, we have to go with the rotation, why can't we choose the best year for our city. If capturing Worldcons was a problem, we could then amend constitution again.

Tom Veal (A): 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.

Andrew Adams (F): I'm involved in bidding a non-N.A. Worldcon, and I object to the implication the UK requires special treatment. However, we do think we've picked on the Western zone too much and our experience is that people will avoid bidding against non-N.A. Worldcon bids if they can.

Alex Latzko (A): Keeping bid and con committee together. Most of committee doesn't change year on year.

Kent Bloom (F): 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.

Gary Feldbaum (A): Foreshadowing a motion for next year, requiring 12 month out filing deadlines. Current system tends to draw out cities and I don't want to see campaigns against bids.

Paul Mantz (F): Would vote in favour if we can amend to 300 miles next year.

Perianne Lurie (A): Removes only advantage non-N.A. bids have.

Vince Docherty (F): 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.

Ken Smookler(A): Bids are club based not committee based. Smaller cities are encouraged by a particular year. 4 or 5 cities could dominate the whole process and discourage the smaller cities.

Tom Whitmore (F): 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. Time Expired.

Kevin Standlee: Question of Privilege: Serpentine vote if close.

Motion carries 56 – 42

Robert Sacks: MOVE to change 500 to 300 miles

Chairman: That would require suspension of the rules.

Robert Sacks: MOVE to suspend rules.

Kevin Standlee: Seconded

Motion Fails

Joni Brill Dashoff: Point of Inquiry: When would it be appropriate to introduce such motions?

Chairman: At end of other new business, during Site Selection Meeting.

4.0 New Business

4.1 The Long and Short of it.

[Secretary: See Attached for full text of Amendments]

Chairman: Propose to deal with 4.2 now, and return to Hugo items tomorrow after Site Selection business

4.2 Return to two year bidding

[Secretary: See Attached for full text of amendment]

Chairman: Robert Sacks wishes to foreshadow that he will introduce two new provisos to this motion.

Vince Docherty (F): Three year running was introduced to make site availability easier and hasn't helped. This three year period does make holding committee together harder.

Todd Dashoff (A): Believe that extra year is necessary for inexperienced committees.

Peggy Rae Pavlat (F): For Bucconeer, that year consumed more than it gained, it was too exhausting.

Morris Keesan (A): Not in favour of this immediately after such a major change.

Kevin Standlee (F): The extra year creates trouble and runs up costs. Also the three year running appears to match the three year bidding. Bidding is expensive and difficult. Facilities empty two years out will be more desperate.

Bridget Boyle (A): Extra time allows new people to understand what's going on.

Ben Yalow (F): Shortening the time from coming out of the bid to when you can do something useful is good

Saul Jaffe (A): Two year running could impact real life job performances

Dave Ratti (A): Who gets disenfranchised?

Robert Sacks (A): Don't want extra year of bidding, don't want to risk losing site.

Richard Russell (A): Three year lead time

Robert Sacks: Point of Order: My foreshadowed provisos would affect motion.

Chairman: Will allow quick debate on these provisos. Second proviso is that the amendment takes effect after the selection of the 2004 Worldcon in 2001.

Robert Sacks (F): Against this without this proviso – want to keep my site

Rick Kovalcik (A): Slippery slope

Gary Feldbaum: Point of Order: Could not take effect until 2004 anyway

Ben Yalow: Gary Feldbaum is incorrect, see constitution

Proviso was voted down

Chairman: First proviso is that members of the Worldcon that does not conduct site selection shall receive a transferable supporting membership, limited to site selection, in the following Worldcon.

Robert Sacks (F): If we lose a year this is what we might do

Beth Moresund: Point of Information: Non-transferable, no.

Ben Yalow (A): Everyone gets two votes?

Proviso was voted down

Original motion failed 29-33

4.3 Rest-of-the-World Hugo Eligibility.

[Secretary: See Attached for full text of amendment]

Business delayed until after Site Selection business

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The World Science Fiction Society
Site Selection Business Meeting at Aussiecon Three
Sunday 5th September 1999, 9:00 AM

Chairman called meeting to order at 9:02 AM. Attendance as recorded on the sign-up sheets for this meeting was 74.

5.0 Site Selection Business

5.1 Report of the 2002 Site Selection & Presentation by Winner

[Secretary: See attached for full results of Site Selection, ConJosé PR0, Roswell in 2002 congratulations and text of address by Kevin Standlee, San Jose in 2002 bid chair.]

Mark Linnemann presented the results of the Site Selection. San Jose in 2002 were declared winners of site selection.

Tom Whitmore, their Chair, announced that the name of the convention would be ConJosé, that their Guests of Honour are Vernor Vinge, David Cherry, Bjo & John Trimble and Ferdinand Feghoot, with Tad Williams as Toastmaster, and distributed PR0. He also thanked their bid chair Kevin Standlee and presented him with a Railwayman's Watch, complete with special upside-down Australian engraving. Cheryl Morgan was announced as ConJosé's MPC representative.

[Secretary: I wish to extend my thanks to ConJosé, on behalf of all those who in the decades ahead have to find how to produce an **é** on their word processor...]

1.0 Committee Reports

1.1 Mark Protection Committee

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1.2 The Nitpicking & Flyspecking Committee

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1.3 Worldcon Runners Guide Editorial Committee

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3.2 No-Zone Rotation

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4.0 New Business

4.1 The Long and Short of it.

4.1B The Medium is the Message

[Secretary: See Attached for full text of Amendments]

Kevin Standlee (F): Ambivalent, but think we've probably reached the time to discuss amending the BDP

Richard Russell: MOVE to amend by Substitution (4.1B for 4.1)

Robert Sacks: Seconded

Richard Russell: Trying to find a reasonable division, still uncomfortable with any division, but think real split is that between TV and film.

Kevin Standlee: MOVE to strike "all or" from clause 5

Rick Kovalcik: Point of Inquiry: Was intention to prevent nomination of commercials for the Hugo

Richard Russell: Largely copied from 4.1, no particular preference

Linda Deneroff: Point of Inquiry: Could a commercial be nominated?

Chairman: Yes, if we struck "all or"

Words were struck by agreement

Winton Matthews: Point of Inquiry: Can you nominate one episode or entire series?

Chairman: Motion does not affect clause re single episode.

Alex Latzko (A): Films can be premiered in US on TV and in Europe on film, and vice versa.

Perianne Lurie (F): This is more meaningful, even if still not perfect

Ben Yalow (A): Think both are somewhat premature. It gets harder to decide if something is TV or movie – HBO, direct to video.

Robert Sacks (F): Hollywood has a rule that if something isn't shown in a theatre, then it's not a film

Rick Kovalcik (A): Think both of these are bad ideas.

Parris McBride: MOVE to extend debate time by five minutes

George R R Martin: Seconded

Motion to extend fails

Motion to substitute fails 27-24

[Secretary: Back to 4.1 now.]

Richard Russell (F): Prefer 100 minute split to nothing. Two BDP Hugos are a good idea.

George R R Martin (A): From my experience in Hollywood, I don't think there's enough good work. Shouldn't do this until we have more worthy stuff.

Joni Dashoff (F): There is a lot of good obscure stuff, which has to compete against the better known.

Karl Euvergang (A): Increasing number of categories may reduce level of excellence required to be nominated.

Kevin Standlee (F): Just barely in favour. Poor nominations may reflect poor taste of the electorate, rather than lack of potential nominees.

Andrew Adams (A): Delay in TV shows for rest of the world, may concentrate voting in US.

Bridget Boyle: Point of Information: What does first time mean?

Chairman: First showing – Hitchhikers was refused the ballot in 1980, as it had gone to air the previous year in the UK

Robin Johnson: Point of Inquiry: Feel Hugos are unappreciated by film producers, how much interest is there?

George R R Martin: Very appreciated by fans or others involved in our community, no real interest otherwise.

Motion fails

4.2 Return to two year bidding

[Secretary: See Attached for full text of amendment]

This Item was dealt with at the Main Business Meeting

4.3 Rest-of-the-World Hugo Eligibility.

[Secretary: See Attached for full text of amendment]

Chairman: Preliminary Business Meeting did not set a time for this. I intend to set a 12 minute debate time, unless there is objection.

Vince Docherty (F): Quality and fairness issues. Novels and magazines have a different publication schedule in the UK than in the US. Publication in the US can also prevent nomination.

Robert Sacks: MOVE to amend to read "throughout Article 3" so as to affect all Hugos.

Docherty: Maker of motion will not object to this

William Peet: Point of Inquiry: Can we hear this?

Andrew Adams: Point of Information: Careful with Section 3.2.2

Kevin Standlee: What about 3.3.5-3.3.12

Trey Haddad: Point of Information: Doesn't affect Campbell

Ben Yalow (A): Unhappy with underlying thing, unhappy about application to fan Hugos.

Andrew Adams: Fanzines do have slow and secondary distributions

Kevin Standlee (A): Should motion be passed, do you intend to introduce motion to amend 3.8.x...

Ben Yalow: MOVE to commit to Committee to report to Business Meeting at Chicon 2000

Robert Sacks: Seconded

No debate, motion passed.

Chairman: Vince Docherty will chair, may co-opt as he requires.

4.4 Amending No-Zone Rotation.

[Secretary: See Attached for full text of amendment]

Judy Bemis: Point of Inquiry: Would 4.4 need to be ratified next year?

Chairman: Any change of distance would require ratification next year. No-zone goes into Constitution at end of meeting.

Kevin Standlee: Point of Order: Section 6.4. Don't think this is correct. [Secretary: Later, post meeting, Kevin clarified his meaning as follows: "Point of Order: Per section 6.4, amendments do not go into effect until after the close of the Worldcon, but per our parliamentary authority, they are PART of the constitution the moment they are ratified. Thus, you should be able to amend a just-ratified constitutional amendment during the same year they are ratified, even if the amendment hasn't yet gone into effect."]

Gary Feldbaum: Change is in place, but is not enforced

Robert Sacks: Believe this is an abuse of process, if meeting is not allowed to amend.

Ben Yalow: Agree this motion is in order.

Chairman: We will consider this motion, and set a 12 minute time limit

Tim Illingworth: Object to Consideration

Perianne Lurie: Seconded

OTC failed on 2/3

Robert Sacks (F): Thank Mark Olson for his mileage charts. This breaks up mid-West and prevents local fan groups working together.

Kevin Standlee (A): Mr Sacks may be misreading the nature of fandom in California. LA is close to SF as far as local fans are concerned

Alex Latzko (F): East coast distances are considerably shorter – there are at least four distinct fandoms on the east coast

Perianne Lurie (A): Debated this at length last year – driving distance and forcing Worldcon to move.

Rick Kovalcik (F): I voted 500 miles to prevent this passing, we need to consider the ordinary fan

James Doherty (A): Without a 500 mile rule the Worldcon could remain in New England

Joni Dashoff (F): Eight hour drive is my maximum

Andrew Adams: Point of Information: Estimate of how many site selections would not have been possible under this rule

Meeting: Louisville & Winnipeg race at Chicon 3, SF&LA, Brighton and The Hague, Baltimore and Philadelphia

Robert Green (A): Difficult to get Worldcon off East and West coast

Judy Bemis (F): No exclusion zone would probably make no difference

Ben Yalow (A): Difficult to decide what local fandom is

(Debate extended by two minutes)

James Briggs: Point of Information: As a San Diego fan, SF is not the same California

Bridget Boyle (F): 300 miles would take away Boston / Baltimore

Motion Fails

Joni Dashoff: Point of Information: In order to move 400 miles?

Kevin Standlee: MOVE Special Rule. All further discussion of this subject is disallowed at this meeting. [*Secretary: Later, post meeting, Kevin Standlee clarified as follows: "MOVE Special Rule to be in effect only for the duration of this year's Business Meeting: All further motions affecting the no-zone exclusion distance are undebatable. (2/3 vote required to adopt Special Rule of Order.)"*]

Seconded and passed

Joni Dashoff: MOVE 400 miles or 640km.

Robert Sacks: Seconded

Nays have it. Motion fails.

Kent Bloom: MOVE to commend podium staff for their handling of the no-zone issue.

Seonded and applauded.

Dave Clark: MOVE that this body suggests to the three seated Worldcons that they consider introducing a Hugo to split the BDP

Robert Sacks: Object to Consideration

Gary Feldbaum: Point of Order: There's an overlap in constitution

Mark Linnemann: Point of Information: Special Hugos

Richard Russell: Point of Inquiry: Does reallocating apply to 3.2.6

Chairman: No

Ben Yalow: Point of Information: This would be in order, because work could be in two categories – stupid but not illegal

Todd Dashoff: Point of Information: Is it in order to obligate future committees?

Chairman: No, it's just a non-binding recommendation

Robert Sacks: Object to Consideration

OTC passes

Tim Illingworth: MOVE meeting directs Secretary to move section 4.8 to 1.8 as 1.8.x

Chairman: Appears to be sense of meeting that zonal definition belongs with MPC now.

5.0 Site Selection Business

5.1 Report of the 2002 Site Selection & Presentation by Winner

Disposed of earlier during the Site Selection Meeting

5.2 Question Time for Seated Worldcons

Representatives of both Worldcons are present at this Worldcon and will entertain questions

5.3 Presentation by bidders for 2003 Worldcon

No presentations were made

Robert Sacks: MOVE to adjourn Sine Die

Kevin Standlee: Question of Privilege: Leave to introduce motion commending podium staff.

Chairman: Thank Secretary, Timekeeper, Tellers, and the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45.

Disposition of Business

Constitutional Amendments Ratified (Second Year Approval)

Business Passed On Items 3.1, and 3.2 were ratified and now form part of the WSFS Constitution. The Meeting directed the Secretary to move section 4.8 to 1.8.x

Constitutional Amendments Failed of Ratification

No Business Passed On failed of ratification.

Constitutional Amendments Passed (First Year Approval)

No Proposed Constitutional Amendments passed.

Constitutional Amendments Defeated

Proposed Constitutional Amendments 4.1A and 4.1B were rejected in favour of 4.1. 4.1 was defeated

Proposed Constitutional Amendment 4.2 was defeated.

Proposed Constitutional Amendment 4.3 was referred to Committee, chaired by Vince Docherty, to report to Chicon 2000 business meeting.

Proposed Constitutional Amendment 4.4 was defeated.

Standing Rules Changes

At the request of the Nitpicking and Flyspecking Committee, the meeting approved the following new Special Rule. It is to be inserted before existing Rule 26.

SR xx: Constitutional and Standing Rule Amendments. Motions to Amend the Constitution, to ratify a Constitutional Amendment, and to Amend the Standing Rules shall be considered ordinary main motions, except as otherwise provided in the Standing Rules or Constitution. An Object to Consideration shall not be in order against Ratification of a Constitutional Amendment.

Other Items On Agenda

The following special committees were continued:

Nitpicking and Flyspecking Committee (1.2)

Worldcon Runners' Guide Editorial Committee (1.3)

The following special committee was established:

Rest of the World Hugo Eligibility Committee, chaired by Vince Docherty. To consider a proposed Constitutional Amendment on this subject and report back to the Chicon 2000 Business Meeting.

Outline Agenda for 2000

1. Committee Reports

1.1 Mark Protection Committee

1.2 Nitpicking & Flyspecking Committee

1.3 Worldcon Runners Guide Editorial Committee

1.4 Rest of the World Hugo Eligibility Committee

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2.2 Seated Worldcons

2.2.1 Chicon 2000 (2000)

2.2.2 The Millennium Philcon (2001)

2.2.3 ConJosé (2002)

3. Business Passed On from Aussiecon Three

There is no Business Passed On from Aussiecon Three

4. New Business

5. Site Selection Business

5.1 Report of the 2003 Site Selection & Presentation by Winners

5.2 Reports by seated Worldcons

5.3 Presentation by bidders for 2004

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APPENDIX A – Preliminary Business Meeting Agenda
Friday 3rd September 1999

[Special Note: The publication of the Constitution in PR3 and in the Souvenir Booklet, and on the website, omit one subsection of the document.

In paragraph 1.5, subsection 5, should read:

Section 1.5: Memberships.

1.5.5: Voters have the right to convert to attending membership in the selected Worldcon within ninety (90) days of its selection, for an additional fee set by its committee. This fee must not exceed two (2) times the site-selection fee and must not exceed the difference between the site-selection fee and the fee for new attending members.

The subsequent subsections need to be renumbered thus:

1.5.6: The Worldcon Committee shall make provision for persons to become supporting members for no more than one hundred and twenty-five percent (125%) of the site-selection fee, or such higher amount as has been approved by the Business Meeting, until a cutoff date no earlier than ninety (90) days before their Worldcon.

1.5.7: Other memberships and fees shall be at the discretion of the Worldcon Committee.]

1. Committee Reports

1.1. Mark Protection Committee (and Nominations for MPC)

See the World Science Fiction Society Constitution, Sections 1.7 and 1.8, and Standing Rules 11 and 12.

Officers: Randall Shepherd (Chairman), Scott Dennis (Treasurer), Gary Keith Feldbaum (Secretary).

Membership: elected until Aussiecon Three: Stephen Boucher, Gary Keith Feldbaum, Sue Francis; *elected until Chicon 2000:* Scott Dennis, Donald Eastlake, Ruth Sachter; *elected until the Millennium Philcon:* Tim Illingworth, Kevin Standlee, Ben Yalow. *Worldcon appointees:* Randall Shepherd (LoneStarCon 2), Covert Beach (Bucconeer), Dick Smith (Aussiecon Three), Zanne Labonville (Chicon 2000); Todd Dashoff (Millennium Philcon). *NASFIC appointee:* Robert Sacks (Conucopia).

Postal address: P.O. Box 426159, Kendall Square Station, Cambridge, MA 02142 USA.

E-mail: mpc@wsfs.org

The committee is to report and the positions currently occupied by Stephen Boucher, Gary Keith Feldbaum and Sue Francis are up for nomination. The election, if necessary, will be held at the Main Business Meeting on 4 September.

1.2. Nitpicking & Flyspecking Committee

The 1986 WSFS Business Meeting voted to create a special committee to research and codify all resolutions of the WSFS Business Meeting that are still in force. This committee has submitted reports to Business Meetings since 1987, and has each year been continued to report to the next Business Meeting. Written report attached.

Membership: Donald E. Eastlake, III (Chairman), Tim Illingworth, Kevin Standlee.

Postal address: 318 Acton St., Carlisle, MA 01741, USA.

E-mail: dee3@torque.pothole.com

1.3. Worldcon Runners' Guide Editorial Committee

This committee was established by the 1989 WSFS Business Meeting, and has been continued ever since. A new edition of the Worldcon Runners' Guide was submitted at the 1996 Business Meeting. Written report attached.

Membership: Saul Jaffe (Chair), Sharon Sbarsky, Ben Yalow

E-Mail: crg@sflowers.rutgers.edu

2. Worldcon Reports

2.1 Past Worldcons and NASFiCs

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- 2.1.2 L.A.con III (1996)
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2.2 Seated Worldcons

- 2.2.1 Aussiecon Three (1999)
- 2.2.2 Chicon 2000 (2000)
- 2.2.3 The Millennium Philcon (2001)

3. Business Passed On from Bucconeer

Items under this heading have been given first passage, and will become part of the Constitution if ratified at Aussiecon 3.

3.1 Tidying Site Selection

MOVED, to amend the WSFS Constitution as follows:

In Section 4.1: replace "Voting shall be by mail or ballot cast at the current Worldcon with run-off ballot as described in Section 3.11" with "Voting shall be by written ballot cast either by mail or at the current Worldcon with tallying as described in Section 3.11".

In Section 4. 1: replace "administer the mail balloting" with "administer the voting".

Replace Section 4.3 with the following new Section:

Section 4.3: Non-natural Persons. Corporations, associations, and other non-human or artificial entities may cast ballots, but only for "No Preference". "Guest of" memberships may only cast "No Preference" ballots. Memberships transferred to individual natural persons may cast preferential ballots, provided that the transfer is accepted by the administering convention.

In Section 4.5.1, replace "with two (2) witnesses from each bidding committee allowed to observe." with ". Each bidding committee should provide at least two (2) tellers."

Delete Subsection 4.5.3, and insert the following new Subsections:

4.5.3: "None of the Above" shall be treated as a bid for tallying, and shall be the equivalent of "No Award" with respect to Section 2.9.

4.5.5: If "None of the Above" wins, the duty of site selection shall devolve on the Business Meeting of the current Worldcon. If the Business Meeting is unable to decide by the end of the Worldcon, the Committee for the following Worldcon shall make the selection without undue delay.

4.5.6: Where a site and Committee are chosen by a Business Meeting or Worldcon Committee, they are not restricted by region or other qualifications, and the choice of an out-of-rotation site shall not affect the regional rotation for subsequent years.

Moved by the Nitpicking and Flyspecking Committee

Discussion:

This tidies the wording of Article 4. It requires the current committee to administer the whole voting process rather than just the mail balloting, and directs the bidding committees to provide tellers rather than allowing them to provide observers. This changes the Constitution to reflect what actually happens, so there is no actual change in powers.

3.2 No-Zone Rotation

Moved: 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.

Moved by Ben Yalow and Bruce Pelz

Discussion:

This replaces the current zone system for site eligibility in North America with an unzoned system, in which a bid from any of the rotation zones is allowed to bid in any year. While the rotation system used to be necessary in order to prevent the Worldcon from staying in one geographic area, the decrease through the years in the number of locations that can hold a Worldcon will accomplish most of these results.

This system will also mean that if a group wishes to bid in a year, and has facilities available for that year, they will generally be eligible. And, if a group has its facility taken away by another group, it doesn't need to wait three years to rebid, but may do so when it is next able.

The exclusion zone is expanded from 60 miles to 500 to ensure that having a large number of local voters won't give one site a large proximity advantage in any race.

Effect:

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.

4.9.3: The proposed NASFiC voting fee supporting membership rate can be set by unanimous agreement of the prospective candidates that file with the administering Committee the administering Committee and all bidding committees who have filed before the ballot deadline.

4.9.4: If "None of the Above" wins, or if no eligible bid files by the deadline, then no NASFiC shall be held and all voting fees any supporting membership payments collected for the NASFiC site selection shall be refunded by the administering convention without undue delay.

4. New Business

Items under this heading have not been given first passage, and will become part of the Constitution only if passed at Aussiecon 3 and ratified at Chicon 2000.

4.1 The Long and Short of It

MOVED, To amend portions of Article III of the WSFS Constitution to have the effect of splitting the existing Best Dramatic Presentation category into two categories, Long Form and Short Form, to regulate the administration of such categories, and for other purposes, as follows.

1. Strike out existing Section 3.3.6, "Best Dramatic Presentation."

2. Insert the following section after existing Section 3.3.5:

3.3.x: BEST DRAMATIC PRESENTATION, LONG FORM: Any production in any medium of dramatized science fiction, fantasy, or related subjects, which has been publicly presented for the first time in its present dramatic form during the previous calendar year, with a complete running time of more than 100 minutes.

3. Insert the following section before existing Section 3.3.7

3.3.x: BEST DRAMATIC PRESENTATION, SHORT FORM: Any production in any medium of dramatized science fiction, fantasy, or related subjects, which has been publicly presented for the first time in its present dramatic form during the previous calendar year, with a complete running time of 100 minutes or less.

4. Insert the following section after existing Section 3.2.5:

3.2.x: The Worldcon Committee shall not consider previews, promotional trailers, commercials, public service announcements, or other extraneous material when determining the length of a work.

5. Insert the following section after existing Section 3.2.6:

3.2.x: The Worldcon Committee may relocate a dramatic presentation work into a more appropriate category if it feels that it is necessary, provided that the length of the work is within the lesser of twenty (20) minutes or twenty percent (20%) of the new category limits.

Moved by Chris Barkley, Kevin Standlee and Lew Wolkoff

Discussion:

The amendment itself has a three fold purpose:

A) To split most television and motion picture presentations into two length categories, Long Form and Short Form.

B) To give fans a wider choice in their selections for Best Dramatic Presentations; for example, as a result of the category split, fans have the option of choosing radio dramas, books on tape/cd, music albums, musical performances, etc...

C) Attract more media minded or casual reading fans into the Hugo selection process and expand the voting base.

4.1A The Not So Long and Short of It

MOVED, to substitute for the entire text of the motion titled "The Long and Short of It," the following:

MOVED, To amend portions of Article III of the WSFS Constitution to have the effect of splitting the existing Best Dramatic Presentation category into two categories, Non-Episodic and Episodic, to regulate the administration of such categories, and for other purposes, as follows.

1. Strike out existing Section 3.3.6, "Best Dramatic Presentation."

2. Insert the following section after existing Section 3.3.5:

3.3.x BEST DRAMATIC PRESENTATION, EPISODIC. Any production in any medium of dramatized Science Fiction, Fantasy, or related subjects, which formed a single episode from a regularly scheduled ongoing production.

3. Insert the following section before existing Section 3.3.7

3.3.x: BEST DRAMATIC PRESENTATION, NON-EPISODIC. Any feature film, short subject, television mini-series, live theater production, or any other production in any medium of dramatized Science Fiction, Fantasy, or related subjects, not eligible for the Episodic Best Dramatic Presentation Hugo Award.

4. Insert the following sentence at the end of Section 3.2.4:

3.2.4: [...] A multi-part episodic or non-episodic dramatic production shall be eligible for the year in which the final part is first publicly performed.

5. Insert the following sentence at the end of Section 3.2.6:

3.2.6: [...] The Worldcon Committee may relocate a dramatic presentation work into a more appropriate category if it feels that it is necessary.

Moved by: Skip Morris, Robert Sacks and Judy Bemis

Discussion (SM):

As an individual who has run numerous convention film and video programs over several decades I feel qualified to comment on the main motion and my amendment. While I feel it is a worthwhile goal to expand the Best Dramatic Presentation Hugo, splitting the award by length does not best represent the differences in movies vs television episodes. There are many films I've shown at SF cons whose length is close to an hour. (The shortest one I remember is "La Jette", the basis for the film "12 Monkeys" which ran about 30 minutes, or Hugo winner "The Capture" which was a slide show running about 20 minutes.) Many TV show episodes likewise are multi-parters running 2 or 3 hours. (Several Star Trek and Babylon 5 episodes come to mind.)

The biggest difference in the mediums are that TV episodes are produced under a deadline, typically have a smaller budget, a story has to be developed to fit a setting and cast of characters, and there is typically a "writers bible" which limits what a story creator is allowed to do.

Films, TV Mini Series, and other such productions are different. The story, setting & characters can be developed together. There is more freedom for the writer to make changes to the universe being developed. Deadlines are not as important; a movie production can easily slip a few weeks or months. TV episode schedules are much less flexible. I can draw a comparison to the effect of deadlines on creativity with the American Pulitzer Award, which has different awards for stories published both "under a deadline" and "not under a deadline". This to me reflects the most crucial difference in the medium.

Notes: Section three spells out things like "television mini-series" to make it clear that productions like "From the Earth to the Moon" and "I, Claudius" belong in the non-episodic category. Also, section two originally had the words "of no less than 8 episodes in a single production season" at the very end. In talking to people I've been convinced that it is better to leave such decisions as to what constitutes an "ongoing series" to the judgement Hugo Administrators. However, I would consider a request to add the phrase back in as a friendly amendment.

4.2 Return to two-year bidding.

MOVED: to amend the WSFS constitution as follows:

In Section 4.1: replace "WSFS shall choose the location and Committee of the Worldcon to be held three (3) years from the date of the current Worldcon" with "WSFS shall choose the location and Committee of the Worldcon to be held two (2) years from the date of the current Worldcon".

Moved by Vincent Docherty and Kevin Standlee

Discussion: The move back to two-year bidding for Worldcon site-selection reflects the historic evidence that three-year bidding has not been effective as a means of ensuring the viability of bids in obtaining and keeping their site (contracts) against competition from professional convention organisers. In addition the extra year after winning the bid causes additional work and strain for the convention organisers with little benefit for the members.

If this amendment is adopted, the timing of its implementation must be agreed - which Worldcon will 'skip' hosting site selection?

4.3 Rest-of-the-World Hugo Eligibility.

MOVED: to amend the WSFS constitution as follows:

In Section 3.2.1: replace "appearing for the first time during the previous calendar year" with "appearing for the first time during the previous two calendar years".

or

replace "appearing for the first time during the previous calendar year" with "appearing for the first time in English OR in the USA during the previous calendar year".

In each case an additional section is required to ensure that a work once nominated cannot be renominated the following year.

In the event that these proposals are unacceptable, then it is proposed that a committee be empowered to research the problem and propose a solution at the next Business Meeting in Chicago.

Moved by Vincent Docherty and Andrew Adams

Discussion:

The proposal reflects the concern that the publication schedules of non-North American books and fiction magazines makes it less likely that most of the voters will have read them in time to nominate them. Often this only occurs after these works have gone out of eligibility. The last Novel by a non-north-American to win the Hugo was *The Fountains of Paradise* by Arthur C. Clarke in 1980.

The proposed amendment chosen will affect only the 4 fiction categories - Novel, Novella, Novelette and Short Story, the other categories being specified individually.

5. Site Selection Business

[to be conducted at the Site Selection meeting on 5 September 1999]

5.1 Report of the 2002 Site Selection & Presentation by Winners

5.2 Reports by seated Worldcons

5.3 Presentation by bidders for 2003

APPENDIX B – Main Business Meeting Agenda
Saturday 4th September 1999

1. Committee Reports

1.1. Mark Protection Committee

See the World Science Fiction Society Constitution, Sections 1.7 and 1.8, and Standing Rules 11 and 12.

The committee is to present its report at this meeting.

There are three vacancies on the committee. Nominees for this year's elections are: Stephen Boucher (overseas), Gary Keith Feldbaum (Eastern) Sue Francis (Central) and Kent Smookler (Central). The election will be held at this meeting and there are no zonal restrictions.

1.2. Nitpicking & Flyspecking Committee

A written report was presented to the Preliminary Business Meeting.

1.3. Worldcon Runners' Guide Editorial Committee

This committee was established by the 1989 WSFS Business Meeting, and has been continued ever since. A new edition of the Worldcon Runners' Guide was submitted at the 1996 Business Meeting.

Saul Jaffe (Chair) will present his report (attached) to the Main Business Meeting.

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2.2.3 The Millennium Philcon (2001) [Presented to the Preliminary Business Meeting]

3. Business Passed On from Bucconeer

Items under this heading have been given first passage, and will become part of the Constitution if ratified at Aussiecon 3.

3.1 Tidying Site Selection (6 minutes debate time allowed)

MOVED, to amend the WSFS Constitution as follows:

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4.5.6: Where a site and Committee are chosen by a Business Meeting or Worldcon Committee, they are not restricted by region or other qualifications, and the choice of an out-of-rotation site shall not affect the regional rotation for subsequent years.

Moved by the Nitpicking and Flyspecking Committee

3.2 No-Zone Rotation (20 minutes debate time allowed)

Moved: 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

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Moved by Ben Yalow and Bruce Pelz

Effect:

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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.

4.9.3: The proposed NASFiC voting fee supporting membership rate can be set by unanimous agreement of the prospective candidates that file with the administering Committee the administering Committee and all bidding committees who have filed before the ballot deadline.

4.9.4: If "None of the Above" wins, or if no eligible bid files by the deadline, then no NASFiC shall be held and all voting fees any supporting membership payments collected for the NASFiC site selection shall be refunded by the administering convention without undue delay.

4. New Business

Items under this heading have not been given first passage, and will become part of the Constitution only if passed at Aussiecon 3 and ratified at Chicon 2000.

4.1 The Long and Short of It (20 minutes debate time allowed)

MOVED, To amend portions of Article III of the WSFS Constitution to have the effect of splitting the existing Best Dramatic Presentation category into two categories, Long Form and Short Form, to regulate the administration of such categories, and for other purposes, as follows.

1. Strike out existing Section 3.3.6, "Best Dramatic Presentation."

2. Insert the following section after existing Section 3.3.5:

3.3.x: BEST DRAMATIC PRESENTATION, LONG FORM: Any production in any medium of dramatized science fiction, fantasy, or related subjects, which has been publicly presented for the first time in its present dramatic form during the previous calendar year, with a complete running time of more than 100 minutes.

3. Insert the following section before existing Section 3.3.7

3.3.x: BEST DRAMATIC PRESENTATION, SHORT FORM: Any production in any medium of dramatized science fiction, fantasy, or related subjects, which has been publicly presented for the first time in its present dramatic form during the previous calendar year, with a complete running time of 100 minutes or less.

4. Insert the following section after existing Section 3.2.5:

3.2.x: The Worldcon Committee shall not consider previews, promotional trailers, commercials, public service announcements, or other extraneous material when determining the length of a work.

5. Insert the following section after existing Section 3.2.6:

3.2.x: The Worldcon Committee may relocate a dramatic presentation work into a more appropriate category if it feels that it is necessary, provided that the length of the work is within the lesser of twenty (20) minutes or twenty percent (20%) of the new category limits.

Moved by Chris Barkley, Kevin Standlee and Lew Wolkoff

4.2 Return to two-year bidding (12 minutes debate time allowed)

MOVED: to amend the WSFS constitution as follows:

In Section 4.1: replace "WSFS shall choose the location and Committee of the Worldcon to be held three (3) years from the date of the current Worldcon" with "WSFS shall choose the location and Committee of the Worldcon to be held two (2) years from the date of the current Worldcon".

Moved by Vincent Docherty and Kevin Standlee

Discussion: The move back to two-year bidding for Worldcon site-selection reflects the historic evidence that three-year bidding has not been effective as a means of ensuring the viability of bids in obtaining and keeping their site (contracts) against competition from professional convention organisers. In addition the extra year after winning the bid causes additional work and strain for the convention organisers with little benefit for the members.

If this amendment is adopted, the timing of its implementation must be agreed - which Worldcon will 'skip' hosting site selection?

4.3 Rest-of-the-World Hugo Eligibility

This proposal was referred to a committee chaired by Vincent Docherty to report to the Main Business meeting.

5. Site Selection Business

[to be conducted at the Site Selection meeting on 5 September 1999]

5.1 Report of the 2002 Site Selection & Presentation by Winners

5.2 Reports by seated Worldcons

5.3 Presentation by bidders for 2003

APPENDIX C – Site Selection Business Meeting Agenda
Sunday 5th September 1999

1. Committee Reports

1.1. Mark Protection Committee

See the World Science Fiction Society Constitution, Sections 1.7 and 1.8, and Standing Rules 11 and 12.

A written report was presented to the Main Business Meeting. .All Business was disposed of at this meeting.

Stephen Boucher, Gary Keith Feldbaum and Sue Francis (Central) were elected to the MPC vacancies..

1.2. Nitpicking & Flyspecking Committee

A written report was presented to the Preliminary Business Meeting. All Business was disposed of at this meeting.

1.3. Worldcon Runners' Guide Editorial Committee

A written report was presented to the Main Business Meeting. All Business was disposed of at this meeting.

2. Worldcon Reports

2.1 Past Worldcons and NASFiCs

2.1.1 ConAdian (1994) [Presented to the Preliminary Business Meeting]

2.1.2 L.A.con III (1996)

2.1.3 LoneStarCon 2 (1997) [Presented to the Preliminary Business Meeting]

2.1.4 Bucconeer (1998) [Presented to the Preliminary Business Meeting]

2.1.5 Conucopia (1999 NASFiC)

2.2 Seated Worldcons

2.2.1 Aussiecon Three (1999) [Presented to the Preliminary Business Meeting]

2.2.2 Chicon 2000 (2000) [Presented to the Main Business Meeting]

2.2.3 The Millennium Philcon (2001) [Presented to the Preliminary Business Meeting]

3. Business Passed On from Bucconeer

3.1 Tidying Site Selection [Business disposed of at the main Business Meeting.]

3.2 No-Zone Rotation [Business disposed of at the main Business Meeting.]

4. New Business

Items under this heading have not been given first passage, and will become part of the Constitution only if passed at Aussiecon 3 and ratified at Chicon 2000.

4.1 The Long and Short of It (20 minutes debate time allowed)

MOVED, To amend portions of Article III of the WSFS Constitution to have the effect of splitting the existing Best Dramatic Presentation category into two categories, Long Form and Short Form, to regulate the administration of such categories, and for other purposes, as follows.

1. Strike out existing Section 3.3.6, "Best Dramatic Presentation."

2. Insert the following section after existing Section 3.3.5:

3.3.x: BEST DRAMATIC PRESENTATION, LONG FORM: Any production in any medium of dramatized science fiction, fantasy, or related subjects, which has been publicly presented for the first time in its present dramatic form during the previous calendar year, with a complete running time of more than 100 minutes.

3. Insert the following section before existing Section 3.3.7

3.3.x: BEST DRAMATIC PRESENTATION, SHORT FORM: Any production in any medium of dramatized science fiction, fantasy, or related subjects, which has been publicly presented for the first time in its present dramatic form during the previous calendar year, with a complete running time of 100 minutes or less.

4. Insert the following section after existing Section 3.2.5:

3.2.x: The Worldcon Committee shall not consider previews, promotional trailers, commercials, public service announcements, or other extraneous material when determining the length of a work.

5. Insert the following section after existing Section 3.2.6:

3.2.x: The Worldcon Committee may relocate a dramatic presentation work into a more appropriate category if it feels that it is necessary, provided that the length of the work is within the lesser of twenty (20) minutes or twenty percent (20%) of the new category limits.

Moved by Chris Barkley, Kevin Standlee and Lew Wolkoff

4.1B The Medium is the Message

MOVED, To amend 4.1 by substituting the following:

To amend portions of Article III of the WSFS Constitution to have the effect of splitting the existing Best Dramatic Presentation category into two categories, Theatrical and Non-Theatrical, to regulate the administration of such categories, and for other purposes, as follows.

1. Strike out existing Section 3.3.6, "Best Dramatic Presentation."

2. Insert the following section after existing Section 3.3.5:

3.3.x: BEST DRAMATIC PRESENTATION, THEATRICAL: Any production in any dramatized science fiction, fantasy, or related subjects, which has been presented for the first time in its present dramatic form during the previous calendar year in a medium intended for theatrical presentation, such as a motion picture or stage play.

3. Insert the following section before existing Section 3.3.7

3.3.x: BEST DRAMATIC PRESENTATION, NON-THEATRICAL: Any production of dramatized science fiction, fantasy, or related subjects, which has been presented for the first time in its present dramatic form during the previous calendar year in a medium other than theatrical.

4. Insert the following section after existing Section 3.2.6:

3.2.x: The Worldcon Committee may relocate a dramatic presentation work into a more appropriate category if it feels that it is necessary.

5. Insert the following section before existing Section 3.2.7:

3.2.x: Previews, promotional trailers, commercials, public service announcements and similar extraneous material shall not be considered to be all or part of a dramatic presentation.

Moved by Richard Russell

4.2 Return to two-year bidding [Business disposed of at the Main Business Meeting.]

4.3 Rest-of-the-World Hugo Eligibility

This proposal was referred by the Preliminary Business Meeting to a committee chaired by Vincent Docherty to report back. They have reported the following proposed amendment.

MOVED: To amend the WSFS Constitution as follows:

In Section 3.2.1: replace "appearing for the first time during the previous calendar year" with "appearing for the first time during the previous two calendar years".

Add Section 3.8.x: "No nominee shall be eligible which has already appeared on a final ballot."

Moved by Vincent Docherty and Dr Andrew Adams and amended by a special committee of makers plus Dave Ratti, Zanne Labonville and Tim Illingworth.

Discussion:

*The proposal reflects the concern that the publication schedules of non-North American books and fiction magazines makes it less likely that most of the voters will have read them in time to nominate them. Often this only occurs after these works have gone out of eligibility. The last Novel by a non-North American to win the Hugo was *The Fountains of Paradise* by Arthur C Clarke in 1980.*

The proposed amendment will affect only the four fiction categories – Novel, Novella, Novelette and Short Story, the other categories being specified individually.

4.4 Amending No-Zone Rotation

MOVED: To amend the altered 4.7 by replacing “five hundred (500) miles or eight hundred (800) kilometers” with “three hundred (300) miles or four hundred and eighty (480) kilometers”.

5. Site Selection Business

[to be the first items considered]

5.1 Report of the 2002 Site Selection & Presentation by Winners

5.2 Reports by seated Worldcons

5.3 Presentation by bidders for 2003

APPENDIX D – Attendance

<u>Name</u>	<u>Surname</u>	<u>Domain</u>	<u>Fri</u>	<u>Sat</u>	<u>Sun</u>
A A	Adams	.ac.uk	X	X	X
Gary P	Agin	.edu		X	X
Paul	Allwood	.co.uk			X
Janine	Baalbergen	.net.nz		X	
Judith C	Bemis	.net	X	X	X
Kent	Bloom	.com	X	X	X
Stephen	Boucher	.asu.au	X	X	
Gigi	Boudville	.gov.au		X	
Jacky	Boykin	.com		X	
Bridget	Boyle	.org	X	X	X
James M	Briggs	.com	X	X	X
Lawrie	Brown	.org.au	X	X	
Brian	Burley	.com		X	X
Gordon	Carleton	.com	X	X	X
Lori	Chapek-Carleton	.com			X
Gerry	Clancy	.org		X	
David W	Clark	.com		X	X
Art	Coleman	.org	X	X	X
G	Dalrymple		X		
Todd	Dashoff	.com	X	X	X
Joni Brill	Dashoff	.com	X	X	X
James Stanley	Daugherty	.com	X	X	X
Kathryn	Daugherty	.com		X	X
Dianne	De Bellis	.net.au	X		X
Linda	Deneroff	.com			X
Vincent	Docherty	.com	X	X	X
Graham	Donald	.com		X	
Paul	Dormer	.co.uk	X	X	X
Chris	Duval	.net		X	
Doug	Faunt	.net		X	
Gary	Feldbaum	.com	X	X	
Naomi	Fisher			X	
Sue	Francis	.com		X	
Steve	Francis	.com		X	
Terry	Frost	.net.au	X		
David	Gallaher	.com		X	X
Lynn	Gold	.net			X
Larry	Gomez	.com		X	
Robert	Greene	.com	X		X
Trey	Haddad		X	X	X
Barbara Johnson	Haddad	.net		X	X
Paul	Haggerty	.gov			X
D Larry	Hancock	.net		X	
Teddy	Harvia	.net		X	
Jack	Herman	.net.au	X	X	X
Dennis	Howard	.com		X	
Tim	Illingworth	.co.uk	X	X	X
Saul	Jaffe	.edu		X	X

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Robin	Johnson	.com	X	X	X
Andrew	Johnson	.net	X	X	
Keith	Kato	.com		X	
William J	Keaton	.net		X	X
Morris	Keesan	.com	X	X	X
Rick	Kovalcik	.edu		X	X
Melvin	Krehbiel	.com	X	X	
'Zanne	Labonville	.com	X	X	X
Bob	Larson	.us	X	X	
Alex	Latzko	.deu	X	X	X
Keith	Lim	.com		X	
Mark	Linneman				X
Mark	Loney	.com.au		X	X
Perianne	Lurie	.com	X	X	X
Keith	Lynch	.net		X	X
Richard	Lynch	.com	X	X	
Bob	MacIntosh	.com	X	X	X
Thomas	MacLaney	.com	X	X	
Marci	Malinowycz	.com		X	
Winton	Matthews	.gov		X	X
Parris	McBride	.com		X	X
Paula	McGrath	.com		X	
Pat	McMurray	.co.uk	X	X	X
Lori	Meltzer		X	X	X
Perry	Middlemiss	.com.au	X		X
Alexandru	Mironov	.ro	X	X	X
Rose	Mitchell	.net.au	X		
Patrick	Molloy	.com	X	X	
Beth	Moresund	.com	X	X	X
Cheryl	Morgan	.com			X
Mary	Morman	.com		X	
Michael	Nelson	.com	X	X	X
Tom	O'Dell	.net		X	
Tony	Parker	.net		X	X
Pat	Porter	.com	X	X	X
David	Ratti	.com	X	X	X
Kaylynn	Reeb	.net		X	X
Diane	Rosenberg	.com			X
Richard S	Russell	.edu	X	X	X
Robert E	Sacks	.com	X	X	X
Juan J	Sanmiguel	.com		X	
Ben	Schilling	.com	X	X	X
Lucy	Schmeidler	.com	X		X
David	Shallcross	.com	X	X	X
Ron	Shapland	.ca		X	
Vivian	Sheffield	.net	X	X	X
TR	Smith	.com		X	X
Kenneth	Smookler	.ca	X	X	
Jack	Speer		X	X	X
Richard	Spelman	.com		X	
Kevin	Standlee	.com	X	X	X

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Christopher	Stober	.net		X	
Erwin S	Strauss			X	
Jeanne E	Sullivan	.com			X
Bjorn Tore	Sund	.no	X	X	X
Gayle	Surette	.net			X
Suzanna W	Taylor			X	
Diana	Thayer	.net		X	
Becky	Thomson	.com		X	
Tor Christian	Ulvang	.no		X	
Bertie	van Asseldonk	.at	X	X	X
Larry	van der Putte	.nl		X	X
James	van Pelt	.com		X	
Jan	van't Ent	.nl		X	X
Tom	Veal	.com		X	
Rohan	Wallace	.com	X		
Eric	Weber	.com		X	X
Tom	Whitmore	.com	X	X	X
Bill	Wright			X	X
Ben	Yalow	.com	X	X	X
Ken	Yamaoka				X

Others present at some time but not listed on the sign up sheet include: Peggy Rae Sapienza (or Pavlat), Karl Euvergang, Paul Mantz, George RR Martin, Scott and Jane Dennis

APPENDIX E: Committee Report: Mark Protection Committee

Minutes of the Meeting held Thursday 2 September 1999, 6 PM in the Melbourne Convention Centre, Melbourne Victoria.

Present: Committee Members: Zanne Labonville, Todd Dashoff, Ben Yalow, Tim Illingworth, Sue Francis, Robert Sacks, Stephen Boucher, Kevin Standlee, Scott Dennis, Gary Keith Feldbaum. Also present was Canadian Agent Ken Smookler.

The meeting was called to order by Gary Feldbaum in the absence of Chairman Randall Shepherd. Tim Illingworth was then appointed presiding officer for this meeting by unanimous consent.

Secretary: Gary Keith Feldbaum

Treasurer: Scott Dennis

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Secretary reported that he had received lots of interesting mail, and pleas for us to hold the Worldcon in various venues.

Treasurer Scott Dennis reported the following:

Receipts:	\$ 200	Donation, Continental SF Society
	\$3,000	Contribution, Bucconeer (It was noted with appreciation that this was in excess of the traditional \$1 per vote.)
Disbursements:	\$65	Domain name registration
	\$65	Post Office Box Rental

Account Balance: \$4,267.93 (Includes checks in transit)

It was noted that it is tradition that non North-American Worldcons may spend money directly on behalf of the Mark Protection Committee's activities.

Canadian agent Ken Smookler reported that there was no current need to spend money to maintain our Canadian registrations. Currently, ConAdian is a registered user of all six marks.

After some discussion, Gary Feldbaum moved to authorise Don Eastlake to do what is necessary to continue the protection of the marks in the United Kingdom and other European Union countries.

Seconded by Kevin Standlee.

Robert Sacks moved to amend by adding " and with the consent of any two of the officers to spend up to \$3,000 for those purposes." The amendment was defeated one to many.

The main motion was then adopted unanimously.

Stephen Boucher reported that a registration of the marks, other than the NASFiC, had been filed in Victoria, Australia. The status of the application will be reported in the future.

It was noted that we will continue to investigate the advisability of applying for a service mark on the shape of the Hugo awards.

There was nothing to report with respect to the development of a history of the marks.

It was also noted that the terms of the following members of the Committee would expire at the end of the Business Meeting:

Elected Members: Gary Keith Feldbaum, Stephen Boucher, Sue Francis

Appointed: Randall Shepherd

It was decided to hold the second meeting of the Mark Protection Committee following the adjournment of the Business Meeting sine die, at a location to be advised.

Respectfully submitted
Gary Keith Feldbaum, Secretary
Mark Protection Committee

APPENDIX F: Committee Report: Nitpicking and Flyspecking

The committee reports below the compilation of items from the 1994-98 Worldcons, together with the collected items from earlier Worldcons. The committee continues to use a definition of "likely to continue to have effect for more than a year" as "continuing". Items appearing with a "BM" in them were motions passed by the Business Meeting while items with a "CH" in them are rulings or opinions of the Chair.

The committee intends to make this full cumulative report available through its web page.

At San Antonio, the committee was charged with codifying the "customs and usages of WSFS" in light of the recent constitutional amendment which refers to such matters.

As a first step in this research, Tim Illingworth & Pat McMurray have OCRed and corrected the WSFS Business Meeting minutes for 1974, 1979, 1980-1983, 1985-1987 and 1990. We have OCRed but not corrected 1984 and 1988. 1993-date are available elsewhere (through Saul Jaffe). Pat has 1975 and 1991 to scan, and George Flynn gave us a disk with 1992 minutes that we have currently mislaid. These minutes are currently held in Word 6 format, and should be available from Tim's web site (www.smof.demon.co.uk) Real Soon Now.

The 1979 minutes are a report constructed from Ben Yalow's copy of the agenda of the Main Meeting with contemporaneous annotations. We have been unable to track down any copy of the 1989 minutes - which is surprising for an MCFI convention. If anyone has one, we'd like to hear from them.

The NP&FSC recommends that the Business Meeting adopt the following:

Short Title: Continue NP&FSC

Resolved: That the WSFS Nitpicking and Flyspecking Committee is continued as previously constituted.

Short Title: Rules Should Follow Practice

Resolved: Amend the Standing Rules by inserting a new rule before existing Rule 26:

SR xx: Constitutional and Standing Rule Amendments. Motions to Amend the Constitution, to Ratify a Constitutional Amendment, and to Amend the Standing Rules shall be considered ordinary main motions, except as otherwise provided in the Standing Rules or Constitution.

Discussion: This removes a technical ambiguity in the current rules. Under the adopted parliamentary authority (Robert's Rules of order, Newly Revised, 9th Edition), amendments to the constitution are explicitly defined as "incidental main motions", a special sub-class of main motions to which special rules apply. (Examples: 1. An Objection to Consideration may not be lodged against an incidental main motion. 2. An affirmative vote on a constitutional amendment may not be Reconsidered.) WSFS has, in practice, ignored all of these special rules, and has treated constitutional amendments as ordinary main motions. This rule explicitly codifies long-standing practice

APPENDIX G: Committee Report: Worldcon Runners' Guide

Chair: Saul Jaffe

Committee: Sharon Sbarsky, Ben Yalow

In keeping with previous tradition and in memory of the former editor, several trees were killed in the past year producing the 7th Edition of the Worldcon Runners' Guide. (A new tradition may have been started - the number and kind of creative curses laid upon the heads of the makers of Word 98).

The 7th Edition is not very different from the 6th edition -- the committee started with an electronic version of the 5th, and a printed copy of the 6th editions and merged the two, cleaning up numbering problems, formatting problems and similar oddities. The committee has also identified some missing material, as well as several areas of the guide that need updating.

The committee has decided, with the membership's permission, that future versions of the guide will be made available on the World Wide Web as HTML documents. This will make access to the guide easier for most people, and reduce not only printing costs, but also the number of trees asked to lay down their lives each year since people will be able to print selected pages. The committee also plans to have the entire guide available online in one or more formats yet to be determined, ready for printing, and will continue to provide printed copies to the Business Meeting and interested persons without computer access (at cost).

For the next edition, the committee hopes to expand several areas of the guide so that it is not focused on particular individual Worldcons, but has a broader appeal, encompassing more of fannish conrunning tradition throughout the world. **In particular, the committee hopes to hear from Aussiecon 3 committee members, on their experiences planning and running this convention.**

In the next year, if continued, the committee will be looking for individuals to assist in following tasks: writing new material, updating existing material, proofreading, and conversion to HTML. If interested in working on the guide, please contact the Editorial Committee at crg@sflovers.rutgers.edu. Please let us know what your interests are when you write.

In conclusion, the committee moves that it be continued, with the same instructions, to report to the 2000 Business Meeting in Chicago.

APPENDIX H: WSFS Constitution, with amendments ratified at Aussiecon Three

CONSTITUTION of the World Science Fiction Society, September 1998

[Secretary: Substantive changes that were ratified at the WSFS Business Meeting at Aussiecon Three (Melbourne, 1998) are shown as underline type for additions and ~~strike through~~ type for deletions. Old section 4.8 is now 1.8.5.]

Article I - Name, Objectives, Membership, and Organization

Section 1.1: Name. The name of this organization shall be the World Science Fiction Society, hereinafter referred to as WSFS or the Society.

Section 1.2: Objectives. WSFS is an unincorporated literary society whose functions are:

- (1) To choose the recipients of the annual Hugo Awards (Science Fiction Achievement Awards).
- (2) To choose the locations and Committees for the annual World Science Fiction Conventions (hereinafter referred to as Worldcons).
- (3) To attend those Worldcons.
- (4) To choose the locations and Committees for the occasional North American Science Fiction Conventions (hereinafter referred to as NASFiCs).
- (5) To perform such other activities as may be necessary or incidental to the above purposes.

Section 1.3: Restrictions. No part of the Society's net earnings shall be paid to its members, officers, or other private persons except in furtherance of the Society's purposes. The Society shall not attempt to influence legislation or any political campaign for public office. Should the Society dissolve, its assets shall be distributed by the current Worldcon Committee or the appropriate court having jurisdiction, exclusively for charitable purposes. In this section, references to the Society include the Mark Protection Committee and all other agencies of the Society but not convention bidding or operating committees.

Section 1.4: Membership. The Membership of WSFS shall consist of all people who have paid membership dues to the Committee of the current Worldcon.

Section 1.5: Memberships.

1.5.1: Each Worldcon shall offer supporting and attending memberships.

1.5.2: The rights of supporting members of a Worldcon include the right to receive all of its generally distributed publications.

1.5.3: The rights of attending members of a Worldcon include the rights of supporting members plus the right of general attendance at said Worldcon and at the WSFS Business Meeting held thereat.

1.5.4: Members of WSFS who cast a site-selection ballot with the required fee shall be supporting members of the selected Worldcon.

1.5.5: Voters have the right to convert to attending membership in the selected Worldcon within ninety (90) days of its selection, for an additional fee set by its committee. This fee must not exceed two (2) times the site-selection fee and must not exceed the difference between the site-selection fee and the fee for new attending members.

1.5.6: The Worldcon Committee shall make provision for persons to become supporting members for no more than one hundred and twenty-five percent (125%) of the site-selection fee, or such higher amount as has been approved by the Business Meeting, until a cutoff date no earlier than ninety (90) days before their Worldcon.

1.5.7: Other memberships and fees shall be at the discretion of the Worldcon Committee.

Section 1.6: Authority. Authority and responsibility for all matters concerning the Worldcon, except those reserved herein to WSFS, shall rest with the Worldcon Committee, which shall act in its own name and not in that of WSFS.

Section 1.7: The Mark Protection Committee.

1.7.1: There shall be a Mark Protection Committee of WSFS, which shall be responsible for registration and protection of the marks used by or under the authority of WSFS.

1.7.2: The Mark Protection Committee shall submit to the Business Meeting at each Worldcon a report of its activities since the previous Worldcon, including a statement of income and expense.

1.7.3: The Mark Protection Committee shall hold a meeting at each Worldcon after the end of the Business Meeting, at a time and place announced at the Business Meeting.

1.7.4: The Mark Protection Committee shall determine and elect its own officers.

Section 1.8: Membership of the Mark Protection Committee.

1.8.1: The Mark Protection Committee shall consist of:

1: one (1) member appointed to serve at the pleasure of each future selected Worldcon Committee and each of the two (2) immediately preceding Worldcon Committees

2: one (1) member appointed to serve at the pleasure of each future selected NASFiC Committee and for each Committee of a NASFiC held in the previous two years, and

3: nine (9) members elected three (3) each year to staggered three-year terms by the Business Meeting.

1.8.2: No more than three elected members may represent any single North American region, as defined in Section 1.8.5 4-8. Each elected member shall represent the region (if any) in which the member resided at the time they were elected.

1.8.3: Newly elected members take their seats, and the term of office ends for elected and appointed members whose terms expire that year, at the end of the Business Meeting.

1.8.4: If vacancies occur in elected memberships in the Committee, the remainder of the position's term may be filled by the Business Meeting, and until then temporarily filled by the Committee.

1.8.5: To ensure equitable distribution of representation, North America is divided into three (3) regions as follows:

(1) **Western:** Baja California, New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, Saskatchewan, and all states, provinces, and territories westward including Hawaii, Alaska, the Yukon, and the Northwest Territories.

(2) **Central:** Central America, the islands of the Caribbean, Mexico (except as above), and all states, provinces, and territories between the Western and Eastern regions.

(3) **Eastern:** Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, New York, Quebec, and all states, provinces, and territories eastward including the District of Columbia, St. Pierre et Miquelon, Bermuda, and the Bahamas.

Article II - Powers and Duties of Worldcon Committees

Section 2.1: Duties. Each Worldcon Committee shall, in accordance with this Constitution, provide for

1: administering the Hugo Awards,

2: administering any future Worldcon or NASFiC site selection required, and

3: holding a WSFS Business Meeting.

Section 2.2: Marks. Every Worldcon and NASFiC Committee shall include the following notice in each of its publications:

"World Science Fiction Society", "WSFS", "World Science Fiction Convention", "Worldcon", "NASFiC", and "Hugo Award" are service marks of the World Science Fiction Society, an unincorporated literary society.

Section 2.3: Official Representative. Each future selected Worldcon Committee shall designate an official representative to the Business Meeting to answer questions about their Worldcon.

Section 2.4: Distribution of Rules. The current Worldcon Committee shall print copies of the WSFS Constitution, together with an explanation of proposed changes approved but not yet ratified, and copies of the Standing Rules. The Committee shall distribute these documents to all WSFS members at a point between nine and three months prior to the Worldcon, and shall also distribute them to all WSFS members in attendance at the Worldcon upon registration.

Section 2.5: Bid Presentations. Each Worldcon Committee shall provide a reasonable opportunity for *bona fide* bidding committees for the Worldcon to be selected the following year to make presentations.

Section 2.6: Incapacity of Committees. With sites being selected three (3) years in advance, there are at least three selected current or future Worldcon Committees at all times. If one of these should be unable to perform its duties, the other selected current or future Worldcon Committee whose site is closer to the site of the one unable to perform its duties shall determine what action to take, by consulting the Business Meeting or by mail poll of WSFS if there is sufficient time, or by decision of the Committee if there is not sufficient time.

Section 2.7: Membership Pass-along. Within ninety (90) days after a Worldcon, the administering Committee shall, except where prohibited by local law, forward its best information as to the names and postal addresses of all of its Worldcon members to the Committee of the next Worldcon.

Section 2.8: Financial Openness. Any member of WSFS shall have the right, under reasonable conditions, to examine the financial records and books of account of the current Worldcon Committee, all future selected Worldcon Committees, and the two immediately preceding Worldcon Committees.

Section 2.9: Financial Reports.

2.9.1: Each future selected Worldcon Committee shall submit an annual financial report, including a statement of income and expenses, to each WSFS Business Meeting after the Committee's selection.

2.9.2: Each Worldcon Committee shall submit a report on its cumulative surplus/loss at the next Business Meeting after its Worldcon.

2.9.3: Each Worldcon Committee should dispose of surplus funds remaining after accounts are settled for the current Worldcon for the benefit of WSFS as a whole.

2.9.4: In the event of a surplus, the Worldcon Committee, or any alternative organizational entity established to oversee and disburse that surplus, shall file annual financial reports regarding the disbursement of that surplus at each year's Business Meeting, until the surplus is totally expended or an amount equal to the original surplus has been disbursed.

Article III - Hugo Awards

Section 3.1: Introduction. Selection of the Hugo Awards shall be made as provided in this Article.

Section 3.2: General.

3.2.1: Unless otherwise specified, Hugo Awards are given for work in the field of science fiction or fantasy appearing for the first time during the previous calendar year.

3.2.2: A work originally appearing in a language other than English shall also be eligible for the year in which it is first issued in English translation. A work, once it has appeared in English, may thus be eligible only once.

3.2.3: Publication date, or cover date in the case of a dated periodical, takes precedence over copyright date.

3.2.4: Works appearing in a series are eligible as individual works, but the series as a whole is not eligible. However, a work appearing in a number of parts shall be eligible for the year of the final part.

3.2.5: In the written fiction categories, 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.

3.2.6: The Worldcon Committee may relocate a story into a more appropriate category if it feels that it is necessary, provided that the length of the story is within the lesser of five thousand (5,000) words or twenty percent (20%) of the new category limits.

3.2.7: The Worldcon Committee is responsible for all matters concerning the Awards.

Section 3.3: Categories.

3.3.1: Best Novel. A science fiction or fantasy story of forty thousand (40,000) words or more.

3.3.2: Best Novella. A science fiction or fantasy story of between seventeen thousand five hundred (17,500) and forty thousand (40,000) words.

3.3.3: Best Novelette. A science fiction or fantasy story of between seven thousand five hundred (7,500) and seventeen thousand five hundred (17,500) words.

3.3.4: Best Short Story. A science fiction or fantasy story of less than seven thousand five hundred (7,500) words.

3.3.5: Best Related Book. Any work whose subject is related to the field of science fiction, fantasy, or fandom, appearing for the first time in book form during the previous calendar year, and which is either non-fiction or, if fictional, is noteworthy primarily for aspects other than the fictional text.

3.3.6: Best Dramatic Presentation. Any production in any medium of dramatized science fiction, fantasy or related subjects which has been publicly presented for the first time in its present dramatic form during the previous calendar year.

3.3.7: Best Professional Editor. The editor of any professional publication devoted primarily to science fiction or fantasy during the previous calendar year. A professional publication is one which had an average press run of at least ten thousand (10,000) copies per issue.

3.3.8: Best Professional Artist. An illustrator whose work has appeared in a professional publication in the field of science fiction or fantasy during the previous calendar year.

3.3.9: Best Semiprozine. Any generally available non-professional publication devoted to science fiction or fantasy which by the close of the previous calendar year has published four (4) or more issues, at least one (1) of which appeared in the previous calendar year, and which in the previous calendar year met at least two (2) of the following criteria:

- 1: had an average press run of at least one thousand (1000) copies per issue,
- 2: paid its contributors and/or staff in other than copies of the publication,
- 3: provided at least half the income of any one person,
- 4: had at least fifteen percent (15%) of its total space occupied by advertising,
- 5: announced itself to be a semiprozine.

3.3.10: Best Fanzine. Any generally available non-professional publication devoted to science fiction, fantasy, or related subjects which by the close of the previous calendar year has published four (4) or more issues, at least one (1) of which appeared in the previous calendar year, and which does not qualify as a semiprozine.

3.3.11: Best Fan Writer. Any person whose writing has appeared in semiprozines or fanzines or in generally available electronic media during the previous calendar year.

3.3.12: Best Fan Artist. An artist or cartoonist whose work has appeared through publication in semiprozines or fanzines or through other public display during the previous calendar year. Any person whose name appears on the final Hugo Awards ballot for a given year under the Professional Artist category shall not be eligible in the Fan Artist category for that year.

3.3.13: Additional Category. Not more than one special category may be created by the current Worldcon Committee with nomination and voting to be the same as for the permanent categories. The Worldcon Committee is not required to create any such category; such action by a Worldcon Committee should be under exceptional circumstances only; and the special category created by one Worldcon Committee shall not be binding on following Committees. Awards created under this paragraph shall be considered to be Hugo Awards.

Section 3.4: Extended Eligibility. In the event that a potential Hugo Award nominee receives extremely limited distribution in the year of its first publication or presentation, its eligibility may be extended for an additional year by a three fourths (3/4) vote of the intervening Business Meeting of WSFS.

Section 3.5: Name and Design. The Hugo Award shall continue to be standardized on the rocket ship design of Jack McKnight and Ben Jason. Each Worldcon Committee may select its own choice of base design. The name (Hugo Award) and the design shall not be extended to any other award.

Section 3.6: "No Award". At the discretion of an individual Worldcon Committee, if the lack of nominations or final votes in a specific category shows a marked lack of interest in that category on the part of the voters, the Award in that category shall be canceled for that year.

Section 3.7: Nominations.

3.7.1: The Worldcon Committee shall conduct a poll to select the nominees for the final Award voting. Each member of either the administering or the immediately preceding 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 III of the WSFS Constitution.

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

Section 3.8: Tallying of Nominations.

3.8.1: Except as provided below, the final Award ballots shall list in each category the five eligible nominees receiving the most nominations. If there is a tie including fifth place, all the tied eligible nominees shall be listed.

3.8.2: The Worldcon Committee shall determine the eligibility of nominees and assignment to the proper category of nominees nominated in more than one category.

3.8.3: Any nominations for "No Award" shall be disregarded.

3.8.4: If a nominee appears on a nomination ballot more than once in any one category, only one nomination shall be counted in that category.

3.8.5: No nominee shall appear on the final Award ballot if it received fewer nominations than five percent (5%) of the number of ballots listing one or more nominations in that category, except that the first three eligible nominees, including any ties, shall always be listed.

Section 3.9: Notification and Acceptance. Worldcon Committees shall use reasonable efforts to notify the nominees, 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 shall be asked at that time to either accept or decline the nomination. If the nominee declines nomination, that nominee shall not appear on the final ballot.

Section 3.10: Voting.

3.10.1: Final Award voting shall be by mail, with ballots sent only to WSFS members. 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 in the printed fiction categories, one or more books, anthologies, or magazines in which the nominee appeared (including the book publisher or magazine issue date(s)).

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

Section 3.11: Tallying of Votes.

3.11.1: In each category, votes shall first be tallied by the voter's first choices. If no majority is then obtained, the nominee who places last in the initial tallying shall be eliminated and the ballots listing it as first choice shall be redistributed on the basis of those ballots' second choices. This process shall be repeated until a majority-vote winner is obtained.

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: After a tentative winner is determined, then unless "No Award" shall be the winner, the following additional test shall be made. If the number of ballots preferring "No Award" to the tentative winner is greater than the number of ballots preferring the tentative winner to "No Award", then "No Award" shall be declared the winner of the election.

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 candidate receiving a number of votes equal to at least five percent (5%) of the nomination ballots cast in that category.

Section 3.12: Exclusions. No member of the current Worldcon Committee nor any publications closely connected with a member of the Committee shall be eligible for an Award. However, should the Committee delegate all authority under this Article to a Subcommittee whose decisions are irrevocable by the Worldcon Committee, then this exclusion shall apply to members of the Subcommittee only.

Section 3.13: Retrospective Hugos. A Worldcon held 50, 75, or 100 years after a Worldcon at which no Hugos were presented may conduct nominations and elections for Hugos which would have been presented at that previous Worldcon. Procedures shall be as for the current Hugos. Categories receiving insufficient numbers of nominations may be dropped. Once retrospective Hugos have been awarded for a Worldcon, no other Worldcon shall present retrospective Hugos for that Worldcon.

Article IV - Future Worldcon Selection

Section 4.1: Voting.

4.1.1: WSFS shall choose the location and Committee of the Worldcon to be held three (3) years from the date of the current Worldcon.

4.1.2: ~~Voting shall be by written ballot cast either by mail or at the current Worldcon with tallying as described in Section 3.11. Voting shall be by mail or ballot cast at the current Worldcon with run-off ballot as described in Section 3.11.~~

4.1.3: The current Worldcon Committee shall administer the voting mail balloting, collect the advance membership fees, and turn over those funds to the winning Committee before the end of the current Worldcon.

4.1.4: The site-selection voting totals shall be announced at the Business Meeting and published in the first or second Progress Report of the winning Committee, with the by-mail and at-convention votes distinguished.

Section 4.2: Voter Eligibility.

4.2.1: Voting shall be limited to WSFS members who have purchased at least a supporting membership in the Worldcon whose site is being selected.

4.2.2: The supporting membership rate shall be set by unanimous agreement of the current Worldcon Committee and all bidding committees who have filed before the ballot deadline. If agreement is not reached, the default fee shall be the median (middle value) of the US dollar fees used in the previous three (3) Worldcon site selections.

~~**Section 4.3: Non-Natural Persons.** "No Preference" ballots may be cast by corporations, associations, and other non-human or artificial entities. "Guest of" memberships must be transferred to individual natural persons before being cast for other than "No Preference", with such transfers accepted by the administering convention.~~

Section 4.3: Non-Natural Persons. Corporations, associations, and other non-human or artificial entities may cast ballots, but only for "No Preference". "Guest of" memberships may only cast "No Preference" ballots. Memberships transferred to individual natural persons may cast preferential ballots, provided that the transfer is accepted by the administering convention.

Section 4.4: Ballots. Site-selection ballots shall include name, signature, address, and membership-number spaces to be filled in by the voter. Each site-selection ballot shall list the options "None of the Above" and "No Preference" and provide for write-in votes, after the bidders and with equal prominence. The supporting membership rate shall be listed on all site-selection ballots.

Section 4.5: Tallying.

4.5.1: The name and address information shall be separated from the ballots and the ballots counted only at the Worldcon with two (2) witnesses from each bidding committee allowed to observe. Each bidding committee may make a record of the name and address of every voter.

4.5.2: A ballot voted with first or only choice for "No Preference" shall be ignored for site selection. A ballot voted with lower than first choice for "No Preference" shall be ignored if all higher choices on the ballot have been eliminated in preferential tallying.

~~**4.5.3:** "None of the Above" shall be treated as a bid for tallying and shall be the equivalent of "No Award" with respect to Section 3.11. If it wins, the duty of site selection shall devolve on the Business Meeting of the current Worldcon. If the Business Meeting is unable to decide by the end of the Worldcon, the Committee for the following Worldcon shall make the selection without undue delay. When a site and Committee are chosen by a Business Meeting or Worldcon Committee, they are not restricted by region or other qualifications, and the choice of an out-of-rotation site shall not affect the regional rotation for subsequent years.~~

4.5.3: "None of the Above" shall be treated as a bid for tallying, and shall be the equivalent of "No Award" with respect to Section 3.11 2-9.

4.5.4: If "None of the Above" wins, the duty of site selection shall devolve on the Business Meeting of the current Worldcon. If the Business Meeting is unable to decide by the end of the Worldcon, the Committee for the following Worldcon shall make the selection without undue delay.

4.5.5: Where a site and Committee are chosen by a Business Meeting or Worldcon Committee, they are not restricted by exclusion zone region or other qualifications, ~~and the choice of an out-of-rotation site shall not affect the regional rotation for subsequent years.~~

4.5.6: All ballots shall be initially tallied by their first preferences, even if cast for a bid that the administering Committee has ruled ineligible. If no eligible bid achieves a majority on the first round of tallying, then on the second round all ballots for ineligible bids shall be redistributed to their first eligible choices, and tallying shall proceed according to normal preferential-ballot procedures.

Section 4.6: Bid Eligibility.

4.6.1: To be eligible for site selection, a bidding committee must file the following documents with the Committee that will administer the voting:

- (1) an announcement of intent to bid;
- (2) adequate evidence of an agreement with its proposed site's facilities, such as a conditional contract or a letter of agreement;
- (3) the rules under which the Worldcon Committee will operate, including a specification of the term of office of their chief executive officer or officers and the conditions and procedures for the selection and replacement of such officer or officers.

4.6.2: The bidding committee must supply written copies of these documents to any member of WSFS on request.

4.6.3: For a bid to be allowed on the printed ballot, the bidding committee must file the documents specified above no later than 180 days prior to the official opening of the administering convention.

4.6.4: To be eligible as a write-in, the bidding committee must file the documents specified above by the close of the voting.

4.6.5: If no bids meet these qualifications, the selection shall proceed as though "None of the Above" had won.

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) miles five hundred (500) miles or eight hundred (800) kilometres of the site at which selection occurs.~~

[Secretary of 1999 Business Meeting: Portions of Section 4.7 regarding regional rotation of Worldcon were removed by a constitutional amendment ratified at the 1999 WSFS Business Meeting, with a provision that Worldcon bids eligible under the old rules would continue to be eligible during the first three races conducted under the new rules. Barring a change in the lead time for site selection, this means that the site selection elections in 2000, 2001, and 2002 will be conducted under both the new and old rules. I therefore suggest keeping this note as part of the Constitution through the end of the 2002 Worldcon in order to make it clear that both sets of rules apply through the election conducted that year. The original text of Section 4. 7 was "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) miles of the site at which selection occurs."]

Section 4.8: North America. ~~To ensure equitable distribution of sites within North America, it is divided into three (3) regions as follows:~~

- ~~(1) Western. Baja California, New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, Saskatchewan, and all states, provinces, and territories westward including Hawaii, Alaska, the Yukon, and the Northwest Territories.~~
- ~~(2) Central. Central America, the islands of the Caribbean, Mexico (except as above), and all states, provinces, and territories between the Western and Eastern regions.~~
- ~~(3) Eastern. Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, New York, Quebec, and all states, provinces, and territories eastward including the District of Columbia, St. Pierre et Miquelon, Bermuda, and the Bahamas.~~

Section 4.8: 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:

4.8.1: 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.

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

4.8.3: The proposed NASFiC supporting membership rate can be set by unanimous agreement of the administering Committee and all bidding committees who have filed before the ballot deadline.

4.8.4: If "None of the Above" wins, or if no eligible bid files by the deadline, then no NASFiC shall be held and any supporting membership payments collected for the NASFiC site selection shall be refunded by the administering convention without undue delay.

Article V - Powers of the Business Meeting

Section 5.1: WSFS Business Meetings.

5.1.1: Business Meetings of WSFS shall be held at advertised times at each Worldcon.

5.1.2: The current Worldcon Committee shall provide the Presiding Officer and Staff for each Meeting.

5.1.3: The Business Meeting may adopt Standing Rules for its own governance.

5.1.4: Meetings shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of (in descending order of precedence) the WSFS Constitution; the Standing Rules; such other rules as may be published in advance by the current Committee (which rules may be suspended by the Business Meeting by the same procedure as a Standing Rule); the customs and usages of WSFS (including the resolutions and rulings of continuing effect); and the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised*.

5.1.5: The quorum for the Business Meeting shall be twelve members of the Society physically present.

Section 5.2: Continuation of Committees. Except as otherwise provided in this Constitution, any committee or other position created by a Business Meeting shall lapse at the end of the next following Business Meeting that does not vote to continue it.

Section 5.3: Constitutional Pass-along. Within two (2) months after the end of each Worldcon, the Business Meeting staff shall send a copy of all changes to the Constitution and Standing Rules, and all items awaiting ratification, to the next Worldcon Committee

Article VI - Constitution

Section 6.1: Conduct. The conduct of the affairs of WSFS shall be determined by this Constitution together with all ratified amendments hereto and such Standing Rules as the Business Meeting shall adopt for its own governance.

Section 6.2: Natural Persons. In all matters arising under this Constitution, only natural persons may introduce business, nominate, or vote, except as specifically provided otherwise in this Constitution. No person may cast more than one vote on any issue or more than one ballot in any election. This shall not be interpreted to prohibit delivery of ballots cast by other eligible voters.

Section 6.3: Amendment. 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 ratified by a simple majority at the Business Meeting of the subsequent Worldcon.

Section 6.4: Commencement. Any change to the Constitution of WSFS shall take effect at the end of the Worldcon at which such change is ratified, except that 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.

Section 6.5: Standing Rules. Standing Rules for the Governance of the Business Meeting and related activities may be adopted or amended by a majority vote at any Business Meeting. Amendments to Standing Rules shall take effect at the close of the Worldcon where they are adopted; this rule may be suspended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote.

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The above copy of the World Science Fiction Society's Constitution is hereby Certified to be True, Correct, and Complete:

Jack R Herman, Chairman of Business Meeting
Pat McMurray, Secretary of Business Meeting

APPENDIX I: Standing Rules for the Governance of the World Science Fiction Society Business Meeting

Rule 1: Meeting and Session. The Annual Meeting of the World Science Fiction Society shall consist of one or more **Preliminary Business Meetings** and one or more **Main Business Meetings**. The first meeting shall be designated as a Preliminary Business Meeting. All meetings at a Worldcon (preliminary, main, or otherwise) shall be considered a single "session" as defined in the Parliamentary Authority (see section 4.1 of the WSFS Constitution), regardless of whether such gatherings are called "meetings" or "sessions."

Rule 2: Preliminary Business Meeting(s). The Preliminary Business Meeting may not directly reject, pass, or ratify amendments to the Constitution; however, all motions adhering to a Constitutional amendment are in order if otherwise allowed. The Preliminary Business Meeting may not refer a Constitutional amendment to a committee unless the committee's instructions are to report to the Main Business Meeting. The Preliminary Business Meeting may not postpone consideration of a Constitutional amendment beyond the last Preliminary Business Meeting. The Preliminary Business Meeting may consider any business not expressly forbidden to it by the Standing Rules or expressly reserved to the Main Business Meeting.

Rule 3: Main Business Meeting(s). The Main Business Meeting may reject, pass, or ratify amendments to the Constitution. One Main Meeting shall be also be designated as the Site-Selection Meeting, where Site-Selection business shall be the special order of business.

Rule 4: Scheduling of Meetings. The first Main Meeting shall be scheduled no less than eighteen (18) hours after the conclusion of the last Preliminary Meeting.

Rule 5: Deadline for Submission of New Business. The deadline for submission of non-privileged new business to the Business Meeting shall be two (2) hours after the official opening of the Worldcon or eighteen (18) hours before the first Preliminary Meeting, whichever is later. The Presiding Officer may accept otherwise qualified motions submitted after the deadline, but all such motions shall be placed at the end of the agenda.

Rule 6: Requirements for Submission of New Business. Two hundred (200) identical, legible copies of all proposals for non-privileged new business shall be submitted to the Presiding Officer before the deadline in Rule 5 unless such proposals are distributed to the attendees at the Worldcon by the Worldcon Committee. All proposals must be legibly signed by a maker and at least one seconder.

Rule 7: Interpretation of Motions. The Presiding Officer shall reject as out of order any proposal or motion that is obviously illegal or hopelessly incoherent. In the absence of the maker of a motion or instructions to the contrary, the Presiding Officer shall be free to interpret the meaning of any motion.

Rule 8: Short Title. Any item of new business considered by the Business Meeting shall contain a short title.

Rule 9: Smoking. If smoking is allowed in the place where the Business Meeting is held, the Presiding Officer shall divide the room into smoking and non-smoking sections at the beginning of each meeting.

Rule 10: Question Time. During the Site-Selection Meeting, fifteen (15) minutes of program time shall be allocated to each future seated Worldcon committee. During the first five (5) minutes, each committee may make such presentations as they wish. The remaining time shall be allocated for questions to be asked about that committee's Worldcon. Questions may be submitted in writing at any previous meeting. Questions submitted in writing shall have priority over other questions if the person who submitted the question is present and still wishes to ask the question. No person may ask a second question as long as any person wishes to ask a first question. Questions are limited to fifteen (15) seconds and responses to two (2) minutes. If time permits at the Site-Selection Meeting, committees bidding for the right to host any Worldcon whose selection will take place in the next calendar year shall be allocated five (5) minutes of program time to make such presentations as they wish. The time limits in this rule may be modified by majority vote.

Rule 11: Mark Protection Committee; Nominations. Nominations for election to the Mark Protection Committee shall be allowed from the floor at each Preliminary Business Meeting. To be listed on the ballot, each nominee must submit to the Secretary of the Business Meeting the nominee's consent to nomination and the nominee's current region of residence. A nominee shall be ineligible if the nominee could not be elected due to the regional residence restrictions. The deadline for submitting such consent to nomination shall be set by the Secretary.

Rule 12: Mark Protection Committee; Elections. Elections to the Mark Protection Committee shall be a special order of business at a designated Main Business Meeting. Voting shall be by written preferential ballot with write-in votes allowed. Votes for write-in candidates who do not submit written consent to nomination and region of residence to the Presiding Officer before the close of balloting shall be ignored. The ballot shall list each nominee's name and region of residence. The first seat filled shall be by normal preferential ballot procedures. After a seat is filled, votes for the elected member and for any nominee

who is now ineligible due to regional residence restrictions shall be eliminated before conducting the next ballot. This procedure shall continue until all seats are filled. Should there be any partial-term vacancies on the committee, the partial-term seat(s) shall be filled after the full-term seats have been filled.

Rule 13: Debate Time Limits; Main Motions. The Presiding Officer shall designate the default debate time for main motions. The Business Meeting may, by majority vote, set the initial debate time limit for any motion to any positive whole number of minutes.

Rule 14: Debate Time Limits; Allotment of Time. If a question is divided, the time limits applicable to the question before it was divided shall apply to each portion of the divided question. Debate time shall be allotted equally to each side of a question. Time spent on points of order or other neutral matters arising from a motion shall be divided equally and charged to each side.

Rule 15: Debate Time Limits; Amendments. Debate on all amendments to main motions shall be limited to five (5) minutes, allotted equally to each side. Time spent on debate of an amendment shall be charged against the time for the main motion.

Rule 16: Debate Time Limits; Motions Allowed After Expiration. Motions that adhere to the main motion shall not be out of order because of the expiration of debate time, but shall be undebatable.

Rule 17: Debate Time Limits; Minimum Substantive Debate. If the debate time expires before either or both sides of the question have had an opportunity for substantive debate, any side that has not had such an opportunity shall have two (2) minutes to be used solely for the purpose of substantive debate.

Rule 18: Carrying Business Forward. Motions other than Constitutional amendments awaiting ratification may be carried forward from one year to the next only by being postponed definitely or by being referred to a committee.

Rule 19: Dilatory Actions; Misuse of Inquiries. The sole purpose of a "point of information" or "parliamentary inquiry" is to ask the Presiding Officer for an opinion of the effect of a motion or for guidance as to the correct procedure to follow. The Presiding Officer shall treat as dilatory any attempts to circumvent the rules of debate under the guise of points of information, parliamentary inquiries, or other queries and requests.

Rule 20: Committees. All committees are authorized to organize themselves in any lawful manner and to adopt rules for the conduct of their business, which may include conducting balloting by mail and limiting debate, subject to any contrary provisions of the Constitution, the Standing Rules, or instructions given to the committee by the Business Meeting.

Rule 21: Official Papers; Indicating Revisions. The Business Meeting staff shall clearly indicate all changes (including deletions) from the previous year's version when they provide the Constitution and Standing Rules for publication prior to the following Worldcon. However, the failure to indicate such changes shall not affect the validity of the documents.

Rule 22: Official Papers; Corrections. Any correction of fact to the Minutes or to the Constitution or Standing Rules as published should be brought to the attention of the Secretary of the Business Meeting in question and of the next available Business Meeting as soon as they are discovered.

Rule 23: Numbers, Titles, References, and Technical Corrections. Numbers and titles of the various parts of the Constitution and Standing Rules are for the sake of easy reference only. They do not form a substantive part of these documents nor of any motion to amend these documents. The Business Meeting Secretary shall incorporate into these documents appropriate changes as required by newly adopted amendments. When making any such adjustments required by this section, the Business Meeting Secretary shall change article and section numbers, titles, and internal cross-references as necessary to maintain a consistent, parallel structure, which shall not be altered unless the Business Meeting explicitly so directs. The Business Meeting Secretary may change punctuation, capitalization, grammar, and other wording in the Constitution and Standing Rules only insofar as such changes clarify meaning and enhance consistency, and only insofar as such changes do not modify the substantive meaning of the documents.

Rule 24: Continuing Resolutions. Resolutions of continuing effect ("continuing resolutions") may be repealed or amended by majority vote of subsequent Business Meetings without notice, and shall be automatically repealed or amended by applicable amendments to the Constitution or Standing Rules or by conflicting resolutions passed by subsequent Business Meetings.

Rule 25: Nonstandard Parliamentary Authority. If a Worldcon Committee adopts for the governance of the Business Meeting a parliamentary authority other than that specified in the Constitution, the Committee must in timely fashion publish information about how to obtain copies of the authority in question.

Rule 26: Constitutional and Standing Rule Amendments. Motions to Amend the Constitution, to Ratify a Constitutional Amendment, and to Amend the Standing Rules shall be considered ordinary main motions, except as otherwise provided in the Standing Rules or Constitution. An object to consideration shall not be in order against ratification of a constitutional amendment.

Rule 27: Postpone Indefinitely. The motion to Postpone Indefinitely shall not be allowed.

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Rule 28: Amend; Secondary Amendments. Secondary amendments (amendments to amendments) are not allowed except when the primary amendment is to substitute.

Rule 29: Previous Question. A person speaking to a motion may not immediately offer a motion to close debate. The motion for the Previous Question (also known as the motion "close debate," "call the question," and "vote now") shall not be in order when there is less than one minute of debate time remaining, nor when either or both sides of the debate have yet to speak to a question. Before voting on the motion for the Previous Question, the Presiding Officer shall, without debate, ask for a show of hands of those persons who still wish to speak to the matter under consideration.

Rule 30: Lay on the Table. The motion to Lay on the Table shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote for adoption.

Rule 31: Adjournment. The incidental main motion to adjourn *sine die* shall not be in order until all Special and General Orders have been discharged.

Rule 32: Counted Vote. The Presiding Officer shall take a counted vote upon the request of ten percent (10%) of those members attending the meeting.

Rule 33: Suspension of Rules. Rules protecting the rights of absentees, including this rule, may not be suspended.

The above copy of the Standing Rules for the Governance of the WSFS Business Meeting is hereby Certified to be True, Correct, and Complete:

Jack R Herman – Chairman
Pat McMurray– Secretary
1999 WSFS Business Meeting

APPENDIX J: Business Passed On to Chicon 2000

There is no Business Passed On to Chicon 2000 from the Aussiecon Three Business Meeting

APPENDIX K: Proposed Agenda for Chicon 2000

1. Committee Reports

- 1.1 Mark Protection Committee
- 1.2 Nitpicking & Flyspecking Committee
- 1.3 Worldcon Runners Guide Editorial Committee
- 1.4 Rest of the World Hugo Eligibility Committee

2. Worldcon Reports

- 2.1 Past Worldcons and NASFiCs
 - 2.1.1 ConAdian (1994)
 - 2.1.2 L.A.con III (1996)
 - 2.1.3 Bucconeer (1998)
 - 2.1.4 Conucopia (1999 NASFiC)
 - 2.1.5 Aussiecon Three (2000)
- 2.2 Seated Worldcons
 - 2.2.1 Chicon 2000 (2000)
 - 2.2.2 The Millennium Philcon (2001)
 - 2.2.3 ConJosé (2002)

3. Business Passed On from Aussiecon Three

There is no Business Passed On from Aussiecon Three

4. New Business

5. Site Selection Business

- 5.1 Report of the 2003 Site Selection & Presentation by Winners
- 5.2 Reports by seated Worldcons
- 5.3 Presentation by bidders for 2004

APPENDIX L: Site Selection Report

There were 820 valid votes cast, 796 with preferences. The quota for selection was thus 399 votes.

Filed Bids	San Jose	666
	Roswell	120
Write Ins	Minneapolis in '73	3
	San Francisco	2
	Rottnest Island	1
	"No Dams"	1
	None of the Above	3
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		796
	No Preference	24
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		820

San Jose won 81% vote, Roswell 15%, San Jose had a clear majority of the mail vote and of each days vote.

There were 307 mail votes, 513 on site. The on-site category includes approximately 125 votes hand carried by others. Saturday saw the fewest votes tallied of any day, but there was a fairly even distribution.

Counting took 41 minutes.

– Submitted – Mark Linneman, Site Selection Administrator

	Mail	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Total
San Jose	247	145	161	113	666
Roswell	51	32	15	22	120
Minneapolis in '73	0	0	1	2	3
San Francisco	0	1	0	1	2
Rottnest Island	0	0	0	1	1
"No Dams"	0	0	1	0	1
None of the Above	2	0	0	1	3
With Preferences	300	178	178	140	796
No Preference	7	3	4	10	24
Total Vote	307	181	182	150	820

Appendix M: ConJosé PR0

[Secretary: I had no success with scanning this document, so what follows is a cut down version of the information, including a link to their web page.]

ConJosé, the 60th World Science Fiction Convention will be held in San José California from Thursday August 29th through Monday September 2, 2002. The main facilities used will be the San José McEnergy Convention Center, the Fairmont Hotel, The San José Hilton, the Park Center Crowne Plaza and the Hyatt Sainte Claire.

ConJosé's Guests of Honour are Vernor Vinge, David Cherry, Bjo & John Trimble and Ferdinand Feghoot. Their Toastmaster will be Tad Williams.

Attending Membership is US\$100 until May 31, 2000. Discounts apply if you voted in the 2002 Site Selection election or pre-supported the 2002 Worldcon Bid.

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For any further information, contact ConJosé at one of the above addresses.

Appendix N: San Jose Bid Chair's Thanks

My, what a long strange trip it's been.

Thanking people is a hopeless task, for there are so many people who deserve thanking, and so little time available, but here goes:

I'd like to thank the 30 members of the Bay Area in 2002 Bid Committee for their hard work and substantial financial support over the past three years.

Thanks also to the 1366 pre-supporters, 83 friends, and even the 2 pre-opposing members of Bay Area in 2002. This includes 127 people who cross-graded from membership in Seattle's Worldcon bid.

Speaking of Seattle, our thanks go out to them for having been worthy competitors, and while not everybody on our committee shares my opinion, I regret the circumstances that obliged them to withdraw. I hope that our friendly competition serves as a good example to other bidders. It certainly did when it came to our friends from the Roswell bid, and we thank them for injecting some interest into an otherwise rather boring final three months of the campaign.

Finally I'd like to thank my wife, Lisa Hayes, who put up with me neglecting our marriage for the past three years. I'll make it up to you Lisa.

Kevin Standlee
Bay Area in 2002 Bid Chair

Appendix O: Roswell in 2002 Thanks

CONGRATULATIONS San José!

The Roswell in 2002 Bid Committee would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the San José Bid Committee on being chosen as the site for the World Science Fiction Convention in 2002.

We know that their facilities are first rate, and we're sure their Committee will put on a great convention. Congratulations!

We'd also like everyone to know that after all bid Expenses have been paid out, the remaining funds from pre-support sales for Roswell in 2002 will be sent as a donation to SETI (the Search for Extra-Terrestrial Intelligence). Pre-supports (or additional donations) will be accepted at our address below until 01 October.

As Bid Chair for Roswell in 2002 I'd like to thank my entire committee - Jordan Brown, Kim Marks Brown, Ed Green. Bruce Pelz and Elayne Pelz, for all their hard work and support. I'd especially like to thank Kevin Standlee for his gracious good humour.

Keep watching the skies! Liz Mortensen, Bid Chair

<http://www.geocities.com/area51/quadrant/7111>

Pre-supporting - \$5.00 U.S. funds to:

Liz Mortensen, Bid Chair, 1 2749 Adelpia Avenue, Sylmar, CA 91342

Appendix P: Financial Report: ConAdian

ConAdian, 1994 Worldcon
Financial Presentation for year ending 1 August 1999
For the Business Meeting at the 1999 Worldcon
Prepared August 29, 1999 by Bruce Farr, CPA

All amounts are stated in \$Canadian

Assets

Broker Account	\$40,636.08
Chequing Account	\$6,099.89
Savings Account	\$1,077.97
Notes Receivable	<u>\$2,000.00</u>
Total Assets	49,813.94

Revenue

GST Rebate (Tax rebate from government)	\$52.80
Interest on Accounts	<u>\$2.81</u>
Total Income	\$55.61

Expenditures

Grant to Prairie Fire	\$750.00
PO Box	\$77.04
½ Cost of Replacing Corporation Computer	\$750.00
Tax Return Preparation	\$1,000.00
Loan to Toronto 2003 Worldcon Bid	\$2,000.00
Total Expenditures	\$4,577.04

Balance **45292.51**

Appendix Q: Final Financial Report: LoneStarCon II

LONESTARCON II
FINAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT AS OF JULY 7/31/99

INCOME

MEMBERSHIPS	\$493,100.00
SPACE RENTAL (DEALER/BOOTH)	\$48,800.00
SALES/ROYALTIES	\$10,050.00
PUBLICATIONS	\$16,092.13
ARTIST/SHOW	\$131,850.00
INTEREST	\$11,482.54
DONATIONS	\$16,360.00
PASS ALONG FUNDS	\$37,029.25

TOTAL **\$764,763.92**

EXPENSES

ADMIN (Office, Postage, Trademark)	\$169,027.00
Chair (WSFS, Registration, Site Mtgs)	\$23,533.00
EVENTS (Hugos, Masq., Tech)	\$i3,150.00
EXHIBITS (Art Show, Dealers, Exhibit Space)	\$18,700.00
FACILITIES (Hotel, Con Ctr, Insurance)	\$94,065.00
PROGRAMMING (includes GOH expenses)	\$8,425.00
SERVICES (Babysitting, Con Suite, Handicapped)	\$19,422.00
ART SHOW (payments to Artists)	\$103,000.00
REIMBURSEMENTS (Program Participants, Volunteers)	\$82,265.00
PUBLICATIONS (Program Book, PR's daily zine)	\$65,135.00
TECH (includes video production)	\$78,035.00
PASS ALONG FUNDS (1998,1999,2000)	\$45,000.00
TRANSFER TO ALAMO	\$45,000.00

TOTAL **\$764,757.00**

NET BALANCE REPORTABLE TO WFSF, JULY31, 1999 - (\$6.92)

Appendix R: Financial Report: Buccaneer

Revenue:

Memberships	\$608,811.00
Dealers Tables	\$48,225.00
Art Show	\$375.00
Pass Alongs	\$38,300.00
Advertising	\$21,685.00
Exhibits Booths	\$3,000.00
Audio Cassettes	\$1,758.00
Interest Income	\$6,781.45
Other Revenue:	<u>\$4,632.33</u>

Revenue Totals **\$733,567.78**

Expenses:

Convention Center	\$60,367.81
Hotels	\$26,830.37
Rental of Facilities	\$22,000.00
Decorator	\$56,226.18
Babysitting	\$3,015.85
Finances (Banking)	\$11,994.69
ConChair.	\$2,597.64
Insurance .	\$8,832.00
Mail Room	\$3,737.31
Managers Meetings	\$2,527.68
Corporate Administration	\$2,996.36
Computer Equipment & Supplies	\$11,113.12
Publications (PR's, Broadsides, & Souvenir Book)	\$51,928.19
Site Selection	\$189.16
Information Desk	\$1,003.15
Other Publications (Rest. Guide & Pocket Program)	\$13,180.44
Registration	\$10,823.60
ConSuite	\$7,284.52
Guest of Honor Book	\$6,608.57
Staff Longs	\$1,424.14
Foreign Agents	\$345.98
Press Gang	\$525.96
Handicap Access	\$5,208.90
Pre-Con Publicity	\$13,890.74
At-Con Newsletter	\$3,386.47
Guests of Honor	\$13,831.87
At-Con Offices	\$1,937.43
Convention Communications	\$13,549.80
Security	\$15,750.19
Logistics	\$7,097.09
Internet Lounge	\$0.00
Video Support	\$20,945.83
Tech Support	\$32,512.23
Storage	\$119.99
Apprentice Tea/Staff Party	\$3,146.55
Signage	\$2,023.39
Art Show	\$10,370.61
Dealers Room	\$1,211.48
other Exhibits	\$4,578.19
WSFA Business Meetings	\$147.33
Hugo Awards	\$6,500.30

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Masquerade	\$3,228.93
Dances	\$2,050.00
Queen's Reception	\$8,777.04
Opening & Closing Ceremonies	\$2,718.75
Events Office	\$3,769.94
Strange Fannish Stuff	\$5,220.69
programming	\$13,071.32
Reimbursements -	
Program Participants	\$42,546.00
staff	\$36,381.00
Hotel Rooms	\$12,781.42
Mark protection Committee	\$3,000.00
1998 Student Contest	\$3,713.70
1999 Student Contest	\$9,741.01
Pass Alongs - Aussiecon III	\$15,000.00
Pass Alongs – Chicon 2000	\$10,000.00
PostCon Expenses	\$6,495.64
Total Expenses	<u>\$639,256.45</u>

Current Net Revenue over Expense \$94,311.33

Additional Expenses Anticipated:

Pass Along - Chicon 2000	\$5,000.00
Pass Along - Mil. Philcon	\$15,000.00
Memory Book	\$20,000.00
Future Student Contests	\$39,311.33
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$10,000.00
Remaining Reimbursements	\$5,000.00

Total Additional Expenses \$94,311.33

Values shown are as August 13, 1999. presented by Robert J. Macintosh, Chief Financial Officer & Peggy Rae Pavlat, Chairman

Appendix S: Financial Report: Aussiecon Three

Aussiecon Three Budget / Actuals AUG 99

Income	Budget	AUD	USD	To Date UK	Total
Membership	300,000.00	254,363.40	30,347.69	5,756.25	290,567.34
Pre Supporting O/S			29,036.00	17.53	29,053.53
Sponsorship	4,000.00	2,000.00			2,000.00
Pass Along Funds	90,000.00	91,943.62	4,302.15		96,245.77
Interest	4,800.00	4,020.63		22.75	4043.28
Advertising	18,500.00	4,370.10	1,415.38		5,785.48
Hucksters	5,000.00	6,745.00			6,745.00
Art Show	2,000.00	355.00			355.00
Commissions	2,000.00				0.00
Child Care	3,200.00				0.00
Merchandise	1,000.00	673.70			673.70
Additional Functions		750.00	423.67		1173.67
Total Income	430,500.00	365,221.45	65,524.89	5,796.53	436,542.87
Expenses					
Admin Div	28,766.00	6,922.11	763.63	45.53	7,731.27
Chair Div	51,455.00	2,410.11	20,188.65		22,598.76
Facilities Div	158,799.00	136,406.80			136,406.80
Finance Div	5,901.00	3,226.75	906.84	0.81	4,134.40
Fixed Functions Div	21,960.00	1,640.00			1,640.00
Major Events	12,903.00	1,271.44			1,271.44
Programming	8,750.00	0.00			0.00
Program Reg	7,570.00	0.00			0.00
Publications	62,076.00	12,477.80	17,782.25	96.66	30,356.71
Publicity	17,586.00	16,791.44			16,791.44
WSFS	13,961.00	1,576.81	4,585.95		6,162.76
Total Expenses	389,727.00	182,723.26	44,227.32	143.00	227,093.58
Expected Profit (Loss)	40,773.00	182,498.19	21,297.57	5,653.53	209,449.29

Membership division was amalgamated with Administration and Finance 3/99
Exchange calculated at USD0.65 and GBP0.32

Aussiecon Three Balance Sheet as of August 31, 1999

ASSETS	
Cheque/Savings	123,700.53
Petty Cash	1,300.00
Fixed Assets	130.00
Term Deposit	41,903.32
Withholding Tax	1,390.05
TOTAL ASSETS	168,423.90
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Uncleared Payments	-1,772.65
Opening Bal Equity	232,171.71
Retained Earnings	225.00
Net Income	-62,200.16
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	168,423.90

Appendix T: Financial Report: Chicon 2000

The Chicon 2000 Interim Financial Report was in the form of a completed Us Government, Department of the Treasury, Internal Revenue Service Form 990 "Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax" under Section 501 (c). It is impossible for me to reproduce this form here, but a paper copy can be provided on request.

Business Meeting Secretary

Appendix U: Financial Report: The Millennium Philcon

Summary Report 8/15/99

Category Description	6130/98 Through 8115/99
INCOME	
Ad Sales	100.00
Buck-Vote&Cnvns (Cash or Credit)	118,293.12
conv-Bucky(Checks)	18,990.00
Interest Inc	3,616.26
Memberships	37,407.70
PSFS grant (Burden to repay)	<u>2,501.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	180,908.08
EXPENSES	
Bank Charge	30.00
Banking Expense	46.72
Business Exp	343.98
Equipment Rent	287.43
Mmbr- Bad Chck	490.00
Office Supplies	183.69
Party Expenses	310.00
Postage	2,195.51
Publications	3,264.25
Publicity - Ads	425.00
Publicity – Flyers	233.15
Refund	367.70
Tax, Business: State 1.4.54	
TOTAL Tax, Business	14.54
Transaction Fee	<u>1,374.84</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>9,566.81</u>
TOTAL(INCOME - EXPENSES)	171,341.27
TRANSFERS.....	
TO Bulk Postage	-1500.00
TO CD	-25,000.00
FROM Checking	<u>26,500.00</u>
TOTAL TRANSFERS	<u>0.00</u>
OVERALL TOTAL	171,341.27

Account Balances Report As of 8/15/99

Acct	Balance
ASSETS	
Cash and Bank Accounts	
Bulk Postage	989.38
Checking	<u>23,084.78</u>
TOTAL Cash and Bank Account	24,054.16

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Other Assets	
CD	25,000.00
Crester	<u>122,287.11</u>
TOTAL Other Assets	147,287.11
TOTAL ASSETS	171,341.27
LIABILITIES	<u>0.00</u>
OVERALL TOTAL	171,341.27

Appendix V: Resolutions and Rulings of Continuing Effect

**World Science Fiction Society
Resolutions and Rulings of Continuing Effect**

1998 Business Meeting, Baltimore, Maryland.

Tim Illingworth, Chairman
Don Eastlake, Deputy Presiding Officer
Kevin Standlee (standing in for Kathy Westhead), Timekeeper
Pat McMurray, Secretary
Robbie Bourget, Master-at-Arms

CH-98-1 The Chairman ruled that it was in order to nominate sitting [appointed] members of the Mark Protection Committee for election to the Mark Protection Committee.

1997 Business Meeting, San Antonio, Texas.

Donald E. Eastlake III, Presiding Officer
Kevin Standlee, Secretary
Zanne Labonville, Timekeeper

CH-97-1 The Chair ruled that the Business Meeting could create "recognized publications" (as contemplated in the motion being debated) by resolution.

1996 Business Meeting, Anaheim, California.

Donald E. Eastlake III, Presiding Officer
George Flynn, Secretary
Kevin Standlee, Parliamentarian and Deputy Presiding Officer
Zanne Labonville, Timekeeper.

No Resolutions or Rulings of Continuing Effect were made at L.A.Con III

1995 Business Meeting, Glasgow, Scotland.

Kevin Standlee, Presiding Officer
Tim Illingworth, Deputy Presiding Office
George Flynn, Secretary
Gary Feldbaum, Timekeeper

BM-95-1 It is the sense of the WSFS that it is inappropriate for a Worldcon Committee to gather additional demographic data on the site-selection and/or the Hugo Award ballots beyond that which is required by the WSFS Constitution, or useful for the efficient administration of the balloting.

CH-95-1 Balloting is necessary, unless the rules are suspended, even if the number of Mark Protection Committee nominees is the same as the number of seats to fill, since write-ins are allowed.

CH-95-2 It is out of order, unless the rules are suspended, to change an existing working group to a committee.

CH-95-3 It is out of order to amend a motion so as to simply undo an amendment previous[ly] adopted at the same session; however, the motion to Reconsider may be available.

CH-95-4 In response to an inquiry as to the meaning of "published in advance" in rules related to the Business Meeting published in advance by the Worldcon Committee, the Chair ruled that such rules would have to be printed with the official documents, and not included by reference, although a reference could be made to an existing parliamentary manual.

CH-95-5 The Chair ruled that the Standing Rules do bind the Worldcon Committee.

CH-95-6 Persons casting site-selection ballots by mail may change their vote as long as practical until the tallying begins. [It was pointed out at the 1996 Business Meeting that 1995-R-6 meant it was appropriate to allow a change, not that it was required.]

1994 Business Meeting, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Donald Eastlake, Presiding Officer
George Flynn, Secretary
Kevin Standlee, Parliamentarian

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Rick Katze, Timekeeper

- BM-94-1 WSFS Electronic Archives
RESOLVED, the Committee on Motions of Continuing Effect is hereby requested to maintain a list of sites that volunteer to keep public electronic archives of WSFS-related material. Worldcons are requested to transmit to such sites a copy of the current WSFS Constitution, Standing Rules, Business Passed On, and Business Meeting Minutes whenever new versions are available for distribution. The Committee on Motions of Continuing Effect is also requested to transmit to those same sites a copy of its report on such motions and any other reports deemed appropriate for general distribution. Materials made available electronically are not to contain personal information such as mail address or phone number without the express consent of the individual whose information is to be contained therein.
- BM-94-2 RESOLVED, that WSFS strongly encourages prospective Hugo categories to be tested before being submitted to the WWSFS Business Meeting; and

1993 Business Meeting, San Francisco, California

John Lorentz, Presiding Officer
David Levine, Secretary
Kevin Standlee, Parliamentarian
Rick Katze / Jeff Canfield, Timekeepers

- CH-93-1 It was ruled that the Secretary has the authority to correct typographical and grammatical errors in the Constitution, Standing Rules, and Business Passed On.
- CH-93-2 A motion to take the vote on an Objection to Consideration by written ballot was ruled to be in order.
- CH-93-3 A motion which referred to the place of residence of a named individual was ruled to be in order.
- CH-93-4 A suggestion of 50 years as the debate limit for a motion was ruled to be dilatory.
- CE-93-5 The Chair ruled that a Constitutional provision beginning with the word "Provided" and effecting [sic] only one year would automatically disappear from the Constitution after that year.

1992 Business Meeting, Orlando, Florida

Bruce Pelz, Presiding Officer
Ben Yalow, Parliamentarian
George Flynn, Secretary
Kevin Standlee, Timekeeper

- BM-92-1 The Mark Protection Committee is directed to investigate the possibility of protecting the Hugo rocket symbol and, if in its judgement the protection is worthwhile, to begin the process of protecting it.
- BM-92-2 The Mark Protection Committee is directed to use its judgement in selecting which marks to protect in which countries to achieve maximum protection with available resources.
- BM-92-3 The Mark Protection Committee is authorized to negotiate royalties for commercial use of WSFS marks.
- BM-92-4 It was the sense of the meeting that all (unofficial) site-selection results should be posted as soon as they are known. It was noted that future Worldcons could not be bound in this respect.
- CH-92-1 Ruled that if "None of the Above" wins the NASFiC balloting and the decision goes to the Business Meeting, the Business Meeting can not choose "None of the Above".
- CH-92-2 Ruled in connection with use of the WSFS marks that
(1) use by Worldcon and bidding committees is not commercial use,
(2) a blurb of "Hugo Winner" on a book's cover would not count as commercial use but a book like The Hugo Award Winners would be, and
(3) T-shirts produced for a Worldcon by an outside vendor would be commercial use.

1991 Business Meeting, Chicago, Illinois.

Ross Pavlac, Presiding Officer
Bruce Pelz, Assistant Presiding Officer
Yale F. Edeiken, Parliamentarian
Theresa Renner, Staff Sergeant-at-Arms

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Richard S. Russell, Secretary
Kevin Standlee, Timekeeper

- BM-91-1 (right after the Vote Count from Hell) Resolved, That the Business Meeting recommends that all future Worldcons adopt the practice of validating site-selection ballots as they are received, rather than after site- selection balloting closes.
- CH-91-1 Ruled that an Objection to Consideration is still in order, after debate on the time set for a motion, if debate has not touched on the substance of the motion.
- CH-91-2 After a tie vote which did not include the podium staff, an attempt was made to add the podium staff votes. A point of order was raised that all who wish to vote must do so at the same time (except that the chair should generally refrain from voting but may then add their single vote if it affects the outcome). This point of order was found to be well taken.
- CH-91-3 An objection was raised that the chair should not try to influence the vote while voting is taking place. The chair agreed.

1990 Business Meeting, The Hague, The Netherlands.

Bruce Pelz, Presiding Officer
George Flynn, Secretary
Ben Yalow, Parliamentarian
Rick Katze, Timekeeper

- BM-91-1 Resolved, That the Business Meeting recommends that all future Worldcons adopt the practice of validating site-selection ballots as they are received, rather than after site-selection balloting closes.
- CH-90-1 A point of order was raised against a motion because the seconder was eleven years old. The chair ruled that the point of order was not well taken as there are no age limits on membership in the society.

1989 Business Meeting, Boston, Massachusetts.

Donald Eastlake, Presiding Officer
Bruce Pelz, Deputy Presiding Officer
Kent Bloom, Secretary
Rick Katze, Timekeeper
Theresa Renner, Sergeant-at-Arms

- CH-89-1 The chair ruled that any amendment to the Constitution imposing additional financial reporting requirements would not apply to a Worldcon held before the requirement went into effect.

1988 Business Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Bruce E. Pelz, Presiding Officer
Elayne F. Pelz, Secretary
Ben Yalow, Parliamentarian

- BM-88-1 Every Worldcon Committee is requested to include the following additional notice in each of its publications:
The World Science Fiction Society and the World Science Fiction Convention are not related to "World SF, The International Association of Science Fiction Professionals."

1987 Business Meeting, Brighton, England.

Tim Stannard, Presiding Officer
Tim Illingworth, Secretary
Ben Yalow, Parliamentarian

- CH-87-1 The chair ruled that a quorum need not be present to hear reports.

1986 Business Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia.

Bruce E. Pelz, Presiding Officer
Elayne F. Pelz, Secretary
Ben Yalow, Parliamentarian

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- BM-86-1 The Mark Registration and Protection Committee is authorized to appoint a representative to engage in discussion with "World SF, The International Organization of Science Fiction Professionals", aimed at minimizing name conflicts.
- BM-86-2 All Worldcon and NASFiC Committees are encouraged to financially support the Mark Registration and Protection Committee.

1985 Business Meeting, Melbourne, Victoria.

Jack Herman, Presiding Officer
Kent Bloom, Secretary
Donald Eastlake, Parliamentarian

- BM-85-1 It is the sense of the Business Meeting that the name of "World SF, The International Association of Science Fiction Professionals", does not infringe on any proper trademark of WSFS.
- CH-85-1 The chair directed that the Mark Registration and Protection Committee should respond to requests for lists of Hugo winners provided that the use of service marks is noted.

1984 Business Meeting, Anaheim, California.

Ross Pavlac, Presiding Officer
George Flynn, Secretary
George Scithers, Parliamentarian
Bob Hillis, Timekeeper

- BM-84-1 The Mark Registration and Protection Committee should be directed concerning pursuit of registration for particular marks only by resolution of the Business Meeting.

NOTE: BM-84-1 was passed after CH-84-1 and CH-84-2 were made

- BM-84-2 (a) The current Worldcon Committee should be neutral between committees bidding for future Worldcons. It should not request or accept money or supplies from any one bidding committee without making equivalent opportunity available to any competing committee(s).
(b) This resolution shall not preclude any individual member of a Worldcon Committee from offering his or her services, funds, or supplies to a bidding committee.
(c) This resolution shall not preclude the current Worldcon Committee from accepting the services of a bidding committee or its members, nor shall it preclude a bidding committee from offering services or merchandise to members of a Worldcon.

- CR-84-1 The chair directed that if the present appeal of the refusal of the US Patent and Trademark Office to register "Science Fiction Achievement Award" fails, no further attempts should be made to register that mark.
- CR-84-2 The chair directed that the Mark Registration and Protection Committee should pursue registration of the mark "NASFiC" if the NASFiC continues in existence.
- CR-84-3 A motion to refer a site-selection rotation zone plan to the United Nations was ruled out of order.
- CH-84-4 The chair ruled that the convention where the voting would take place should be taken as the deadline for the presentation of documents by write-in site selection bidders.

1983 Business Meeting, Baltimore, Maryland.

Kent Bloom, Presiding Officer
Mary Morman, Secretary

- CH-83-1 A Constitutional amendment was up for ratification which divided a Hugo category into two new categories. A motion was made to delete one of the new categories. The chair ruled that this was permissible at the ratification stage and that further ratification the following year would not be needed if the change were adopted. The ruling of the chair was appealed and the assembly overruled the chair, deciding that such a deletion was out of order at the ratification stage in this case.
- CH-83-2 A Constitutional amendment up for ratification was reworded with more neutral language but with no change in meaning. A point of order was raised that this would require it to be ratified again in changed form the following year. The chair ruled this point of order was not well taken.

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1982 Business Meeting, Chicago, Illinois,

Donald Eastlake, Presiding Officer
George Flynn, Secretary
Rick Katze, Counsel
Leslie Turek, Timekeeper
Paula Lieberman, Sergeant-at-Arms

- BM-82-1 Whereas recent Worldcons have had, and future Worldcons can expect to have, significant excess funds following the close of the convention;
And whereas there has been considerable debate and discussion in the past about the appropriate uses for these funds;
And whereas there are many organizations that would be worthy recipients of such funds;
And whereas it is difficult to choose which of the many worthy organizations should receive said funds;
Be it resolved that the following organizations are considered by the World Science Fiction Society to be among those worthy to receive donations:
a. recognized fan charities, such as TAFF, DUFF, CUFF, TOFF and the FAAn Awards;
b. established national fan organizations, such as the NFFF and the Fantasy Artists Network;
c. PBS, NPR, and their local affiliates, for the production and/or sponsorship of science fiction programming;
and
d. future Worldcon committees.
NOTE: The above motion as originally proposed also listed "Small, established regional conventions;"; "Established local fan organizations, especially IRS code 501(c)3-recognized not-for-profit organizations;"; and "Local public libraries, for improvements to their science fiction collections;". These were specifically deleted from the list of acceptable recipients by vote of the Business Meeting.
- CR-82-1 The chair ruled that an amendment up for ratification may be changed so as to decrease the scope of the amendment and such a change does not require farther ratification at the next Business Meeting.
- CH-82-2 The chair ruled that when the procedure of filling a blank is used to determine debate time limits at a Business Meeting, voting should start with the longest time period and proceed to shorter time periods until one obtains a majority.
- CH-82-3 The chair ruled that the opinions of the Business Meeting chair as to the meaning of Hugo category definitions are not binding on future Worldcons.
- CH-82-4 A motion was introduced that would direct future Worldcons supervising site selection to disqualify any bid that used hotels from a particular chain as the main convention hotel until certain conditions were met. The chair ruled the motion out of order on the grounds that requirements for bidding are specified in the WSFS Constitution and additional criteria cannot be imposed without amending the Constitution.
- CH-82-5 A motion to amend the Standing Rules to impose additional criteria for NASFiC bidders to appear on the ballot was ruled out of order by the chair on the grounds that bidding criteria are specified by the Constitution and any additional criteria can only be imposed by Constitutional amendment. (The ruling of the chair was appealed and the chair was sustained by vote of the assembly.)
- CH-82-6 The chair ruled that actual personal signatures are not required on motions submitted in writing as long as the makers of the motion are identified.
- CH-82-7 The chair ruled that "generally available" means you can get it if you want it, not that there have to be copies for everyone who might want it.

1981 Business Meeting, Denver, Colorado.

Donald Eastlake, Presiding Officer
George Flynn, Secretary
Rick Katze, Sergeant-at-Arms
Bob Hillis, Timekeeper

- CH-81-1 The chair ruled that the term "publications" includes everything sent to all members, and also flyers, etc.

1980 Business Meeting, Boston, Massachusetts.

Donald Eastlake, Presiding Officer

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George Flynn, Secretary
Mike Lalor, Sergeant-at-Arms
Bob Hillis, Timekeeper

CH-80-1 The chair ruled that in the Standing Rules the phrase "the same Business Meeting" includes all sessions at a given Worldcon.

CH-80-2 The chair ruled that in the case of the adoption of an entire new Constitution for WSFS, general amendments would be in order at the time of ratification.

CH-80-3 The chair ruled that Section 2.6 of the WSFS Constitution requires that at least three nominees in each Hugo category appear on the final ballot provided that there are at least three nominees. (The ruling of the chair was appealed and the chair was sustained by a vote of 19-3.)

CH-80-4 A motion was introduced to authorize a named individual to select and publish a series of "retrospective Hugos" for the years 1926 through 1951. A point of order was raised that, in light of the WSFS Constitution provisions prohibiting extending the name to any award other than that awarded by the mechanism provided in the Constitution, this would require a Constitutional amendment. The chair ruled that this point of order was well taken.

CH-80-5 The chair ruled that allegations of misconduct involving a non-Hugo award administered by a Worldcon are not WSFS Business. (The ruling of the chair was appealed and the chair was sustained by a vote of 20-1.)

NOTE: 1980 was the first Business Meeting at which a special committee to register and protect the WSFS marks was created. This committee was continued from year to year until a constitutional amendment was adopted in 1982 and ratified in 1983 giving these duties to the Standing Committee. The composition of the Standing Committee was identical to that of the Board of Directors in a new Constitution being considered in those years (see note after BM-78-01). A further constitutional amendment passed in 1985 and ratified in 1986 changed the name of the committee to the Mark Registration and Protection Committee. A further amendment passed in 1990 and ratified in 1991 simplified the name to the Mark Protection Committee.

1979 Business Meeting, Brighton, England.

Donald Eastlake, Presiding Officer
Rick Katze, Secretary

NOTE: The written notes of the Secretary and a tape recording of the Business Meeting were both destroyed in an apartment fire before they could be transcribed or distributed. Thus no minutes exist for this Business Meeting. A note of actions has however been prepared based on Ben Yalow's surviving copy of the Agenda for the Main Meeting together with his notes.

1978 Business Meeting, Phoenix, Arizona.

Bob Hillis, Presiding Officer
Donald Eastlake, Secretary
Jack Speer, Parliamentarian
Mike Lalor, Timekeeper

BM-78-1 A permanent body, the World Science Fiction Society, Incorporated (WSFS, Inc.) should be established, independent of any Worldcon Committee, whose members will be the members of the current and upcoming Worldcons. The Board of Directors of WSFS, Inc. should be selected by the members of the Society and by current and recent Worldcon Committees.

WSFS, Inc. should be responsible for the administering of voting for selection of the Hugos and the sites of future Worldcons. No change should be made in either Hugos or site selection as a result of the establishment of WSFS, Inc. except as necessary to administer the voting.

In cases of a Worldcon Committee becoming unable to properly manage its designated Convention, either because of internal collapse or misconduct, then, after investigations and due process, the Board of Directors should have the right to remove the name "World Science Fiction Convention" and the awarding of the Hugos, site selection and the holding of the Society's Business Meeting from the control of the guilty Committee and to award them to another responsible group.

NOTE: As initially passed this resolution also continued a WSFS Constitution Drafting Committee that had been set up even earlier. This committee existed for a number of years, being chaired by various fans at various times. Ultimately it came up with a full Draft Constitution, a large part of which were debated and perfected at a WSFS Business Meeting. Finally, at the 1983 (??1982) WSFS Business Meeting a report of the committee was received and the committee dismissed with thanks but no further steps were taken to perfect or adopt the new Constitution. While no steps are being taken to put the above resolution into effect, nothing has ever been done to repeal or contradict it either.

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NOTE: At the 1988 Business Meeting a motion to repeal resolution BM-78-1 was introduced and defeated
NOTE: The 1978 Business Meeting was the one at which the first set of permanent Standing Rules for the Governance of the WSFS Business Meeting as provided in the Constitution, were adopted

1977 Business Meeting, Miami Beach, Florida.

Bob Hillis, Presiding Officer
Larry Smith, Secretary

CH-77-1 The Convention Chairman asserted a right to co-preside at the Business Meeting without replacing the Presiding Officer

CH-77-2 The chair ruled that an Objection to Consideration could not be made unless good reasons for the objection were given. The ruling of the chair was appealed and the chair was overruled.

NOTE: Minutes are not available for the 1977 Business Meeting The above is based on notes made by Bob Hillis after consultation with Larry Smith

1976 Business Meeting, Kansas City, Missouri.

Bob Hillis, Presiding Officer
Larry Smith, Secretary
George Scithers, Parliamentarian

CH-76-1 Immediately after calling the meeting to order, the Presiding Officer asked for and received a unanimous vote to the effect that the Constitution printed in program book was invalid and that a document distributed to the Business Meeting was the valid current Constitution with a set of pending amendments as passed in 1975 at Aussiecon. (A minor correction was later made, after researching the original language passed in 1972 at LACon I, in the wording of the separate eligibility of the English language translation of a work originally published in a language other than English.)

NOTE: Previous practice was to incorporate all changes in the text with the understanding that the change was not binding on the next Worldcon unless it wished to observe this. Considerable confusion resulted. In addition there had been attempts to adopt major changes at DisCon II in 1974 and Aussiecon in 1975 while bypassing the one year delay. Bill Brown had ruled that changes made at DisCon II needed to be ratified but changes at Aussiecon went into effect immediately.

CH-76-2 The chair ruled that amendments could be offered to constitutional amendments pending ratification provided that the proposed change would constitute a lesser change from the existing Constitution than the original language passed the previous year.

NOTE: This Business Meeting adopted a set of Standing Rules, asserting its authority over its own procedures, but these were not yet provided for in the Constitution

NOTE: Minutes are not available for the 1976 Business Meeting The above is based on notes made by Bob Hillis after consultation with Larry Smith.

Appendix W: Aussiecon Special Rules

Special Rules for the Aussiecon Three Business Sessions

1. Notwithstanding any other provision, the mover of the substantive motion will have a right of reply at the conclusion of a debate, immediately before the motion (and all amendments thereto) is put to the vote. Time for the reply will be considered additional to the time for debate as allowed for in Standing Rule 13 and Special Rule 4.
2. The motions, to 'object to consideration', to 'table' to 'divide the question', to 'postpone' or to 'refer to committee' shall be considered only after the mover has spoken to the substantive motion and before any other speech is called. Any or all may be foreshadowed before the mover speaks.
3. Amendments to the substantive motion (changes which do not alter the effect of the motion) must be in writing and can be moved at any time during the discussion of the substantive motion. Foreshadowed motions to the substantive motion (alternatives to the motion which have the effect of altering its intent) must be in writing and may be moved at any time during the discussion of the substantive motion. At the conclusion of the debate, motions will be put in this order: amendments, the substantive motion (as amended), foreshadowed motions. If the substantive motion carries, all foreshadowed motions shall lapse.
4. Unless otherwise determined by the Presiding Officer, the time for debate on each main motion shall be limited to 12 minutes. Speeches to any motion during the Business Meetings shall be of the following maximum length: Mover of the substantive motion - 3 minutes; all other speakers in the debate - 3 minutes. Right of reply to the mover of a substantive motion - 2 minutes.
5. Procedural motions will take precedence at all times, except that the Chair may reject the motion 'that the motion be now put' if he considers that there has been insufficient debate.
6. On the receipt of the motion 'that the Chair's ruling be dissented from', the Chair will vacate the Chair and appoint an acting Chair. The mover of the motion will then speak to his/her dissent for no more than 2 minutes and the Chair being dissented from will speak for up to 2 minutes. The question will then be put in the form 'that the Chair's ruling be upheld'.
7. Except for the question in Special Rule 6, all other procedural motions shall be put without debate.