

The World Science Fiction Society

Minutes of the Business Meeting at Torcon 3

Friday 29th to Sunday 31st August 2003

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Introduction

All three meetings were held in the Ontario Room of the Fairmont Royal York Hotel. The head table officers were:

Chair: Kevin Standlee

Deputy Chair / P.O: Donald Eastlake III

Secretary: Pat McMurray

Timekeeper: Clint Budd

Tech Support: William J Keaton, Glenn Glazer

[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 mostly used, 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. 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: 16th November 2003

Pat McMurray

Business Meeting Secretary

WSFS BUSINESS MEETING

Preliminary Business Meeting, Friday, 29th August 2003

Chair: Kevin Standlee Secretary: Pat McMurray

Deputy Chair / P.O.: Donald Eastlake III Timekeeper: Clint Budd

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:15 AM. Attendance as recorded on the sign up sheets was 96.

John Pomeranz moved to thank ConJosé for coffee.

Mark Olson moved to thank the team who had assembled the past WSFS minutes – Tim Illingworth, Pat McMurray and Ben Yalow.

Both Motions passed without objection.

1. Committee Reports

1.1. Mark Protection Committee (Including Nominations for MPC)

Committee appointed new trademark attorney and commenced the process of protecting marks.

Jonathon Cowie: Examples of items being protected?

Stephen Boucher: Examples include

1. Currently protect “Worldcon”, “WSFS”, “Hugo”, “NASFiC” and “World Science Fiction Society”
2. Examining protecting rocket design

3. Domain names

Ruth Sachter, Scott Dennis and Donald Eastlake III's terms having expired, there were three vacancies on the Mark Protection Committee. The three incumbents were nominated without objection.

There were no other nominations, so nominations were closed. Write in ballots are allowed, so voting will take place tomorrow.

All three candidates signed acceptance forms.

1.2. Nitpicking & Flyspecking Committee

No objections to Chair reappointing Donald Eastlake III, Tim Illingworth, Kevin Standlee and appointing Pat McMurray to the committee.

1.2.1 Short Title: Extended Distribution

Chair: Debate time for motion will be set at five minutes.

Ben Yalow: Move to add

Provided that the Business Meeting requests Noreascon 4 to follow this motion.

Ben Yalow (F): Just asks, not binding

John Lorentz (A): No need to add this to Constitution

Chair: This is a provision, not a Constitutional amendment.

Seth Breidbart (A): This provision cannot be imposed, since it forces additional costs on Noreascon 4 and Interaction.

Chair: Split provision as separate resolution.

1.2.1B Requesting Extended Distribution

Business Meeting requests next three Worldcons follow the procedure in Item 1.2.1

Ben Yalow: Is it the ruling of the Chair that even the most minimal cost from a motion does not bind a sitting Worldcon?

Chair: Difficult to lay a rule.

Ben Yalow: Intent of “no additional charges clause” is to cover big, different charges, but not such items as adding a new Hugo! Ordinary and necessary kinds of change are not forbidden under this clause.

Chair: Withdraw ruling, submit to members.

Chair: The question to members is: Does Item 1.2.1 impose additional costs within the meaning of the WSFS Constitution?

Andrew Adams: Point of Inquiry: Which section of the Constitution?

Chair: 6.4

Andrew Adams (F): Clear in Constitution.

Tom Beck (A): Request, not require.

Chair: Are we entitled?

George Flynn(F): When the original motion was made, an amendment to include the word “substantial” was not accepted by that Business Meeting.

Rick Kovalcik (A): Small type – no additional cost.

Mark Olson (A): Current practice is to require committees to comply.

Chair: Time over for debate.

Question: Is item 1.2.1 imposing an additional cost as defined by Constitution Section 6.4?

Failed many to few. (So 1.2.1 does **not** impose an additional cost as defined by Constitution Section 6.4, and standing Worldcons must comply with this motion if it is ratified next year, but a *request* is made to Noreascon 4.)

Sparks: Question of Privilege: Members should speak into microphone and direct comments to the Chair.

Paul Krause: Parliamentary Inquiry – we haven’t really resolved the meaning of 6.4.

Chair: Without objection, Refer 6.4 to the Nitpicking and Flyspecking Committee for investigation and consideration.

Richard Russell: Suggest NPFSC appoint George Flynn as a consultant.

Chair: NPFSC will take this request under advisement.

Ben Yalow: Point of Order, what is the time limit of 1.2.1B.

Chair: Apologies, 5 minutes.

1.2.2 Short Title: Moving Works

Louis Epstein: What is the difference between a professional and a fan artist?

Gary Blog: Move to amend to “works or nominees”

John Pomerantz: Should try and avoid discussing alternate wording on the floor of the meeting.

Chair: Without objection, the motion is referred to a committee comprising the Nitpicking and Flyspecking Committee members, Gary Blog and John Pomerantz; and the committee is directed to report back to the main meeting any suggested changes."

Chair: Debate time for motion will be set at five minutes.

1.2.3 Short Title: Default Rates

Chair: Debate time for motion will be set at ten minutes.

1.2.4 Short Title: Counting Votes (and Breaking Ties)

Chair: Debate time for motion will be set at five minutes.

Ben Yalow: This motion covers both Constitutional Amendments and Standing Rules. Move to add a proviso that the Standing Rules are not in effect until the Constitutional Amendments are ratified.

Mark Olson. Move to refer 1.2.4 back to Nitpicking and Flyspecking Committee for further explanation, with them to report back next year.

Motion passed without objection.

[Secretary: *In fact, the Preliminary Business Meeting cannot refer motions back to committee – see minutes for Main Business Meeting on Saturday.*]

1.2.5 Short Title: Tied Races

Chair: Debate time for motion will be set at five minutes.

Andrew Adams: Point of Order: This motion and the motion at 4.3.1 interact.

Richard Russell: Does new 2.6 conflict with 4.5.7?

Seth Breidbart: Move to amend, by adding “pursuant to this section” so that the revised Section 2.6 will read:

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. Where a site and Committee are chosen by a Business Meeting or Worldcon Committee pursuant to this section, they are not restricted by exclusion zone or other qualifications.

Seth Breidbart (F): existing wording could be subject to inappropriate interpretation.

Linda Ross-Mansfield: Is “failing to perform its duties” self-determined or decided externally?

Chair: Refuse to rule on this because the “failing to perform its duties” phrase is not directly under consideration by this amendment, and is included only to provide context for this amendment.

There was no objection to the amended phrasing.

Paul Birnbaum: Point of Order: New paragraph is in wrong place, should be in 4.5.6.

Chair: Point of Order not well taken, amendment is in right place.

1.3. Worldcon Runners' Guide Editorial Committee

Chair: Reappoint Sharon Sbarsky until next year. Thanks for her work.

On a motion by Mr McMurray the meeting recessed at 10:55 and resumed at 11:15.

1.4. Hugo Eligibility Rest of the World (HEROW) Committee

Report was presented by Jim Mann.

1.4.1 Short Title: This Year's Model

Gary Blog: Move to amend by replacing the word “published” - doesn't cover dramatic presentations.

Chair: Motion is not in order; “published” is more wide ranging and includes dramatic presentations.

[Secretary: This follows CH2002-2, a ruling from last year on this matter.]

Lew Wolkoff: To what extent is this binding on next year?

Chair: As binding as next year's Hugo committee wishes it to be.

John Lorentz: Should Nitpicking and Flyspecking Committee be directed to investigate the word “published”.

Chair: We can't deal with that at this point in the meeting.

Gary Blog: How does this affect the John W Campbell Award?

Chair: I rule that the Business Meeting does not have direct jurisdiction over the Campbell Award.

John Lorentz: Point of Information: Campbell tends to follow Hugo rules.

Ben Yalow: Point of Information: Didn't 1997 make a similar ruling?

Chair: Maybe, I don't know.

{Secretary: I've researched this, and I believe Ben Yalow is referring to the 1998 Business Meeting, at which a petition had been presented that Susan Matthews' eligibility for the Campbell Award should be extended. Ben moved a substitute motion, that the Business Meeting would commend such an extension, as the meeting had no authority in this matter. These objections having been minuted, and it being made clear that the petition was a request and not a direction, Ben withdrew the motion. It is clear that the Business Meeting has never claimed jurisdiction in this matter, and therefore there is no earlier explicit Ruling than the one made above.}

The motion was passed by a ¾ majority.

Chair: The Nitpicking and Flyspecking Committee is directed to examine the matter of whether “published” covers all Hugos.

1.4.2 Short Title: Holding on for a HEROW

Committee was continued without objection.

Chair (of Meeting) requested that those who are interested in serving on the Committee should talk to the podium staff.

1.5. Formalization of Long List Entries (FOLLE) Committee

Mark Olson: An ongoing process – we've received additional information even today.

Vince Docherty: Yes, we discussed the interpretation of the Chair terminology. KIM Campbell is the convenor of 2005, which makes her effectively Co-Chair.

Jim Briggs: Move to commend the FOLLE Committee. Passed without objection.

Ben Yalow: Note for the record that convention committees have control over their other records, FOLLE does not control long list details.

Chair: Appoint a committee on directions for the FOLLE Committee consisting of Mr Yalow to report tomorrow.

1.5.1. Short Title: Extended Folly

Motion passed without objection.

Chair: Mark Olson is reappointed as Chair and may add and remove members as he chooses.

2. Worldcon Reports

2.1.3 LoneStarCon 2

Chair's ruling: LoneStarCon 2 should report on any unspent funds from seed money for cons.

Louis Epstein: Point of Inquiry: no interest income is listed?

Chair: Income generated after the convention is not reportable.

Ben Yalow: Bouchercon is not a local convention

Kent Bloom: Point of Order: Not germane

Chair: Not well taken

Kent Bloom: Appeal Chair's ruling

Chair: Discussion of appropriate ways to spend surpluses is germane to financial reports.

Kent Bloom (A): Receipt of financial reports is a different matter from a resolution criticizing that expenditure, therefore they belong in different places in the agenda.

Ben Yalow (F): Germane in this case. Need to agree exactly what is reportable and that needs to be here.

George Flynn: Point of Inquiry: Does 2.9.3 cover this?

Linda Deneroff: Point of Inquiry: What response can we make if spending is deemed inappropriate?

Chair: Not in order at this time.

Chair's ruling was sustained; this discussion is germane.

A motion was made to extend debate by 3 minutes – bare 2/3 pass.

Ben Yalow: appropriate spending would be covered by precedent.

Seth Breidbart: There are various hypotheses.

Chair: In the best interests of WSFS, the Chair wishes to avoid making a ruling that could prevent a Worldcon Committee from ever filing a final report.

Paul Birnbaum: What is difference between seed and grant?

Chair: Bouchercon was internal, Armadillocon was external.

Rick Kovalcik: Did Bouchercon make money?

Chair: Irrelevant

Paul Krause: See versus grant

Mark Olson: Mustn't legislate here.

Chair: What we said was not a ruling.

2.1.4 Bucconeer

Final report.

[Secretary would like to congratulate Bob McIntosh on this. Secretary is quite a lazy individual and is pleased to have fewer Financial Reports to deal with in future.]

2.1.5 Aussiecon Three

Report tomorrow.

2.1.6 Chicon 2000

Report is attached.

In response to a question from the floor, the Chair noted that the WSFS Business Meeting does not have jurisdiction over Pass Along Funds. It is a private arrangement between individual Worldcon Committees, not a WSFS matter.

2.1.8 ConJosé

Gary Blog: Complaint about packs not having been sent out yet to supporting members.

[Secretary: Meeting Chair stood down and Don Eastlake took over as Chair.]

Kevin Standlee: ConJosé sincerely regrets not having accomplished this. The Co-Chairs in particular are very apologetic – insufficient people points to accomplish everything.

Craig Miller: Apology would have been sufficient without long explanation.

Mr Standlee resumed the Chair.

3. Business Passed On from ConJosé

3.1 Short Title: Lesser Minutes

Chair: Debate time for motion will be set at eight minutes.

4. New Business

4.3.1 Short Title: Back to the Future

Object to Consideration failed.

Chair: Debate time for motion will be set at twenty minutes.

Ben Yalow: Point of Order: Note that this any part of this amendment can be amended, including the provisos.

Ben Schilling: Move to Amend, by striking the unnecessary phrase “that this amendment shall not take effect until the conclusion to the 2004 Worldcon, Noreascon 4;”

There was no objection to this amendment.

6. Adjournment

Linda Ross Mansfield: Can we re-arrange the seating pattern?

Elsbeth Kovar (Hotel Liaison): Will try for tomorrow.

Ben Yalow Point of Order: The Preliminary Business Meeting can't refer 1.2.3 back to the Nitpicking and Flyspecking Committee.

Chair: Well taken – will now consider this tomorrow.

[Secretary: In effect the Chair's ruling was that the motion to Refer to Committee passed earlier in the meeting was erased and that the parliamentary situation was the same as it had been before the original referral was passed.]

Meeting adjourned at 12:00

WSFS BUSINESS MEETING

First Main Business Meeting, Saturday, 30th August 2003

Chair: Kevin Standlee Secretary: Pat McMurray

Deputy Chair / P.O.: Donald Eastlake III Timekeeper: Clint Budd

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:16 AM. Attendance as recorded on the sign up sheets was 124.

Secretary made a series of amendments and corrections to the published agenda. [*The versions included here are fully corrected.*]

Raymond Cyrus: Move to suspend the rules and immediately consider Item 4.3.1

Motion was seconded, but failed to pass.

Don Eastlake: As Chair of next year's Business Meeting, would like volunteers to make themselves known.

1. Committee Reports

1.1. Mark Protection Committee (Including Nominations for MPC)

On a motion by Ms. Sbarsky and without objection, the rules were suspended and the three nominees were elected to fill the three MPC seats.

Chair: MPC Meeting will be held after Sunday's Business Meeting.

In response to a Parliamentary Inquiry, the Chair noted that proxy voting is not allowed. You have to be present to vote at a WSFS Business Meeting.

1.2. Nitpicking & Flyspecking Committee

1.2.1A Short Title: Extended Distribution

Louis Epstein: Concerned about practicality of this, does it cover every type of work?

Chair's Ruling: Blanket extension

Motion passed.

Forwarded to next year's Business Meeting for ratification.

1.2.1B Short Title: Requesting Extended Distribution

Motion passed without objection.

Forwarded to next year's Business Meeting for ratification.

1.2.2 Short Title: Moving Works

No report from ad hoc committee.

Louis Epstein: Concerned about practicality – no real effect, and what about fan artist / pro artist.

Similar situation with fan writer / pro editor.

Motion passed.

Forwarded to next year's Business Meeting for ratification.

1.2.3 Short Title: Default Rates

Tom Veal (A): Average of last three Worldcon voting fees is much higher than typical NASFiC voting fees.

Rick Kovalcik (F): Prefer this to be too high rather than too low – only a default.

Perianne Lurie (A): Low default would encourage bidders to work together.

Seth Breidbart (F): High default fee prevents spoilers driving down the fees.

Motion passed.

Forwarded to next year's Business Meeting for ratification.

1.2.4 Short Title: Counting Votes (and Breaking Ties)

Referred back to the Nitpicking and Flyspecking Committee at yesterday's meeting without objection.

1.2.5 Short Title: Tied Races

Someone?: Parliamentary Inquiry: Is there explicit provision for how the Business Meeting would handle this?

[Secretary: Apologies – This person didn't identify themselves and I don't know everybody in fandom. There was no verbal response to this inquiry, but shuddering and moaning could be heard from many parts of the meeting.]

Kent Bloom: Move to divide Section 3 of 1.2.5

Chair Ruling: They can be separated:

Alex von Thorn: Point of Inquiry: Would we then decide Section 3 next?

Chair: Yes

Seth Breidbart: Point of Inquiry: What would happen in the event of a Site Selection tie?

Chair: This would return to the Business Meeting.

Rick Kovalcik: Move the question.

Motion to divide fails.

Louis Epstein: Point of Inquiry: Section 4.0 “consulting by mail poll”

Chair: Not necessary

Kent Bloom (A): Opposed to only Section 3 of motion.

Paul Birnbaum (A): Why should Business Meeting have to override electorate?

Kent Bloom: Move to strike section 3

Seth Breidbart (A): Tie between two parties in a three way race.

Paul Birnbaum: Move to extend debate by three minutes.

Motion fails

Motion to strike section 3 fails.

Main motion passed.

Forwarded to next year's Business Meeting for ratification.

1.5. Formalization of Long List Entries (FOLLE) Committee

Committee consisting of Ben Yalow has reported back a motion:

Moved: The Business Meeting supports the methodology used by the FOLLE Committee and recommends that this Committee continues their procedure of consulting Worldcon Committees as part of their research.

Ben Yalow (F): we like what they are doing and how they are doing it.

Motion passed without objection.

2. Worldcon Reports

2.1.9. Time Travel Worldcon

The attached report was submitted.

Louis Epstein: Move to refer to 1939 Worldcon Business Meeting.

Chair's Ruling: Motion is frivolous and dilatory as creating indefinite time loops is a bad idea.

Andrew Adams: Move to refer this report to Minneapolis in 2073

Chair: Funny once, but not twice.

3. Business Passed On from ConJosé

3.1 Short Title: Lesser Minutes

Motion passed.

Now forms part of Constitution.

A short recess was taken to 11:10.

Deb Geisler: On behalf of Noreascon 4 Committee we would like to thank the Time Travel Worldcon Committee for pass-along funds and ConJosé for coffee.

4. New Business

4.3.1 Short Title: Back to the Future

Rick Kovalcik: Move to suspend the rules and postpone indefinitely:
Motion fails.

Stephen Boucher (F): Covered main arguments in Motion's rationale.

Raymond Cyrus (A): Conversion fee will be higher with a shorter period of time; there will be fewer GoH choices; fewer hotel choices; harder to get MTCC; penalise NASFiCs by forcing one year running; 500 mile rule penalises North American bids against non-North American bids; we have real world jobs with less time in the shorter run.

Pat McMurray: Move to add proviso:

Provided further that the Chicago bid announced at Torcon 3 will be exempted from any new limitation of Section 4.7 of the WSFS Constitution imposed by this amendment.

Ed Green: What are the effects of this amendment?

Pat McMurray: Removes potential impact of the main motion on the Chicago bid.

Rick Kovalcik: Point of Order: That was a speech in favour.

Chair: No, that was an explanation of a complex matter.

Mark Olson (F): Courtesy normally extended to existing bids.

Rick Kovalcik (A): Feel for C2009, what about the St. Louis NASFiC bid?

Glenn Glazer: Move to extend debate two minutes

Motion fails.

Craig Miller: Want to move amendment to the amendment.

Chair: Not allowed.

Sharon Sbarsky: Will two year lead time impact on 800 km / 500 mile limit?

Chair ruled that C09 would be valid for a KC06 Worldcon.

Tom Veal: Move to suspend the rules and alter the amendment to

Provided further that C2008 and C2009 would be eligible in any event.

58 in favour, 42 against, Motion needed 2/3 majority so fails.

Craig Miller: Move to suspend the rules and introduce an amendment to suspend implementation for one year.

Motion fails

Lynn Anderson: Move to extend total debate time by ten minutes.

Motion was passed.

[Secretary: We now return to considering Pat McMurray's amendment, the additional proviso.]

Ben Yalow (F): Try not to affect existing bids. A potential 2007 NASFiC bid would be OK. Move to suspend rules, using Tom Veal's motion and adding an exception that this is "not valid if KC06 and Columbus 07 win."

[Secretary: If KC06 had won, and then Columbus 07 win, then Chicago would not have been valid for either 2008 or 2009, under either new or old rules. It would have been as improper to make them valid, as it would have been to close out the window of opportunity for them.]

Craig Miller: Move to postpone consideration of all matters to tomorrow's Business Meeting.

Seth Breidbart: Move to adjourn

Motion to adjourn fails.

[Chair: In effect, adjourning at this point would have had the same effect as adopting mR Miller's motion and then adjourning. Unlike ordinary societies that meet more often than every three months, all of the meetings at a single Worldcon are a single legislative session and any unfinished business simply picks up where it left off at the next meeting. In an

ordinary society meeting more often than every three months, adjourning at this point would have killed the pending motion.]

Motion to postpone passes.

6. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 11:47.

WSFS BUSINESS MEETING

Site Selection Business Meeting, Sunday, 31th August 2003

Chair: Kevin Standlee Secretary: Pat McMurray

Deputy Chair / P.O.: Donald Eastlake III Timekeeper: Clint Budd

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:15 AM. Attendance as recorded on the sign up sheets was 157.

Chair announced that the Chicago bid had dropped their objections, to rapturous applause.

5.1. Report of the 2006 Worldcon Site Selection & Presentation by Winners

Bob McIntosh reported, see attached.

LA won

Without objection, ballots were destroyed

Christian McGuire, LA Chair: Thanks to Margene Bahm and the entire KC crew.

Convention will be called L.A.con IV and guests are Connie Willis, James Gurney, Howard DeVore and Frankie Thomas.

Margene Bahm, KC Chair: Thank everyone who helped and supported us, Committee who worked so hard, and L.A. Bid who became good friends. One final announcement, we intend to bid for the 94th Worldcon in 2036 and I would like to introduce the bid Chair, Samantha Myers.

Samantha Myers (Aged 6): We're going to win!

5.2. Report of the 2005 NASFiC Site Selection & Presentation by Winners

Kevin Standlee recused himself and Don Eastlake chaired the meeting.

Bob McIntosh: After three rounds of counting, Seattle won.

Without objection, ballots were destroyed.

Bobbie duFault, Seattle Chair: Thanks to Pat Porter who had to step down for health reasons. The convention will be called CascadiaCon and guests are Fred Saberhagen, Liz Danforth, Toni Weisskopf and Kevin Standlee. Thanks to Charlotte, who were friendly and helpful throughout.

Kathleen Meyer, Chair of Charlotte: Thanks to Seattle, thanks to Charlotte committee.

Mr Standlee resumed the Chair.

1. Committee Reports

1.4. Hugo Eligibility Rest of the World (HEROW) Committee

Chair: Ed Green will chair this Committee.

2. Worldcon Reports

2.1.9. Time Travel Worldcon

David Kyle reported back from the 1939 Worldcon, see attached.

4. New Business

4.3.1 Short Title: Back to the Future

Amendment was withdrawn without objection.

Chair: Debate time is reset to 20 minutes.

[Chair: This is a standard parliamentary rule, not an arbitrary ruling. Debate times are per day, and if the debate continues into a new day, the debate clock resets.]

Pat McMurray (F): Main points from rationale.

Louis Epstein: Point of Order: Imposes additional costs on L.A.con IV so is not in order.

Chair Ruling: Not well taken, no additional costs.

James Brigg: Point of Inquiry: where will 2007 NASFiC vote take place

Chair: At L.A.con IV

Chair reversed this ruling later, see below.

Rick Kovalcik: Point of Order: Motion doesn't address NASFiC.

Chair: Point not well taken; motion addresses lead time, and NASFiC lead time is defined in terms of Worldcon lead time.

Dennis Caswell (A): Two year cycle on NASFiC implies a one day bid.

Chair: Note section 4.8.1. Changing the Worldcon lead time automatically changes the NASFiC lead time. NASFiC lead time is not "two year"; it is "one year less than Worldcon."

Rick Kovalcik: Appeal Chair's Ruling.

Chair: You're right. If required, the 2007 NASFiC site selection will take place at the 2005 NASFiC.

Tom Veal (A): Big problem – introduces immense new element of uncertainty as to what year a city is eligible, will only know four years in advance not six. This is another major change, and too soon after the last one.

Janice Gelb (F): This motion is supported by many Worldcon Chairs; shortened bidding cycle is a good thing; and what do you do with that first year, anyway?

Raymond Cyrus (A): Proposers are attempting to limit the flexibility of bid committees – benevolent despotism.

Kent Bloom (F): Do Worldcons cost too much? A two year cycle should reduce the cost.

Alex von Thorn (A): More choices with a longer planning cycle. People issue – timescales are just right. NASFiC – one year bidding cycle is crazy.

Paul Krause: Point of Order: what is history of Worldcon bidding cycles.

Chair ruled this wasn't a Point of Order, but a miscellaneous Inquiry, and provided a short history.

Ed Green (F): Three year bid cycle is too long; there are practical considerations.

Don Eastlake (A): Two to three year change was made for facilities reasons and we might be forced to change back if economic cycle turns around.

Ben Yalow (F): I pushed the move from two to three years, which seemed like a good time. Things like us are now bidding six, eight, even ten years. Facilities issues are irrelevant – people get tired, I've seen this so many times, we're burning out people.

Louis Epstein: Move to extend debate five minutes.

Motion fails.

Motion passes 90 in favour, 83 against.

Forwarded to next year's Business Meeting for ratification.

5. Site Selection Business

5.3. Reports by seated Worldcons

5.3.1. Noreascon 4 (2004)

Deb Geisler, Chair of Noreascon 4: We're at T-369 and counting.

Derryl Exlins: Big Dig?

Deb: Biggus Diggus - no real impact on us

Micheal Pins: Will there be mallets?

Deb: We're not going to arm you.

Ken Smookler: Will the hotels match the lowest published rates?

Deb: Yes.

Lurianne Perie: Hotel forms?

Deb: PR5 in December, direct reservations with the hotels.

Danny Liebermann: Hugo and Masquerade night?

Deb: Hugos Saturday, Masquerade Sunday.

5.3.2. Interaction (2005)

Vince Docherty, Chair of Interaction: Will answer questions

Rick Katze: Why does your Committee have such confidence in you?

Vince: They have a choice?

[*Secretary: Worth mentioning that this was a jocular exchange...*]

Linda Ross Mansfield: Pedestrian bridges and hotel facilities.

Vince: Now three hotels on site, 2.5 x number of beds in Glasgow. Remembering that our rates are quoted to include tax and breakfast we're looking at a range of £30 to £100 per room per night.

Richard Russell: Cheap accommodation?

Vince: Students apartments

Mike Willmoth: Hotel bureau?

Vince: Yes have to, but not the same one as Intersection's. We will start taking bookings at Noreascon

Gary Keith Feldbaum: Party hotels?

Vince: Haven't decided yet, won't be Central.

Richard Russell: Will one of onsite hotels be party hotel?

Vince: None of them are suitable.

Michael Donahue: Airline?

Vince: Not yet.

Glen Glazier: Distance between party hotels and site.

Vince: about a mile – one stop on train, 20 minutes walk, cheapest taxis in UK

Vince: Delighted to announce we're also the 2005 Eurocon.

5.4. Presentation by future Worldcon bids, time permitting

5.4.1. Presentation by bidders for 2007

5.4.1.1 Nippon 07

Hiroaki Inoue: Will make presentation. Our Chair, Shouichi Hachiya, has throat problems.

Date: Labour day weekend

Place: Pacifico Yokohama, 5,000 person hall, 1,000 bedrooms on site.

Will also be Japanese National SF Convention for 2007.

Holding 2005 convention there for practice, and it was site of 1992, 2000 and 2003 conventions.

Programme will be bilingual in English and Japanese with simultaneous translation for major events.

Pat McMurray: How many attendees at Japanese National SF Convention?

Hiroaki: Between 2,000 and 2,500.

5.4.1.2 Columbus 2007

Kim Williams: Convention pace; 24 hour food court, connected hotels, hotels are experiences, Marcon is held in the Hyatt regency; agreed \$105 room rates and corkage waiver.

Janice Gelb: Committee Worldcon experience?

Kim: Kidcon, filk, dealer's room.

Chair: Announce that L.A.con IV have appointed Craig Miller as their Mark Protection Committee representative.

Chair Ruling: 2004 Worldcon elects 2007. This could cause a 2007 NASFiC to be necessary, in which case the 2005 NASFiC would administer the election. The just passed item, if ratified, could first effect a hypothetical 2008 NASFiC, voting for which would take place in 2007.

6. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:58

AGENDA FOR WSFS BUSINESS MEETING

Preliminary Business Meeting, Friday, 29th August 2003

Chair: Kevin Standlee Secretary: Pat McMurray

Deputy Chair / P.O.: Donald Eastlake III Timekeeper: Clint Budd

[Secretary: If you're new to Business Meetings, the last document in the set attached explains WSFS Business Meeting Procedures, and should be the first document you read. Really, we mean it, when we say please ask for any assistance you may need in interpreting the rules or in any other matter.]

1. Committee Reports

Committee reports may include motions. Motions made by committees consisting of more than one person need not be seconded.

1.1. Mark Protection Committee (Including Nominations for MPC)

The Mark Protection Committee met last night. A formal report should be available at the Business Meeting tomorrow.

Nominations for the WSFS Mark Protection Committee are in order at the Preliminary Business Meeting. Nominees must accept nomination and indicate their current residence zone within one hour of the end of the Preliminary Business Meeting.

The members whose terms of office expire at this Worldcon are: Scott Dennis (Central), Donald Eastlake III (Eastern), Ruth Sachter (West). Due to zone residency restrictions, we can elect at most two people from the Western zone, one person from the Central zone, two people from the Eastern zone, and three people from the Rest of the World. Write-in votes are allowed, but write-in candidates must submit their consent to election by the close of balloting.

(See the head table staff for a nomination acceptance form.)

1.2. Nitpicking & Flyspecking Committee

Report is attached. The following resolutions arise from this report.

1.2.1 Short Title: Extended Distribution

1.2.2 Short Title: Moving Works

1.2.3 Short Title: Default Rates

1.2.4 Short Title: Counting Votes (and Breaking Ties)

1.2.5 Short Title: Tied Races

[Secretary: In a vain attempt to save trees I have not reproduced the full texts of the resolutions here – they're in the report.]

1.3. Worldcon Runners' Guide Editorial Committee

The Committee has had a quieter year than expected, largely due to computer problems. No data has been lost.

People who are interested in helping next year should meet with Sharon Sbarsky in this room, immediately following the Preliminary Business Meeting.

1.4. Hugo Eligibility Rest of the World (HEROW) Committee

We believe an extra year of eligibility for works first published outside North America in English is currently appropriate, but that market changes could render this unnecessary in the future. We recommend an annual one-year extension and continuation of the committee to monitor the situation.

1.4.1 Short Title: This Year's Model

Moved, To extend eligibility for all works which are allowed by a resolution under the following sections of the WSFS Constitution:

3.2.3: The Business Meeting may by a 3/4 vote provide that works originally published outside the United States of America and first

published in the United States of America in the current year shall also be eligible for Hugo Awards given in the following year.

3.2.4: A work shall not be eligible if in a prior year it received sufficient nominations to appear on the final award ballot.

This motion extends eligibility for the Hugo Award; therefore, it requires a 3/4 vote.

1.4.2 Short Title: Holding on for a HEROW

(To be moved only if **This Year's Model** is passed.)

Moved, To continue the Hugo Eligibility for the Rest of the World (HEROW) Committee as previously charged, with a new Chair and members appointed by the Chair of the Business Meeting, and with the Chair of the HEROW Committee authorized to add additional members to the committee.

Note that the current Chair of the HEROW Committee will not accept reappointment as Chair of the committee, although he will continue to work with the committee if it is renewed, because he has too many other things that tie up too much time.

1.5. Formalization of Long List Entries (FOLLE) Committee

Report is attached.

1.5.1. Short Title: Extended Folly

Moved, To continue the Formulation of Long List Entries (FOLLE) Committee until Noreascon Four under the same terms as previously constituted;

To direct the Committee to continue perfecting the Long List of Worldcons and NASFiCs; and

To direct the Committee to produce a Long List of Hugo Nominees and Winners.

2. Worldcon Reports

Currency conversion rates as of 15 August 2003

	CAD	USD	GBP	AUD	EUR	JPY
CAD	—	0.72	0.45	1.09	0.64	85.95
USD	1.39	—	0.63	1.52	0.89	119.26
GBP	2.21	1.59	—	2.42	1.42	190.90
AUD	0.91	0.66	0.41	—	0.59	78.62
EUR	1.56	1.13	0.71	1.71	—	134.22
100 JPY	1.16	0.84	0.53	1.27	0.75	—

The Secretary regrets to report that The Millennium Philcon failed to report to last year's Business Meeting. They are therefore in breach of Section 2.9.4 of the WSFS Constitution.

In a change to past practice, the Secretary will no longer accept financial reports that are filed after the close of the Business Meeting. In the past this has played a small, but not insignificant part, in delaying the production of the minutes.

2.1 Past Worldcons and NASFiCs

2.1.1. ConAdian (1994)

No report received as of going to press.

2.1.2. L.A.con III (1996)

Report is attached

2.1.3. LoneStarCon 2 (1997)

Report is attached.

2.1.4. BucConeer (1998)

Report is attached.

2.1.5. Aussiecon Three (1999)

No report received as of going to press.

2.1.6. Chicon 2000

No report received as of going to press.

2.1.7. The Millennium Philcon (2001)

Report is attached.

2.1.8. ConJosé (2002)

Report is attached.

2.2. Seated Worldcons

2.2.1. TorCon III (2003)

Report is attached.

2.2.2. Noreascon 4 (2004)

Report is attached.

2.2.3. Interaction (2005)

Report is attached.

3. Business Passed On from ConJosé

The following Constitutional Amendment was approved at ConJosé and passed on to Torcon 3 for ratification. If ratified, it will become part of the Constitution at the conclusion of Torcon 3.

3.1 Short Title: Lesser Minutes

Moved, to amend the WSFS Constitution at Subsection 3.2.8 by ~~striking~~ and inserting text as follows:

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 boundary.

Rationale: 20 minutes will never be less than 18 minutes (20% of the 90-minute category boundary), and thus the wording proposed for deletion is mere surplusage and possibly confusing. Removing it will have no substantive effect.

4. New Business

4.1. Resolutions

Items under this heading may be voted upon and final action taken by the Preliminary Business Meeting.

4.2. Standing Rules Amendments

Items under this heading may be voted upon and final action taken by the Preliminary Business Meeting. Standing rules amendments take effect at the conclusion of the 2003 Business Meeting unless given earlier effect by specific provision and a two-thirds vote. In all amendments, new text is shown in underline type and stricken text is shown in ~~strikethru type~~.

4.3. Constitutional Amendments

Items under this heading have not yet received first passage, and will become part of the constitution only if passed at Torcon 3 and ratified at Noreascon 4. The Preliminary Business Meeting may amend items under this heading, set debate time limits, refer them to committee, and take other action as permitted under the Standing Rules.

4.3.1 Short Title: Back to the Future

Moved, to amend the WSFS Constitution at Subsection 4.1.1 by ~~striking~~ and inserting text as follows:

WSFS shall choose the location and Committee of the Worldcon to be held ~~three (3)~~ two (2) years from the date of the current Worldcon.

Provided that this amendment shall not take effect until the conclusion of the 2004 Worldcon, Noreascon 4; that there shall be no Worldcon site selection election at the 2005 Worldcon, Interaction; and that the 2006 Worldcon shall select the site of the 2008 Worldcon. Provided further that Interaction members will be entitled to vote in the 2008 Worldcon site selection, whether or not they are members of the 2006 Worldcon, to prevent the disenfranchisement of a group of voters. Persons may cast only a single vote in the 2008 site selection.

Moved by Pat McMurray and Stephen Boucher

Supported by Mike Glycer, Mark Olson, Joe Siclari, Vince Docherty, Deb Geisler, Todd Dashoff, Peggy Rae Sapienza

Rationale: When this motion was introduced in 1983 only one argument was minuted in favour of this motion. This was that “more time would allow people to get proper facilities”. The proposers of this motion feel that this particular argument has no current validity, and

that the current three year period may indeed make running a Worldcon more challenging for a less experienced committee.

5. Site Selection Business

Items under this heading will be handled at the Site Selection Business Meeting on Sunday.

5.1. Report of the 2006 Site Selection & Presentation by Winners

5.2. Reports by seated Worldcons

5.2.1. Noreascon 4 (2004)

5.2.2. Interaction (2005)

5.3. Presentation by future Worldcon bids

5.3.1. Presentation by bidders for 2007

5.3.2. Presentation by bidders for years after 2007

6. Adjournment

6.1. Adjournment *Sine Die*

Report of the WSFS Nitpicking and Flyspecking Committee

Standing Rule 7.7: Nitpicking and Flyspecking Committee. The Business Meeting shall appoint a Nitpicking and Flyspecking Committee. The Committee shall:

- (1) Maintain the list of Rulings and Resolutions of Continuing Effect
- (2) Codify the Customs and Usages of WSFS and of the Business Meeting.

In accordance with object (1), the committee reports below the compilation of items from the 2002 Worldcon, together with the collected items from earlier Worldcons.

The committee has made its full cumulative reports available through the WSFS web pages at <http://www.wsfs.org> and will continue to do so.

In accordance with object (2), Tim Illingworth & Pat McMurray have completed the OCRing and correcting of the WSFS Business Meeting minutes for 1974, and 1979-1992. 1993-date are available elsewhere (through Saul Jaffe). Minutes for all Business Meetings from 1979 to date are now available to any interested party. The committee would be interested to hear of any minutes for Business Meetings in other years.

These minutes are currently held in Word 6 format, and are available from Tim's web site (www.smof.demon.co.uk). The 1979 minutes are a report constructed from Ben Yalow's copy of the agenda of the Main Meeting with contemporaneous annotations.

As an extract from these documents, a list has been prepared of all amendments to the WSFS Constitution and Standing Rules proposed since 1979, together with their amendment and disposal. The abbreviation 'OTC' has been used to keep the document length within almost reasonable bounds.

An update of the Annotated Standing Rules (originally prepared by the Standing Rules Working Group in 1996) has also been prepared.

An Annotated Constitution has been prepared, and comments are sought for inclusion.

All of these documents are available online at <http://www.smof.demon.co.uk/wsfs.htm>

In accordance with the Committee's wider interpretation of "the Customs and Usages of WSFS and of the Business Meeting", Tim Illingworth has retyped George Scithers' "Con Committee Chair's Guide" (the story of Discon, the 1963 Worldcon) and has made it available online at <http://www.smof.demon.co.uk/wsfs.htm> with George's permission.

Pursuant to BM-94-1, www.wsfs.org has been updated, and copies of documents have been supplied to Saul Jaffe for the SF-Lovers archive.

Pursuant to BM-2001-1, the committee has reminded Torcon 3 of the requirement for legibility of badges, and hopes that Torcon has noticed.

The committee is willing to serve for another year, adding Pat McMurray as its fourth member.

Don Eastlake

Tim Illingworth

Kevin Standlee

The NP&FSC recommends that the Business Meeting consider the following motions:

1. Short Title: Extended Distribution

Moved, to amend Section 3.7.2 of the WSFS Constitution to require committees to inform members of eligibility extensions by adding " and any applicable extensions of eligibility under Sections 3.2.3 or 3.4" at the end.

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

Discussion: This would enable voters to determine what's eligible.

2. Short Title: Moving Works

Moved, to amend Section 3.8.2 of the WSFS Constitution to restrict the movement of nominees between categories to specific works and to exclude the aggregation of nominations for people by striking out the second occurrence of "nominees" and inserting "works", as shown:

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

Discussion: This would restrict the movement of nominees between categories to works (subsections 1-7, 10,11) and exclude aggregation of nominations for people (subsections 8, 9, 12, 13) across categories. This is, we believe, what was intended and what happens now. This would represent no change in powers.

3. Short Title: Default Rates

Moved, to amend Section 4.8.3 of the WSFS Constitution to make general the default supporting membership rate for all site selection elections conducted under WSFS sanction by inserting a new sentence at the end, as follows:

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. 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.

Discussion: This would explicitly make the default fee for a NASFiC election the same as the default fee for the Worldcon election held in the same year. The language is the same as that in Section 4.2.2

4. Short Title: Counting Votes (and Breaking Ties)

Moved, To amend various sections of the WSFS Constitution to add explicit tie-breaking procedures to WSFS elections, moving the general counting rules to Article 6 and detailing the specific differences per election type appropriately.

1. Move most of existing Section 3.11.1 to follow existing Section 6.2, change ‘nominee’ to ‘candidate’ throughout, and add a new sentence to it as shown

3.11.1 Section 6.2A: Tallying of Votes. ~~In each category,~~ Votes shall first be tallied by the voter's first choices. If no majority is then obtained, the ~~nominee candidate~~ 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. If two or more candidates are tied for elimination during this process, the candidate that received fewer first-place votes shall be eliminated. If they are still tied, all the tied candidates shall be eliminated together.

2. Move existing Section 3.11.3 to follow proposed Section 6.2A above, change “No Award” to “the run-off candidate” throughout, and insert text in it as shown.

3.11.3 Section 6.2B: Run-off. After a tentative winner is determined, then unless “~~No Award~~” the run-off candidate shall be the sole winner, the following additional test shall be made. If the number of ballots preferring “~~No Award~~” the run-off candidate to the tentative winner is greater than the number of ballots preferring the tentative winner to “~~No Award~~” the run-off candidate, then “~~No Award~~” the run-off candidate shall be declared the winner of the election.

3. In Section 3.11.1, substitute new wording for that moved to Section 6.2A.

3.11.1: In each category, tallying shall be as described in Section 6.2A. ‘No Award’ shall be treated as a nominee. If all remaining nominees are tied, no tie-breaking shall be done and the nominees shall be declared joint winners.

4. In Section 3.11.3 substitute new wording for the existing section.

3.11.3: “No Award” shall be the run-off candidate.

5. In Section 4.1.2, strike out “Section 3.11” and insert “Section 6.2A”.

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~~Section 6.2A.

6. In Section 4.5.3, strike out “the equivalent of ‘No Award’ with respect to Section 3.11.” and insert “the run-off candidate.”

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~~ the run-off candidate.

7. In Section 4.5.4, strike out “normal preferential ballot procedures” and insert “Section 6.2A”.

4.5.4: 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 6.2A.

8. In Standing Rule 6.2, insert, “as defined in Section 6.2A of the WSFS Constitution. There shall be no run-off candidate” after “normal preferential ballot procedures”.

9. In Standing Rule 6.2, insert as the penultimate sentence: “In the event of a first-place tie for any seat, the tie shall be broken unless all tied candidates can be elected simultaneously.”

Rule 6.2: 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 as defined in Section 6.2A of the WSFS Constitution. There shall be no run-off candidate. 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. In the event of a first-place tie for any seat, the tie shall be broken unless all tied candidates can be elected simultaneously. 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.

Discussion: This provides explicit tie-breakers for elections, using the method specified in the parliamentary authority. As far as we know, they represent current practice.

There are actually three different tie-breaking rules for the three types of elections WSFS can administer (Hugo Awards, Site Selection and Mark Protection Committee). Hugos permit ties for 1st place, Site Selection does not, and the MPC permits them if there are enough seats left to fill. This moves the general rule into Article 6 from Article 3 and details the differences in each case.

The new sections are taken from the existing Section 3.11, and fresh text is underlined.

5. Short Title: Tied Races

Moved, to amend Section 4.5 of the WSFS Constitution to explicitly provide for procedures in case of a tied site selection election, as follows:

1. In Section 4.5.5, insert “or if two or more bids are tied for first place at the end of tallying,” after “If 'None of the Above' wins,”

4.5.5: If "None of the Above" wins, or if two or more bids are tied for first place at the end of tallying, 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.

2. In Section 4.5.6, insert “following a win by ‘None of the Above’” after “Worldcon Committee”.

4.5.6: Where a site and Committee are chosen by a Business Meeting or Worldcon Committee following a win by ‘None of the Above’, they are not restricted by exclusion zone or other qualifications.

3. Insert new section 4.5.7: “Where a site and Committee are chosen by a Business Meeting or Worldcon Committee following a tie in tallying, they must select one of the tied bids.”

4.5.7: Where a site and Committee are chosen by a Business Meeting or Worldcon Committee following a tie in tallying, they must select one of the tied bids.

4. Insert a new sentence at the end of Section 2.6, as follows:

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. Where a site and Committee are chosen by a Business Meeting or Worldcon Committee, they are not restricted by exclusion zone or other qualifications.

FOLLE Report

The Long List committee is a committee set up by Noreascon 4 to put together a complete, accurate Long List of Worldcons and ancillary data which is free of typos and other trivial mistakes. The WSFS BM at ConJose appointed the N4 Long List committee to also be the official WSFS Formulation of Long List Entries committee. At present, the committee consists of Mark Olson (Chair), Kevin Standlee, George Flynn, Joe Siclari, Vince Docherty, Rich Lynch and Craig Miller

We intend to produce a Long List of Worldcons, a Long List of Nasfics and a Long List of Hugo Award nominees and winners. We intend to produce each list in two forms: A set of web pages and a set of Microsoft Word documents (the latter to provide a source for use in publications.)

Attached are the Long List of Worldcons, along with notes, and the Long List of NASFiCs, with notes. As you can see, we believe that we have successfully cleaned up the Long List of Worldcons and the Long List of Nasfics. (We propose to work on the Hugos list next year.)

Our philosophy is to create lists which accurately reflect reality without being so detailed that the main information is lost in a forest of subtle detail. To do this we have divided the Long List into two parts: The Long List itself and an extensive set of notes. We anticipate that the Long List will be printed in Worldcon Souvenir Books and the like, while the notes will typically only be referred to on-line. When multiple interpretations of a piece of data (who chaired a convention, what its name was, where it was held, etc.) exist, our policy is to have the Long List include the version which in our judgment best reflects the facts as understood by the people involved, and to document whatever variations or details we have discovered in the notes. We will respect historical judgments as long as they are not clearly in error, and we will attempt to objectively verify any corrections or notes we add.

Here's our work plan which we'll probably follow more-or-less sequentially:

1. The Long List of Worldcons (done)
 1. Produce draft of Long List and Notes (done)
 2. Review and perfect within LL committee (done)
 3. Send out for wider review (done)
2. The Long List of Nasfics (done)
 1. Produce draft of Long List and Notes (done)
 2. Review and perfect within LL committee (done)

3. Send out for wider review (done)
3. The Long List of Hugos (next year)
 1. Produce draft of Long List and Notes
 2. Review and perfect within LL committee
 3. Send out for wider review
4. Produce public web site (next year)
 1. Seek assistance to improve visual appearance of web pages
 2. Make public
 3. Hunker down to weather onslaught of niggling
5. Membership numbers (next year)
 1. Develop definitions of terms
 2. Continuing process of researching membership numbers

Many thanks to NESFA for providing a web site and to Noreascon 4 for providing an email list for discussions.

There are a few details we have not yet been able to track down (the names of Bucconeer's main hotels (see the notes page for what that means) and the exact dates of a number of 50s Worldcons.) Anyone who can provide that information or who can provide corrections should send them to me at mlo@baskerville.org and I'll forward them to the Long List committee.

The Long List of World Science Fiction Conventions (Worldcons)

Number - Year Name	City	Site	Guest(s)	Chair	Attend
1 - Nycon I 2-4 July 1939	New York	Caravan Hall	Frank R. Paul	Sam Moskowitz	200
2 - Chicon I 1-2 Sep 1940	Chicago	Hotel Chicagoan	E. E. "Doc" Smith	Mark Reinsberg	128
3 - Denvention I 4-6 Jul 1941	Denver	Shirley-Savoy Hotel	Robert A. Heinlein	Olon F. Wiggins	90
1942-1945	(Worldcon was not held due to World War II)				
4 - Pacificon I 30 Aug-1 Sep 1946	Los Angeles	Park View Manor	A. E. Van Vogt E. Mayne Hull	Walter J. Daugherty	130
5 - Philcon I 30 Aug-1 Sep 1947	Philadelphia	Penn-Sheraton Hotel	John W. Campbell, Jr. TM: L. Jerome Stanton	Milton Rothman	200
6 - Torcon I 3-5 Jul 1948	Toronto	RAI Purdy Studios	Robert Bloch (pro) Bob Tucker (fan)	Ned McKeown	200
7 - Cinvention 3-5 Sep 1949	Cincinnati	Hotel Metropole	Lloyd A. Eshbach (pro) Ted Carnell (fan)	Don Ford	190
8 - 1950 NorWesCon	Portland	Multnomah Hotel	Anthony Boucher TM: Theodore Sturgeon	Donald B. Day	400
9 - 1951 Nolacon I	New Orleans	St. Charles Hotel	Fritz Leiber	Harry B. Moore	190
10 - 1952 TASFiC	Chicago	Hotel Morrison	Hugo Gernsback	Julian C. May	870
11 - 11th Worldcon 5-7 Sep 1953	Philadelphia	Bellevue-Strafford Hotel	Willy Ley TM: Isaac Asimov	Milton Rothman	750
12 - 1954 SFCon	San Francisco	Sir Francis Drake Hotel	John W. Campbell, Jr. TM: Robert Bloch	Lester Cole Gary Nelson	700
13 - Clevention 2-5 Sep 1955	Cleveland	Manger Hotel	Isaac Asimov (pro) Sam Moskowitz (mystery GoH) TM: Anthony Boucher	Nick & Noreen Falasca	380
14 - 1956 (NyCon II)	New York	Biltmore Hotel	Arthur C. Clarke TM: Robert Bloch	David A. Kyle	850
15 - Loncon I 6-9 Sep 1957	London	King's Court Hotel	John W. Campbell, Jr.	Ted Carnell	268

16 - 1958 Solacon	South Gate, Calif.	Alexandria Hotel	Richard Matheson TM: Anthony Boucher	Anna S. Moffatt	322
17 - Detention 4-7 Sep 1959	Detroit	Pick-Fort Shelby Hotel	Poul Anderson (pro) John Berry (fan) TMs: Isaac Asimov and Robert Bloch	Roger Sims Fred Prophet	371
18 - Pittcon 3-5 Sept 1960	Pittsburgh	Penn-Sheraton Hotel	James Blish TM: Isaac Asimov	Dirce Archer	568
19 - 1961 Seacon	Seattle	Hyatt House	Robert A. Heinlein TM: Harlan Ellison	Wally Weber	300
20 - Chicon III 31 Aug-3 Sep 1962	Chicago	Pick-Congress Hotel	Theodore Sturgeon TM: Wilson Tucker	Earl Kemp	550
21 - Discon I 31 Aug-2 Sep 1963	Washington, DC	Statler-Hilton Hotel	Murray Leinster TM: Isaac Asimov	George Scithers	600
22 - Pacificon II 4-7 Sep 1964	Oakland	Hotel Leamington	Leigh Brackett (pro) Edmond Hamilton (pro) Forrest J Ackerman (fan) TM: Anthony Boucher	J. Ben Stark Al haLevy	523
23 - Loncon II 27-30 Aug 1965	London	Mount Royal Hotel	Brian W. Aldiss TM: Tom Boardman	Ella Parker	350
24 - Tricon 1-5 Sep 1966	Cleveland	Sheraton- Cleveland	L. Sprague de Camp TM: Isaac Asimov	Ben Jason, Howard DeVore, and Lou Tabakow	850
25 - Nycon 3 31 Aug-4 Sep 1967	New York	Statler-Hilton Hotel	Lester del Rey (pro) Bob Tucker (fan) TM: Harlan Ellison	Ted White Dave Van Arnam	1,500
26 - Baycon 29 Aug-2 Sep 1968	Oakland	Hotel Claremont	Philip Jose Farmer (pro) Walter J. Daugherty (fan) TM: Robert Silverberg	Bill Donaho Alva Rogers J. Ben Stark	1,430
27 - St. Louiscon 28 Aug-1 Sep 1969	St. Louis	Chase-Park Plaza	Jack Gaughan (pro) Eddie Jones (afn) TM: Harlan Ellison	Ray & Joyce Fisher	1,534
28 - Heicon '70 20-24 Aug 1970	Heidelberg	Heidelberg Stadthalle	E. C. Tubb (UK) Robert Silverberg (US) Herbert W. Franke (Germany) Elliot K. Shorter (fan) TM: John Brunner	Manfred Kage	620
29 - Noreascon I 2-6 Sep 1971	Boston	Sheraton- Boston Hotel	Clifford D. Simak (pro) Harry Warner, Jr. (fan) TM: Robert Silverberg	Tony Lewis	1,600

30 - L.A.Con I 1-4 Sep 1972	Los Angeles	International Hotel	Frederik Pohl (pro) Buck & Juanita Coulson (fan) TM: Robert Bloch	Charles Crayne Bruce Pelz	2,007
31 - Torcon II 31 Aug-3 Sep 1973	Toronto	Royal York Hotel	Robert Bloch (pro) William Rotsler (fan) TM: Lester del Rey	John Millard	2,900
32 - Discon II 29 Aug-2 Sep 1974	Washington, DC	Sheraton Park Hotel	Roger Zelazny (pro) Jay Kay Klein (fan) TM: Andrew Offutt	Jay Haldeman Ron Bounds	3,587
33 - Aussiecon One 14-17 Aug 1975	Melbourne	Southern Cross Hotel	Ursula K. Le Guin (pro) Susan Wood (fan) Mike Glicksohn (fan) Donald Tuck (Australian) TM: John Bangsund	Robin Johnson	606
34 - MidAmeriCon 2-6 Sep 1976	Kansas City, MO	Radisson Muehlebach Hotel Phillips House	Robert A. Heinlein (pro) George Barr (fan) TM: Wilson Tucker	Ken Keller	2,800
35 - SunCon 2-5 Sep 1977	Miami Beach	Hotel Fontainebleau	Jack Williamson (pro) Robert A. Madle (fan) TM: Robert Silverberg	Don Lundry	3,240
36 - IguanaCon II 30 Aug-4 Sep 1978	Phoenix	Hyatt Regency Adams House Phoenix Convention Center & Symphony Hall	Harlan Ellison (pro) Bill Bowers (fan) TM: F. M. Busby	Tim Kyger	4,700
37 - Seacon '79 23-26 Aug 1979	Brighton	Metropole Hotel	Brian Aldiss (UK) Fritz Leiber (US) Harry Bell (fan) TM: Bob Shaw	Peter Weston	3,114
38 - Noreascon Two 29 Aug-1 Sep 1980	Boston	Sheraton- Boston Hotel Hynes Civic Auditorium	Damon Knight (pro) Kate Wilhelm (pro) Bruce Pelz (fan) TM: Robert Silverberg	Leslie Turek	5,850
39 - Denvention Two 3-7 Sep 1981	Denver	Denver Hilton Hotel Currihan Convention Center Exhibition Hall and Arena	Clifford D. Simak (pro) C. L. Moore (pro) Rusty Hevelin (fan) TM: Ed Bryant	Suzanne Carnival Don C. Thompson	3,792
40 - Chicon IV 2-6 Sep 1982	Chicago	Hyatt Regency Chicago	A. Bertram Chandler (pro) Frank Kelly Freas	Ross Pavlac Larry Propp	4,275

			(pro) Lee Hoffman (fan) TM: Marta Randall		
41 - ConStellation 1-5 Sep 1983	Baltimore	Baltimore Convention Centre	John Brunner (pro) David A. Kyle (fan) TM: Jack L. Chalker	Michael Walsh	6,400
42 - L.A.con II 30 Aug-3 Sep 1984	Anaheim	Anaheim Hilton Anaheim Convention Center	Gordon R. Dickson (pro) Dick Eney (fan) TM: Jerry Pournelle MC: Robert Bloch	Craig Miller Milt Stevens	8,365
43 - Aussiecon Two 22-26 Aug 1985	Melbourne	Southern Cross, Victoria, and Sheraton Hotels	Gene Wolfe (pro) Ted White (fan)	David Grigg	1,599
44 - ConFederation 28 Aug-1 Sep 1986	Atlanta	Marriott Marquis Atlanta Hilton	Ray Bradbury (pro) Terry Carr (fan) TM: Bob Shaw	Penny Frierson Ron Zukowski	5,811
45 - Conspiracy '87 27 Aug-1 Sep 1987	Brighton	Metropole Hotel Brighton Conference Centre	Doris Lessing (UK) Alfred Bester (US) Arkady Strugatsky (USSR) Boris Strugatsky (USSR) Jim Burns (artist) Ray Harryhausen (film) Joyce & Ken Slater (fan) David Langford (special fan) TM: Brian W. Aldiss	Paul Oldroyd	4,071
46 - Nolacon II 1-5 Sep 1988	New Orleans	Marriott, Sheraton, and International Hotels New Orleans Municipal Auditorium	Donald A. Wollheim (pro) Roger Sims (fan) TM: Mike Resnick	John H. Guidry	5,300
47 - Noreascon 3 31 Aug-4 Sep 1989	Boston	Hynes Convention Center Sheraton- Boston Hotel, Hilton Hotel, Park Plaza Hotel	Andre Norton (pro) Ian & Betty Ballantine (pro) The Stranger Club (fan)	Mark L. Olson	6,956
48 - ConFiction 23-27 Aug 1990	The Hague	Netherlands Congress Centre	Harry Harrison (pro) Wolfgang Jeschke (pro) Joe Haldeman (pro)	Kees van Toorn	3,580

			Andrew Porter (fan) TM: Chelsea Quinn Yarbro		
49 - Chicon V 29 Aug-2 Sep 1991	Chicago	Hyatt Regency Chicago	Hal Clement (pro) Martin H. Greenberg (pro) Richard Powers (pro) Jon & Joni Stopa (fan) TM: Marta Randall	Kathleen Meyer	5,661
50 - MagiCon 3-7 Sep 1992	Orlando	Orange County Convention and Civic Center The Peabody Hotel The Clarion Hotel	Jack Vance (pro) Vincent Di Fate (artist) Walter A. Willis (fan) TMs: Spider Robinson, Mike Resnick	Joe Siclari	5,452
51 - ConFrancisco 2-6 Sep 1993	San Francisco	Moscone Convention Center ANA Hotel Parc Fifty Five Nikko Hotel	Larry Niven Alicia Austin Tom Digby Jan Howard Finder Mark Twain (Dead GoH) TM: Guy Gavriel Kay	David W. Clark	7,120
52 - ConAdian 1-5 Sep 1994	Winnipeg	Winnipeg Convention Centre (need hotels)	Anne McCaffrey (pro) George Barr (artist) Robert Runte (fan) TM: Barry B. Longyear	John Mansfield	3,570
53 - Intersection 24-28 Aug 1995	Glasgow	Scottish Exhibition and Conference Centre Moat House, Crest, and Central Hotels	Samuel R. Delany (writer) Gerry Anderson (media) Les Edwards (artist) Vincent Clarke (fan) TMs: Diane Duane and Peter Morwood	Vincent Docherty Martin Easterbrook	4,264
54 - L.A.con III 29 Aug-2 Sep 1996	Anaheim	Anaheim Convention Center Anaheim Hilton Anaheim Marriott	James White (writer) Roger Corman (media) Elsie Wollheim (special) Takumi & Sachiko Shibano (fan) TM: Connie Willis	Mike Glycer	6,703
55 - LoneStarCon 2 28 Aug-1 Sep 1997	San Antonio	Henry B. Gonzales Convention Center Marriott Rivercenter Marriott	Algis Budrys (pro) Michael Moorcock (pro) Don Maitz (artist) Roy Tackett (fan) TM: Neal Barrett, Jr.	Karen Meschke	4,650

		Riverwalk			
56 - BucConeer 5-9 Aug 1998	Baltimore	Baltimore Convention Center	C. J. Cherryh (writer) Milton A. Rothman (fan) Stanley Schmidt (editor) Michael Whelan (artist) J. Michael Straczynski (special) TM: Charles Sheffield	Peggy Rae Pavlat	6,572
57 - Aussiecon Three 2-6 Sep 1999	Melbourne	World Congress Center Centra Hotel	George Turner (pro) Greg Benford (pro) Bruce Gillespie (fan) J. Michael Straczynski (special)	Perry Middlemiss	1,548
58 - Chicon 2000 31 Aug-4 Sep 2000	Chicago	Hyatt Regency Chicago Fairmont Hotel	Ben Bova (author) Bob Eggleton (artist) Jim Baen (editor) Bob & Anne Passovoy (fan) TM: Harry Turtledove	Tom Veal	5,829
59 - The Millennium Philcon 30 Aug-3 Sep 2001	Philadelphia	Pennsylvania Convention Center Philadelphia Marriott Hotel	Greg Bear (author) Stephen Youll (artist) Gardner Dozois (editor) George Scithers (fan) TM: Esther Friesner	Todd Dashoff	4,950
60 - ConJosé 29 Aug-2 Sep 2002	San Jose	McEnery Convention Center, San Jose Civic Auditorium, Fairmont Hotel, Hilton Hotel, Crowne Plaza Hotel	Vernor Vinge (author) David Cherry (artist) Bjo & John Trimble (fan) Ferdinand Feghoot (imaginary) TM: Tad Williams	Tom Whitmore Kevin Standlee	5300 (est)
61 - Torcon 3 28 Aug-1 Sep 2003	Toronto	Metro Toronto Convention Centre Royal York Hotel	George R. R. Martin (author) Frank Kelly Freas (artist) Mike Glycer (fan) Robert Bloch (GoHst of Honor) TM: Spider Robinson	Peter Jarvis	????
62 - Noreascon 4 2-6 Sep 2004	Boston	Hynes Convention Center Sheraton Boston Hotel Boston Marriott	Terry Pratchett (pro) William Tenn (pro) Jack Speer (fan) Peter Weston (fan)	Deb Geisler	????

		Copley Place			
63 - Interaction 4-8 Aug 2005	Glasgow	Scottish Exhibition and Conference Centre (SECC) Moat House, and others	Greg Pickersgill Christopher Priest Robert Sheckley Lars-Olov Strandberg Jane Yolen	Vincent Docherty	???

Notes on the Long List of Worldcons

General Notes

Number - Year - Name

We have normally listed a convention by the least confusing version of its name. Most of the time this is the name preferred by the convention (variants are noted) but we also follow fannish tradition in retroactively numbering the first Worldcon in a series 1 (or I or One). (I.e., Noreascon 1 was known at the time only as "Noreascon".) All known naming oddities are noted.

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We have tried to note all cases where a guest did not attend.

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Additionally, we have attempted to document cases where there was a disconnect between the person holding the title of Chair and the person(s) who were the actual top manager(s) of the convention.

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Convention Notes

1939 -- Nycon I

The 1939 Worldcon did not have a name, but simply called itself "World Science Fiction Convention". It has subsequently been called "Nycon I" and "The 1939 Worldcon".

The convention was controlled by a so-called 'Ruling Triumvirate' whose other members were William S. Sykora and James V. Taurasi.

1949 -- C invention

Don Ford carried out the duties of Chair, but was officially only Secretary-Treasurer; Charles R. Tanner had the honorary title of Chair.

Ted Carnell, the Fan Guest of Honor, was also Toastmaster with the title "Entertainment Master of Ceremonies". He was brought to North America by the Big Pond Fund.

1950 -- NorWesCon

Theodore Sturgeon, the Toastmaster, had the title "Entertainment Master of Ceremonies."

1952 -- TASFiC

"TASFiC" stood for "Tenth Anniversary Science Fiction Convention"; it was popularly known as Chicon II, and subsequent Chicons counted it as such.

1953 -- 11th Worldcon

Officially known as "The 11th Worldcon," it was popularly known as Philcon II. Milton A. Rothman replaced James A. Williams as Chair upon Williams' death. Tom Clareson, PhD was Vice-Chair.

1954 -- SFCon

Though SFCon and Westercon shared the hotel and con chairs, Westercon was held on Friday, September 3rd, with Jack Williamson as GoH, while Worldcon was held Saturday-Monday September 4-6, with John W. Campbell, Jr., as GoH.

1955 -- Clevention

The identity of the Special Mystery Guest was not revealed (even to the honoree) until the first night of the convention. The Program book noted that "Mr. Boucher [the Toastmaster] will make the presentation of the Achievement Awards and identify the Mystery Guest."

1956 -- NYCon II

Officially known as "NEWYORCON" but -- in the words of a report at the time "The fans wouldn't have it" -- and it has been NYCon II since.

1957 -- Loncon I

Loncon's program book does not use the name "Loncon" but refers to the convention as the "15th World Science Fiction Convention."

1958 -- Solacon

Combined with West Coast Science Fantasy Conference (Westercon), sharing Guests of Honor and Chairmen. Solacon was physically in Los Angeles, but (by mayoral proclamation) technically in South Gate, California, to fulfill their bid slogan of "South Gate in 58".

1959 -- Detention

John Berry, the Fan GoH, was brought to North America by a special fan fund.

Isaac Asimov had been listed as the TM in all promotional material prior to the convention. At the convention that the program book added "...with the assistance of Robert Bloch" who acted as Asimov's foil at the banquet.

1960 -- Pittcon

Ray Smith was Vice Chair. The Program Book lists a "non-con program" day on Friday, 2 Sept.

1964 -- Pacificon II

Combined with West Coast Science Fantasy Conference (Westercon), sharing Guests of Honor and Chairmen. Pacificon II was held in Oakland, CA, which was *not* the same city (LA, 1946) where Pacificon I was held.

1966 -- Tricon

Officially jointly hosted by Cleveland, Detroit, and Cincinnati (hence "Tricon"). The question of who chaired the convention is complicated. The Tricon program book lists Cleveland's Ben Jason as Chair and Detroit's Howard DeVore and Cincinnati's Lou Tabakow as Associate Chairmen, but included all three in the Long List as did Nycon 3 the following year. People involved with the convention confirm that it was run by the three of them working jointly, so they are being treated as co-Chairmen here.

1967 -- NyCon 3

The convention's name was written as "NyCon 3" at the convention, but -- somehow -- subsequently got changed to Nycon III in versions of the Long List, perhaps echoing NYCon II.

1968 -- Baycon

Combined with West Coast Science Fantasy Conference (Westercon), sharing Guests of Honor and Chairmen.

1969 -- St. Louiscon

Eddie Jones, the TAFF (Trans Atlantic Fan Fund) winner, replaced Ted White, who withdrew as Fan Guest to dramatize the TAFF winner.

1970 -- Heicon

Heicon had decided prior to the convention to select the TAFF winner as its Fan Guest. The subsequent winner of the 1970 TAFF election was Elliot Shorter.

Heicon also called itself "Heicon '70 International".

1974 -- Discon II

Jay and Alice Haldeman were co-chairmen until the spring of 1974 when circumstances forced them to move out of Washington. Ron Bounds took over as de facto Chair until Jay returned for the convention. At the convention, Jay and Ron functioned as co-chairmen. The Discon II program book continued to list Jay and Alice as co-Chairmen, and included a welcome from Jay (co-Chair) and Ron (vice-Chair).

1975 -- Aussiecon One

Fan Guest of Honor, Donald Tuck, did not attend the convention. (Fans had to go to his home in Tasmania to meet him.)

1977 -- SunCon

SunCon was bid by "7 in '77", a group of well-known con-runners who promised that if they won they would then select an ideal site. They selected a hotel in Orlando, Florida, which subsequently went bankrupt, upon which SunCon moved to facilities in Miami Beach.

According to Chair Don Lundry, his wife Grace Lundry functioned as his co-Chair; however, convention publications listed Don solely.

In 2003 Don Lundry provided a revised attendance figure of 3240, replacing the number of 2500 reported in publications at the time and subsequently in previous versions of this list. It is possible that this is a total membership and not attendance.

1978 -- IguanaCon

This was the first IguanaCon, but was called Iguanacon II because of a previous hoax.

Greg Brown was the initial Chair but was later replaced by Tim Kyger. After the convention, Gary Farber was recognized as having fulfilled the function of Vice-Chair.

Josef Nesvadba was announced as the European GoH for Iguanacon. He could not get travel papers and did not attend. He was not listed as a guest in PR3. In the program book, he *was* listed on the main GoH page, but was *not* listed in Iguanacon's own entry in the Long List. Finally, he was not listed in Iguanacon's PR 5, which came out in 1980 and provided a detailed history of what went on, who resigned and who replaced who.

1979 -- Seacon 79

Seacon 79 was held in Brighton, England, which was *not* the same city (Seattle, 1961) where Seacon I was held.

1984 -- LAcon II

Like South Gate, Anaheim is part of the greater Los Angeles area.

The Toastmaster and MC positions were essentially equivalent, with Bloch officiating at the Hugo Ceremony and Pournelle at the Guest of Honor Speeches & Other Awards Ceremony.

1985 -- Aussiecon II

David Grigg replaced John Foyster, who resigned for family reasons, as Chair.

1987 -- Conspiracy

Alfred Bester did not attend the convention due to poor health.

Malcolm Edwards was Chair until about nine months before the convention when he resigned from the committee for personal reasons. To minimize possible bad publicity from this, he agreed to remain as titular Chair and presided at some at-con ceremonies. Paul Oldroyd took over all of his duties, but under the title of "Coordinator". Both Malcolm and Paul agree that that Paul was the de facto Chair at the time of the convention.

1989 -- Noreascon 3

The Stranger Club was the first SF club in Boston and sponsor of the pre-War series of Boskones and the *club* was the Fan Guest of Honor of Noreascon 3. All of its known surviving members were invited to the convention as guests to represent the club and **seven** were located and attended: Art Widner, Chan Davis, Harry Stubbs (Hal Clement), Louis Russell Chauvenet, Timothy Orrok, and Robert D. Swisher.

The convention's name was officially agnostic: "Noreascon 3", "Noreascon Three" and "Noreascon III" were all declared correct forms of the name.

1992 -- MagiCon

Becky Thomson was Co-Chair for the first two years after the site was selected, then vice-chairman thereafter and at the convention. Mike Resnick acted as Toastmaster for the Meet-the-Pros party.

1993 -- ConFrancisco

David Clark replaced Terry Biffel as Chair upon Biffel's death. Besides the Chair, there were Vice Chairs: Peggy Rae Pavlat and Ruth L. Sachter; and Deputy Vice Chairs: Jeff Canfield and Judy Kindell.

The Guests of Honor were designated as "Honored Guests" and the Toastmaster was called the "Master of Ceremonies". Mark Twain was "channeled" by Jon deCles.

1994 -- ConAdian

Combined with the Canadian National Science Fiction Convention (Convention). Christine Barnson and Kevin Standlee were Deputy Chairs.

1995 -- Intersection

Intersection was combined with the 1995 Eurocon. When Intersection won, Tim Illingworth and Vincent Docherty were Co-Chairmen. Docherty resigned and moved to Oman and was replaced by Martin Easterbrook. Illingworth subsequently resigned and was replaced by Docherty. Easterbrook and Docherty were co-Chairmen during the last year of planning and at the convention.

1996 -- LACon III

Special Guest Elsie Wollheim died before the convention.

1997 -- LoneStarCon II

a.k.a. "The Second Occasional LoneStarCon Science Fiction Convention & Chili Cook-off"; the first LoneStarCon, held in Austin, was the 1985 NASFiC.

1998 -- Buccaneer

Special Guest J. Michael Straczynski did not attend.

1999 -- Aussiecon Three

GoH George Turner died prior to the convention. Special Guest J. Michael Straczynski attended

2001 -- The Millennium Philcon

Laura Syms and Gary Feldbaum were Co-Vice-Chairmen.

2002 -- ConJose

After the bid won, Tom Whitmore was appointed Chair with Ruth Sachter as Vice-Chair. Sachter resigned and subsequently Craige Howlett and Cindy Scott were appointed Co-Vice-Chairmen. Finally, Kevin Standlee was appointed Co-Chair with Whitmore.

The attendance figure is a preliminary estimate.

2003 -- Torcon 3

Combined with the Canadian National Science Fiction Convention (Canvention)

2005 -- Interaction

The Guests of Honour were listed with no designation as to type. KIM Campbell, Colin Harris and Paul Treadway are Vice-Chairmen. Interaction is also the 2005 Eurocon.

The Long List of NASFiCs

Number - Year Date Name	City	Site (Note)	Guest(s) (Note)	Chair (Note)	Attend. (Note)
1 - NASFiC Labor Day weekend 1975	Los Angeles, California	Los Angeles Airport Marriott	Harlan Ellison	Chuck Crayne	1,100
2 - NorthAmerican `79 30 Aug-3 Sep 1979	Louisville, Kentucky	Galt House Hotel	Frederik Pohl (pro) George Scithers (fan) Lester del Rey (toastmaster)	Cliff Amos	2,000
3 - LoneStarCon 1 30 Aug - 2 Sep 1985	Austin, Texas	Hyatt Regency Austin Sheraton Crest Palmer Auditorium	Jack Vance (writer) Richard Powers (artist) Joanne Burger (fan) Chad Oliver (toastmaster)	Willie Siros	2,800
4 - CactusCon 3-7 Sep 1987	Phoenix, Arizona	Phoenix Hyatt Regency Adams Hilton Phoenix Convention Center	Hal Clement (pro) Marjii Ellers (fan) Julius Schwartz (toastmaster)	Bruce Farr	3000
5 - ConDiego Labor Day weekend 1990	San Diego, California	Omni Hotel San Diego Convention & Performing Arts Center	Samuel R. Delany (pro) Ben Yalow (fan)	Albert Lafreniere II	3000
6 - Dragon*Con 1995 13-16 July 1995	Atlanta, Georgia	Atlanta Hilton & Towers Westin Peachtree Plaza Hotel Atlanta Civic Center	George Alec Effinger (writer) Harlan Ellison (writer) Timothy Zahn (writer) Michael Whelan (artist) Bjo Trimble (fan) MC: Joe Haldeman	Ed Kramer	14,312
7 - Conucopia 26-29 Aug 1999	Anaheim, California	Anaheim Marriott	Jerry Pournelle (pro) Ellen Datlow (editor) Richard Lynch (fan) Nicki Lynch (fan)	Christian B. McGuire	1,734

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1979 -- NorthAmericon `79

Another source estimates the attendance as 1400.

1985 -- LoneStarCon I

Also known as "The First Occasional Lone Star Science Fiction Convention & Chili Cook-off" and "ChiliCon". Robert Taylor was Vice-Chair.

1990 -- ConDigeo

The convention's name was occasionally spelled "ConDiego"

1995 -- Dragon*Con

Also known as "NASFiC / Dragon*Con / Atlanta Comics Expo `95". Dragon*Con was a pre-existing annual Atlanta convention, with emphasis on the media aspects of science fiction.

LA CON III FINANCIAL REPORT

Date	Class	Description	Amount	Total
01/09/1997	OPENING	From LACON		\$64,446.00
23/10/1997	PROJECTS	SFOHA SUPPORT:5 YEAR	(\$100.00)	
06/01/1998	PROJECTS	TAFF DONATION - BULMER REPORT	(\$500.00)	
26/01/1998	PROJECTS	S. GOLDBERG MEMORIAL: HAR MUDD COLLEGE	(\$500.00)	
26/01/1998	PROJECTS	1964 LEIBER SPEECH TRANS	(\$25.00)	
26/01/1998	PROJECTS	1964 BAYCON TAPES TRANSFER	(\$113.00)	
17/02/1998	PROJECTS	FAN GALLERY	(\$452.20)	
03/05/1998	PROJECTS	TAFF - TUDOR REPORT	(\$500.00)	
22/06/1998	PROJECTS	DONATION TO ASIMOV LECTURESHIP FUND	(\$1,000.00)	(\$3,190.20)
18/10/1998	PROJECTS	ROTSLER AWARD	(\$300.00)	
20/10/1998	EQUIPMENT	RADIOS	(\$3,327.00)	
20/10/1998	PROJECTS	X PRIZE DONATION	(\$500.00)	
18/11/1998	PROJECTS	ROTSLER AWARD	(\$229.50)	
18/11/1998	PROJECTS	ROTSLER AWARD	(\$49.85)	
24/11/1998	PROJECTS	EATON CONFERENCE	(\$3,000.00)	
29/04/1999	PROJECTS	FFANZ REPORT – 2 LOONIES	(\$500.00)	
29/05/1999	PROJECTS	CUFF REPORT - SPENSER	(\$500.00)	
29/05/1999	EQUIPMENT	NEW MC/VISA MACHINE	(\$1,483.00)	(\$9,889.35)
18/09/1999	PROJECTS	FAN GALLERY	(\$298.20)	
17/10/1999	PROJECTS	FAN GALLERY	(\$30.23)	
03/12/1999	PROJECTS	TAFF REPORT - ROBERTS	(\$500.00)	
24/12/1999	PROJECTS	GUFF REPORTS:FOYSTER, GUNN,HARVEY, HAUS	(\$2,000.00)	
08/01/2000	PROJECTS	ROTSLER AWARD	(\$300.00)	
08/01/2000	PROJECTS	TAPE TRANSCRIPTION	(\$25.00)	
16/02/2000	PROJECTS	COPY LASFS HISTORY PIX	(\$64.95)	
16/02/2000	PROJECTS	GARY BOOKS TO NESFA	(\$38.01)	
26/04/2000	PROJECTS	GARY BOOKS TO BALTIMORE	(\$14.41)	
26/05/2000	PROJECTS	GARY BOOKS TO NESFA	(\$210.50)	
31/05/2000	PROJECTS	CUFF report	(\$500.00)	(\$3,981.30)
23/09/2000	PROJECTS	Gary Books and labels	(\$130.10)	
23/09/2000	PROJECTS	Fan Gallery	(\$28.10)	
12/10/2000	PROJECTS	DUFF - Janice Gelb	(\$500.00)	

16/10/2000PROJECTS	Fan Gallery	(\$37.28)	
15/11/2000PROJECTS	Gary Books	(\$51.45)	
15/11/2000PROJECTS	Rotsler Book	(\$466.60)	
19/01/2001PROJECTS	CUFF Report	(\$500.00)	
19/02/2001PROJECTS	Gary Books	(\$25.28)	
11/05/2001PROJECTS	Nebula Banquet	(\$115.70)	
11/05/2001PROJECTS	Nebula Banquet	(\$378.00)	
19/06/2001PROJECTS	Friends of Griffith Park Observatory	(\$500.00)	(\$2,732.51)
17/07/2001PROJECTS	Gary Books	(\$13.50)	
17/07/2001PROJECTS	Retro Hugo packing	(\$30.00)	
28/09/2001PROJECTS	Rotsler Award 2000	(\$300.00)	
01/11/2001PROJECTS	Cases for Fan Gallery	(\$792.00)	
17/12/2001PROJECTS	Gary Books	(\$14.43)	
17/12/2001PROJECTS	History Exhibit cases	(\$652.90)	
13/01/2002PROJECTS	Fan Gallery	(\$95.67)	
18/02/2002PROJECTS	Rotsler Award 2001	(\$300.00)	
23/03/2002PROJECTS	GUFF report	(\$500.00)	
27/04/2002PROJECTS	Fan Gallery, CDs	(\$618.20)	
18/06/2002PROJECTS	Gary Books shipping	(\$59.68)	
18/06/2002PROJECTS	Worldcon History shipping	(\$92.37)	(\$3,468.75)
19/07/2002PROJECTS	BEP pix shipping	(\$76.26)	
20/08/2002PROJECTS	Gary Books shipping	(\$125.00)	
16/09/2002PROJECTS	Art Show hangings	(\$2,348.00)	
18/11/2002PROJECTS	SF History	(\$233.20)	
21/11/2002EQUIPMENT	Radio batteries	(\$237.10)	
20/12/2002EQUIPMENT	Baggies for art show	(\$300.00)	
20/12/2002PROJECTS	SF History	(\$100.30)	
09/01/2003PROJECTS	Fan Gallery	(\$223.40)	
10/06/2003PROJECTS	ConJose	(\$3,934.00)	
24/06/2003PROJECTS	Blood pins	(\$500.00)	
24/06/2003PROJECTS	Web hosting	(\$250.00)	
24/06/2003PROJECTS	Web hosting	(\$1,500.00)	(\$9,827.26)
15/08/2003	Total Expenditures		(\$33,089.37)
15/08/2003	Remaining Reportable Balance		\$31,356.63

Report on use of excess funds from LoneStarCon II

reported to WSFS 7/31/99		45,000
error in original report		
a CD was counted twice		<u>-20,000</u>
Corrected balance		25,000

expenses balance of 99		
storage	223	
membership reimbursement	95	
artshow payment	500	
domain name	70	
annual meeting expenses	56	
Smofcon representatives	800	1,744

expenses 2000		
initial flyers for Bouchercon	368	
Seed Bouchercon	15,000	
storage	79	
web site expenses	240	
grant to ArmadilloCon	500	16,187

expenses 2001		
grant to ArmadilloCon		500

expenses 2002		
grant to ArmadilloCon	500	
web site expenses	188	
World Fantasy representatives	1,000	
letterhead	156	
bank fees	84	
		1,928

expenses 2003		
grant to ArmadilloCon	2,000	
Nebula representatives	1,000	
bank fees	49	3,049

Total expenses		<u>23,408</u>
balance of funds 7/31/03		1,592

***BucConeer*, the 56th World Science Fiction Convention**

Report to the 59th World Science Fiction Convention

Business Meeting

Covering the Period Aug. 20, 2002 to Aug. 31, 2003

Opening Balance: \$ 10,439.04

Deletions:

Banking Expenses \$ 199.06

Miscellaneous \$ 29.00

Student Contests \$ 10,210.98

Remaining Balance: \$.00

This depletes the remaining funds from the 56th World Science Fiction Convention. Student Contest for the 62nd World Science Fiction Convention is financed on contributions received to date. Future student contests will be determined by future contribution.

This constitutes the final report from BucConeer. Future reports from the Baltimore Worldcon 1998, Inc., the organization operating the student contests with the seated Worldcons, will report only upon request.

Submitted by Robert J. MacIntosh, Chief Financial Officer & Peggy Rae Sapienza, Chair

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Statement of Financial Condition as of August 27, 2003

Summary of Revenue and Expenses

Memberships \$680,701

Dealers' Tables 42,500

Art Show Revenue 18,666

Advertising and Sponsorships 34,204

Royalties 10,764

Investment Income 29,282

Contributions and Pass-Along Funds 33,154

Miscellaneous 4,051

TOTAL REVENUE \$853,322

Administrative Expenses \$97,351

Guest of Honor Expenses 28,087

Publications 94,401

At-Con Expenses 265,581

WSFS Activities 8,338

Staff Reimbursements 126,121

Facilities Charges and Labor 132,543

Miscellaneous Expenses 27,860

TOTAL EXPENSES \$780,282

SURPLUS \$73,040

Disbursement of Surplus Funds

WSFS Mark Protection Committee Contribution \$1,467

Pass-Along Funds:

Millennium Philcon 6,000

Con José 6,000

Torcon 3 20,000

BALANCE ON HAND \$39,573

THE MILLENNIUM PHILCON
Statement of Financial Position
as of July 31, 2003

Revenue

Ad Sales	\$20,250.00
Art Show Fees	15,883.00
Asset Sales Post Con	1,550.00
Corporate Sponsorships	2,100.00
Masquerade Tape Sales	224.00
Dealers' Room	56,741.00
GOH Book Sales	6,770.03
Interest Income	19,504.40
Memberships	559,407.20
Miscellaneous Income	2,761.00
Handicapped Cart Rental	700.00
Passalong Funds	26,542.54
Resale of Hotel Rooms	10,387.10
Sales	340.00
 Total Revenue	 723,160.27

Expenses

Bank Charge	\$134.00	Managers' Meetings	\$1,591.41
Bank Service Charge	9,474.92	Membership Reimbursements	91,895.00
Banking Expense	245.39	Miscellaneous Expense	4,987.84
Business Expense	787.98	Parking	16.00
Childcare	12,740.00	Party Expense	3,573.02
Contract Labor	27,724.25	Passalong Funds	30,000.00
Copying	1,376.99	Photography	138.60
Corporate Secretary	172.44	Postage	16,935.90
Credit Card Fees	139.53	Printing & Publications	71,371.04
Discount	897.93	Programming Expense	700.00
Equipment Rental	101,206.26	Publicity	9,169.17
Exhibitions	1,050.56	Ribbons	2,270.14
Facility Rental	155,061.95	Royalties (GOH Book)	4,503.44
Film & Video Rental	8,364.50	Sales to Members	11,587.00
Food & Beverage	8,223.46	State Sales Tax (Art Show)	9,039.39

Fuel	88.00	Storage Rental	3,463.68
GOH Expenses	2,500.00	Supplies	14,462.70
GOH Gifts	1,022.55	Telephone	852.63
Grant Repayment	2,501.00	Travel	2,176.04
Gratuities	1,308.03	Truck Rental	2,436.95
Insurance	6,700.00	Vice Chair Administrative	202.51
Internet Domain	840.00	WSFS	11,978.69
		Total Expenses	\$635,910.89
Surplus as of July 31, 2003			\$87,249.38

ConJosé
60th World Science Fiction Convention
Income and Expense Statement Summary¹

July 1999 through June 2003

All amounts US\$

Income			% of Income
Memberships		\$710,319	72%
Art Show		\$144,972	15%
Dealers Room		\$61,393	6%
Pass-Along Funds Received		\$27,040	3%
Sales to Members		\$7,436	1%
Advertising Sales		\$6,300	1%
Grants & Donations		\$5,934	1%
Miscellaneous		\$16,771	2%
Total Income		\$980,165	100%
Expenses			
Facilities Division			
Convention Center Rental	\$111,000		
Decorator	\$138,305		
Other	\$52,935	\$302,241	31%
Exhibits Division			
Art Show	\$134,371		
Dealers Room	\$6,645		
Exhibits	\$8,656	\$149,671	15%
Publications Division			
Pre-Convention Publications	\$35,830		
At-Convention Publications	\$55,618		
Other	\$2,066	\$93,514	10%
Support Services Division			
Technical Equip/Svcs	\$30,054		
Office Expenses	\$33,226		
Treasury	\$16,702		
Other	\$17,243	\$97,225	10%
Member Services Division			
Registration	\$23,135		
Childcare	\$12,890		
Other	\$28,381	\$41,270	4%

Hospitality Division

Con Suite/Fan Lounge	\$22,546		
Hugo Nominee Party 2001	\$5,096		
Other	\$8,803	\$36,445	4%

Programming Division

Guest of Honor Expenses	\$16,087		
Green Room	\$5,307		
Other	\$10,351	\$31,745	3%

Fairy Godfather Division

Hugo Awards	\$10,686		
Tours, Transit Passes	\$4,210		
Other	\$3,505	\$18,401	2%

Events Division

Masquerade	\$4,067		
Hugo Awards Ceremony	\$4,333		
Other	\$2,090	\$10,491	1%

Chair Division

Miscellaneous	\$8,370	\$8,370	1%
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Total Expense **\$789,372** **81%**

Net Ordinary Income **\$190,792** **19%**

Other Income/Expense

Interest Earned \$7,125

Gain (Loss) on Currency Exchange (\$10,461)

Net Other Income (Expense) **(\$3,336)**

Net Income Before Reimbursements **\$187,456** **19%**

Membership Reimbursements² \$96,653 10%

Net Income Before Pass-Along Funds **\$90,803** **9%**

Pass-Along Funds Paid³ \$30,000 3%

Net Income as of June 30, 2003⁴ **\$60,803** **6%**

Notes:

1: For a full, much longer version of this statement, contact ConJosé at controller@conjose.org or write to PO Box 61363, Sunnyvale CA 94088-1363.

2: Additional reimbursements were paid after June 30, 2003. If you think you were entitled to reimbursement and have not received it, contact ConJosé at the address in Note 1.

3: ConJosé still has remaining convention-related expenses not reflected on this statement. Note that this statement reflects the committee's status as of the end of our most-recent fiscal year, June 30, 2003, and we have incurred additional expenses since that time. We anticipate additional pass-along funds payments of approximately \$3,000 to each of our three successors.

4: This figure is the anticipated starting figure for ConJosé's report to the 2004 WSFS Business Meeting.

ConJosé 60th World Science Fiction Convention

Balance Sheet

June 30, 2003

All amounts US\$ unless noted

Assets

Current Assets

USA Checking		\$5,591	
Money Market Account		\$47,318	
Canadian Agent Account	CA\$ 7,508	\$5,576	
Euro Agent Account	EU€ 945	\$1,081	
UK Agent Account	GB£ 268	\$443	
Bulk Mail Account		\$3	\$60,011

Fixed Assets

Computer Equipment		\$550	
Mailbox Key		\$2	
Office Equipment		\$240	\$792

Total Assets

\$60,803

Liabilities & Equity

Total Equity	\$60,803
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Total Liabilities & Equity

\$60,803

Toronto World Science Fiction Convention in 2003

Financial Statements with Notice to Reader

December 31, 2002

Notice to Reader

I have compiled the balance sheet of Toronto World Science Fiction Convention in 2003 as at December 31, 2002 and the statements of deferred revenue and expenditures for the General Fund and the Bid Fund for the year then ended from information I have assembled in my capacity as Treasurer of the Corporation. Readers are cautioned that these statements may not be appropriate for their purposes.

Toronto, Ontario

D. Larry Hancock

February 23, 2003

Chartered Accountant

Toronto World Science Fiction Convention in 2003

Balance Sheet

As at December 31, 2002

	2002	2001
Assets		
Current		
Bank	\$412,817	\$305,561
Accounts receivable	949	-
Advances receivable	2,292	1,262
	416,058	306,823
GST recoverable	1,132	388
Deferred expenses	176,026	77,115
Facilities deposit	5,000	2,000
	\$598,216	\$386,326
Liabilities		
Current		
Accounts payable	\$316	-
Deferred revenue	597,900	368,326
	598,216	368,326
Net assets		
Net assets	-	-
	\$598,216	\$368,326

Unaudited -- See Notice to Reader

Toronto World Science Fiction Convention in 2003
Statement of Deferred Revenue and Expenditures
For the year ended December 31, 2002

Deferred Revenue		Year ended	Cumulative to	
		Dec 31/02	Dec 31/02	Dec 31/02
Memberships	\$ 185,783	\$475,220	\$289,437	
Financial	3,478	20,830	17,352	
WSFS Funding	15,476	15,476	-	
Advertising	2,104	2,936	832	
Sales to members	1,821	2,546	725	
Other	2,244	2,527	283	
Bid	668	78,365	77,697	
Total deferred revenue	211,574	597,900	386,326	
 Deferred Expenses				
Facilities and hotels	62,440	62,440	-	
Communications and publications	16,649	24,642	7,993	
Chair activities	13,962	18,387	4,425	
Bank charges and credit card fees	3,865	8,500	4,635	
Finance	1,995	3,693	1,698	
Bid	-	58,364	58,364	
Total deferred expenses	98,911	176,026	77,115	
Excess of deferred revenue over deferred expenses	112,663	421,874	309,211	
Cumulative excess at beginning of the year	309,211	-	-	
Cumulative excess at end of the year	\$ 421,874	\$421,874	\$309,211	

Unaudited -- See Notice to Reader

Toronto World Science Fiction Convention in 2003

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended December 31, 2002

1. Incorporation

Toronto World Science Fiction Convention in 2003 was incorporated without share capital by Letters Patent in the Province of Ontario on July 29, 1997.

2. Significant accounting policy

The purpose of the organization is to host, organize and manage the World Science Fiction Convention which will be held in Toronto in 2003. All funds raised and expended are for purposes of that event.

Therefore all revenue and expenditures are deferred and will be recognized at the time the convention takes place.

3.Bid fund

The Board of Directors of the Corporation has established a restricted fund, named the Bid Fund. Revenue received and expenditures incurred during the bidding process to obtain the right to host the convention comprise the Bid Fund.

Future amounts will be expended from the Bid Fund only with the prior approval of the Board of Directors.

The balance of the Bid Fund is represented by the difference in deferred Bid revenues and deferred Bid expenses. As at the end of the year the difference amounted to \$20,001 (\$19,333 at the end of 2001).

The increase in the Bid Fund balance during the year represents interest earned on the fund balance.

Unaudited -- See Notice to Reader

**Noreascon 4 Financial Report
As of July 31, 2003**

Income

Memberships	\$243,630
Advertising	\$1,038
Pass along funds	\$20,000
Other	\$216
Income Total	\$264,884

Expense

Bank Fees	\$3,640
Facilities Rental	\$13,700
Supplies	\$1,990
Ads	\$2,794
Flyers	\$386
Parties	\$2,552
Publications	\$15,415
Software & Web Fees	\$1,690
Other	\$1,025
Total Expense	\$43,192

Assets

Cash & Equivalent	\$224,002
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Liabilities

Membership Installment Plan	\$2,310
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Equity	\$221,692
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Interaction - Worldcon 2005

Financial Summary - 1st Aug 2003

Income

GBP Report by:

Memberships	88,447.30	Vincent Docherty
Bid Surplus	13,605.56	Operational Chair & Company Treasurer
Pass Along Funds	6,186.00	chair@interaction.worldcon.org.uk
Merchandise	411.69	
Bank Interest	367.82	
Miscellaneous	3.09	
TOTAL Income	109,021.46	

Expense

Publications:	Prograss Report 0	-527.50
	Burns Night Card	-376.53
	Newsletter 1	-2,286.47
	Prograss Report 1	-199.60
	Receipts	-1,114.08
	US Flyers	-142.69
	Publications Software	-3,201.22
	Fasthost web server	-164.43
	Envelopes	-331.50
	Bulk Mail Fee	-185.58
Promotions	Adverts	-775.25
	Merchandise	-481.17
	Banners & Posters	-219.80
	Agents costs	-299.03
	Conjose promotions	-881.26
	Seacon promotions	-90.00
Services	VAT	-2,357.34
	Credit Card Fees	-2,509.35
	US Office costs	-879.82
	Currency gain/loss	-866.00
	Company setup	-714.71
	UK Office costs	-190.30

Finance software	-128.27		
Finance:Bank Fees	-83.01	Disposition of balance:	<i>GBP</i>
Misc	-95.88	Bank accounts	88,716.97
		Cash	338.57
TOTAL Expense	-19,100.79	Credit card pending	223.74
		Debtors	641.39
TOTAL Balance	89,920.67	TOTAL	89,920.67

WSFS Business Meeting Procedures

Welcome to the Business Meeting of the World Science Fiction Society. Every member of this Worldcon is a member of WSFS, and every attending member of this Worldcon can attend this meeting and participate in the government of the Society. WSFS Business Meetings are run under formal meeting procedure (“parliamentary procedure”) as codified in our basic manual of rules, *Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised*, 10th Edition, and as modified by the WSFS Constitution and Standing Rules (see the Souvenir Book), and traditional customs and usages of the Society.

Head Table Staff

The Business Meeting officers at the head table are:

Chair (Kevin Standlee): Presides over the meeting; decides whether motions are in order; does not participate in debate; only votes when his vote could affect the decision (usually to either break a tie or to make one).

Deputy Chair/Parliamentarian (Donald Eastlake III): Assists the Chair by keeping track of the parliamentary situation; presides over the meeting if the Chair is unable to do so, such as if the Chair wants to participate in the debate; does not make “rulings” as Parliamentarian -- only the presiding officer makes rulings.

Secretary (Pat McMurray): Takes the minutes (official record) of the meeting; maintains the official documents of WSFS; prepares the agenda; manages the attendance list.

Timekeeper (Clint Budd): Keeps track of the debate time and advises the assembly when time has expired.

The Head Table Staff are here to help you. If you have a question about procedure, such as wanting to know if something you want to do is allowed and how to go about it, obtain the floor (see below) and ask.

General Procedure

The most important general rules to remember are:

- One speaker at a time
- One subject at a time
- Be polite
- If you don’t understand what is happening, ask the Chair to explain

Decorum

Address all motions, debate, questions, etc. through the Chair, even if the question is directed to another member. For example, “Mr. Chair, do I understand Mr. B----- to say that his motion will have the effect of...” or “Mr. Chair, I would hope that the member who last spoke would think of the consequences of...”

Obtaining the Floor

To make a motion, participate in debate, or ask the Chair a question, you must “obtain the floor” and be recognized by the Chair. To do this, when nobody else is speaking, stand up and address the Chair (“Mr. Chair”). The Chair will call on you and you can make your motion, state your question, or debate whatever is currently pending. If several people rise at once, the Chair will recognize one person, and the others must sit down. When you are finished speaking, you “yield the floor” by sitting down. You cannot establish “prior claim” to the floor by standing up before a previous speaker has finished. If you attempt to do so, the Chair will ignore you and call on someone who rises after the previous speaker has yielded. Note that the person who makes a motion is entitled to preference in recognition that is, s/he may speak first and that debate alternates between speakers for and speakers against a motion. Debate time is equally divided between both sides of the debate, with time for neutral matters charged equally to both sides.

There are a small number of motions, such as points of order, appeals, and Objection to Consideration that can take priority and interrupt a speaker. If you have such a priority interrupt, make it clear when you rise by saying “Point of Order” (or whatever priority business you want to bring up). Note that “because I think it is important” or “the current speaker has made a factual error” is not sufficient priority to interrupt; you’ll have to wait your turn and use your own debate time for that.

It is possible to ask questions of someone speaking in debate by interrupting; however, the speaker must agree to yield for the question, and the time spent asking and answering the question comes out of the original speaker’s time. For example, if Member X is speaking, Member A can rise and say “Mr. Chair, would the member yield for a question?” If X agrees, then A can ask her question (through the Chair), and X can answer it. All of the time consumed in doing so is charged to X and to the side of the question that X is debating.

Unanimous Consent

For many items of a routine and non-controversial nature, the Chair may say “Without objection, [action] will be taken.” A member may make a unanimous-consent request; for example, “Mr. Chair, I ask unanimous consent that we hear the report from X immediately because he has to leave soon.” If even one person objects, the Chair must put such motions to a vote; however, we urge people not to object to obviously routine and non-controversial motions solely for the sake of form.

Voting

We will not vote by asking for “ayes and noes” because it leads to people trying to out-shout each other. When a vote that would traditionally be held by asking for ayes and noes is called, we will take an uncounted show of hands. The Chair will say, “All those in favor, raise your hands...hands down. All those opposed, raise your hands...hands down.”

If the result of the show of hands is inconclusive (and in any case if 10% of the people attending the meeting request it by calling out “Division.”), the Chair will take a counted standing vote by the “serpentine” method. In a serpentine vote, all those people who are voting on a give side first stand up. The Chair then indicates the first person to be counted, who says “one” and sits down. The next person standing in that row says “two” and sits down. The count continues down that row until the end of the row then moves to the next row and traverses back the opposite direction. The count continues back and forth until it reaches the last person in the back of the room. Then the Chair calls for the other side to stand and the process repeats. This allows everyone to clearly see who is voting, what the count is, and it means you don’t have to hold your arms in the air for a long time while tellers try to get a clear count.

Agenda and Schedule

There are meetings scheduled for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 10 AM to 1 PM and Monday from 10 AM to Noon. The Friday meeting is called the **Preliminary Business Meeting**. At this meeting we will hear reports from various committees, take nominations for the WSFS Mark Protection Committee, and set the agenda and debate time limits for the Main Meeting on Saturday, as well as directly consider any changes to the Standing Rules. This means that any new motions to amend the Constitution may be amended, and may also be dismissed entirely through an Objection to Consideration. (If 2/3 vote to kill a new motion without debate immediately after it is introduced, it is dismissed from the agenda.) The Saturday meeting is the first **Main Business Meeting**, where we will debate and vote on amendments to the WSFS Constitution, elect members to the WSFS MPC, and take care of other business not completed on Friday. Sunday is the **Site Selection Business Meeting**, where the first item of business is hearing the results of the Worldcon (and NASFiC) site selection and hearing from the winning committees. Also at this meeting is Question Time, where you have a chance to put questions to future Worldcon committees. This meeting will also deal with any business not completed on Saturday. If there is so much business that we are unable to finish on Sunday, a **Monday Business Meeting** will be held; however, this almost never happens, and it is likely that all business will be finished by the end of Sunday’s meeting.

We expect to call each day’s meeting to order at 10:15, and continue until about 12:15 unless we complete all business sooner. You should spend the time before the meeting reading the various handouts distributed before the meeting, because there will not be time to do so during the meeting itself. The time after the meeting is for the use of *ad hoc* committees that usually are formed during the meeting.

Access

If you have a physical challenge that limits your ability to raise their hands, rise and be counted, and so forth, talk with the head table staff before the meeting to make alternative arrangements to accommodate you.

Procedural Motions

There is not enough space to give a complete course in parliamentary procedure here. There is a separate handout that lists the most important procedural motions and their rank amongst themselves. As stated above, if you have questions about the proper procedure to follow, please ask the head table staff for help.

Summary

- Stand up to be recognized
- Address all comments through the Chair
- Routine business by unanimous consent no votes solely for sake of form
- Vote by show of hands or standing “serpentine” vote
- Follow the agenda
- Read all handouts

AGENDA FOR WSFS BUSINESS MEETING

First Main Business Meeting, Saturday, 30th August 2003

Chair: Kevin Standlee Secretary: Pat McMurray

Deputy Chair / P.O.: Donald Eastlake III Timekeeper: Clint Budd

[Secretary: If you're new to Business Meetings, the last document in the set attached explains WSFS Business Meeting Procedures, and should be the first document you read. Really, we mean it, when we say please ask for any assistance you may need in interpreting the rules or in any other matter.]

The Secretary would like to thank:

1. Cheryl Morgan for the loan of her laptop.
2. Nippon 07 for providing a copy of their video-tape of the 2002 Business Meeting.
3. Torcon 3 for providing copying facilities and other support.

1. Committee Reports

1.1. Mark Protection Committee (Including Nominations for MPC)

Report is attached.

The members whose terms of office expire at this Worldcon are: Scott Dennis (Central), Donald Eastlake III (Eastern), Ruth Sachter (West). Due to zone residency restrictions, we can elect at most two people from the Western zone, one person from the Central zone, two people from the Eastern zone, and three people from the Rest of the World. Write-in votes are allowed, but write-in candidates must submit their consent to election by the close of balloting. The persons nominated were Scott Dennis (Central), Donald Eastlake III (Eastern), Ruth Sachter (West). The election will be held at this meeting.

1.2. Nitpicking & Flyspecking Committee

This committee reported to the Preliminary Business Meeting

1.2.1A Short Title: Extended Distribution

Debate Time 5 Minutes

1.2.1B Short Title: Requesting Extended Distribution

Moved: Business Meeting requests next year's Worldcon, Noreascon 4, to follow the procedure laid out in 1.2.1A.

Debate time 5 minutes

1.2.2 Short Title: Moving Works

Debate time 5 minutes

1.2.3 Short Title: Default Rates

Debate time 5 minutes

1.2.4 Short Title: Counting Votes (and Breaking Ties)

This item was referred back to the Nitpicking and Flyspecking Committee at yesterday's meeting. However the Preliminary Business Meeting cannot refer items back to committee.

1.2.5 Short Title: Tied Races

Debate time 5 minutes

1.3. Worldcon Runners' Guide Editorial Committee

Committee reported to yesterday's meeting.

1.4. Hugo Eligibility Rest of the World (HEROW) Committee

Committee reported to the Preliminary Business Meeting.

1.4.1 Short Title: This Year's Model

Passed at the Preliminary Business Meeting.

1.4.2 Short Title: Holding on for a HEROW

Passed at the Preliminary Business Meeting.

1.5. Formalization of Long List Entries (FOLLE) Committee

Report is attached.

1.5.1. Short Title: Extended Folly

Passed at the Preliminary Business Meeting.

2. Worldcon Reports

Currency conversion rates as of 15 August 2003

	CAD	USD	GBP	AUD	EUR	JPY
CAD	—	0.72	0.45	1.09	0.64	85.95
USD	1.39	—	0.63	1.52	0.89	119.26
GBP	2.21	1.59	—	2.42	1.42	190.90
AUD	0.91	0.66	0.41	—	0.59	78.62
EUR	1.56	1.13	0.71	1.71	—	134.22
100 JPY	1.16	0.84	0.53	1.27	0.75	—

2.1 Past Worldcons and NASFiCs

2.1.1. ConAdian (1994)

Report is attached.

2.1.5. Aussiecon Three (1999)

Report is attached.

2.1.9 The Time Travel Worldcon

Report is attached.

3. Business Passed On from ConJosé

The following Constitutional Amendment was approved at ConJosé and passed on to Torcon 3 for ratification. If ratified, it will become part of the Constitution at the conclusion of Torcon 3.

3.1 Short Title: Lesser Minutes

Moved, to amend the WSFS Constitution at Subsection 3.2.8 by ~~striking~~ and inserting text as follows:

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 boundary.

Rationale: 20 minutes will never be less than 18 minutes (20% of the 90-minute category boundary), and thus the wording proposed for deletion is mere surplusage and possibly confusing. Removing it will have no substantive effect.

Debate Time: 8 minutes

4. New Business

4.3. Constitutional Amendments

Items under this heading have not yet received first passage, and will become part of the constitution only if passed at Torcon 3 and ratified at Noreascon 4. The Preliminary Business Meeting may amend items under this heading, set debate time limits, refer them to committee, and take other action as permitted under the Standing Rules.

4.3.1 Short Title: Back to the Future

Moved, to amend the WSFS Constitution at Subsection 4.1.1 by ~~striking~~ and inserting text as follows:

WSFS shall choose the location and Committee of the Worldcon to be held ~~three (3)~~ two (2) years from the date of the current Worldcon.

Provided that there shall be no Worldcon site selection election at the 2005 Worldcon, Interaction; and that the 2006 Worldcon shall select the site of the 2008 Worldcon. Provided further that Interaction members will be entitled to vote in the 2008 Worldcon site selection, whether or not they are members of the 2006 Worldcon, to prevent the disenfranchisement of a group of voters. Persons may cast only a single vote in the 2008 site selection.

Moved by Pat McMurray and Stephen Boucher

Supported by Mike Glycer, Mark Olson, Joe Siclari, Vince Docherty, Deb Geisler, Todd Dashoff, Peggy Rae Sapienza

Rationale: When the original ‘lead time’ motion was introduced in 1983 only one argument was minuted in favour. This was that “more time would allow people to get proper facilities”. The proposers of this new motion feel that this particular argument has no current validity, and that the current three year period may indeed make running a Worldcon more challenging for a less experienced committee.

Debate Time: 20 Minutes

5. Site Selection Business

Items under this heading will be handled at the Site Selection Business Meeting on Sunday.

5.1. Report of the 2006 Site Selection & Presentation by Winners

5.2. Reports by seated Worldcons

5.2.1. Noreascon 4 (2004)

5.2.2. Interaction (2005)

5.3. Presentation by future Worldcon bids

5.3.1. Presentation by bidders for 2007

5.3.2. Presentation by bidders for years after 2007

3. Presentation by future NASFiC bidders

4.

6. Adjournment

6.1. Adjournment *Sine Die*

Report of the Mark Protection Committee

WSFS Mark Protection Committee

Minutes of meeting held Monday 2nd September 2002, in room H of the San Jose Convention Centre.

Present:

Elected Members: Lynn Anderson, Stephen Boucher, Scott Dennis, Sue Francis, Ruth Sachter, Kevin Standlee, Ben Yalow

Appointed Members: Todd Dashoff (The Millennium Philcon, 2001), George Flynn (Noreascon 4), Pat McMurray (Interaction), Ken Smookler (Torcon III and Canadian Agent)

Apologies were received from Cheryl Morgan (ConJose) and Tim Illingworth (Elected)

4. **Meeting was called to order by Kevin Standlee at 10:02**

5. **Officers Elections**

Chair: Sue Francis nominated Stephen Boucher, Pat McMurray nominated Kevin Standlee. Both candidates accepted nomination. Stephen was elected 6 to 1, and presided over the rest of the meeting.

Secretary: Kevin Standlee proposed Pat McMurray. Being unopposed, Pat was elected.

Treasurer: Sue Francis proposed Scott Dennis. Being unopposed, Scott was elected. All appointed officers are to continue for another year.

6. **Minutes**

Minutes of last meeting were read and accepted

7. **Mail Forwarding**

Mark Olson had been responsible for forwarding all mail to the former secretary, Gary Feldbaum, which he did four times a year. Mark wanted to know what should happen now.

In post meeting discussion, Mark and Pat agreed that Mark would open all mail, dispose of junk and airmail only relevant mail to Pat's home address.

8. Dealer's Room Infringements

There had been reports of infringing items being seen in the ConJose Dealer's Room, but no sighting had been made by any member of the committee. It was agreed that copyright and trademark protection was normally covered under Worldcon dealer's contracts, and therefore it would not be necessary to request or require any specific further actions of Worldcons.

9. Trademark Attorney

WSFS needs a reliable attorney to handle mark protection and registration matters. Don Eastlake has been investigating this, but no-one was entirely sure of the current situation.

ACTION: Kevin to contact Don to follow up on this, by October 13th. It was noted that this was the main critical path item on which much else discussed at this meeting depended.

There was some discussion of subscribing to a service to provide information on mark updates and registrations. However it was felt that any attorney who practised in this area would already have this service in place.

We may want to arrange a meeting at Boskone 2003 to consult with a Boston MA attorney who has already provided such services to MCFI and NESFA. Every effort will be made to provide the maximum possible notice on this.

10. MPC Minutes, Unfinished Business Listing and Websites

ACTION: Secretary to create archive of MPC minutes. This is an ongoing action, without date limits, to be reported to each MPC meeting until complete. Pat advised that he would intend to make these available online, to be easily accessible. He also requested assistance of members in gathering minutes.

ACTION: Secretary to create list of Unfinished Business. This is an ongoing action, without date limits, to be reported to each MPC meeting until complete.

Following on from this, it was agreed that we should create new subdomains wpc.worldcon.org and mpc.wsfs.org which would both point to the same site. Pat believes he can arrange hosting local to him. This site would contain both open pages for public knowledge and closed pages for internal MPC business, in a way familiar from recent Worldcons.

Don Eastlake manages www.worldcon.org and it was agreed that while moving the main domain to a more accessible machine would be good, the attorney matter was more urgent.

In a similar vein, we can setup bids.worldcon.org and bids.wsfs.org as redirection pages. Chair agreed to set up the subdomains. George Mitchell is the domain controller.

ACTION: Secretary to contact George and take such actions as are necessary to create mpc.worldcon.org and mpc.wsfs.org, by October 13th.

ACTION: Chair to do similar for bids.worldcon.org and bids.wsfs.org, by October 13th.

11. **Mailing list amendments**

ACTION: Kevin to contact Don, urgently, to ask that the following change be made:

Drop Zanne and Gary.

Add Pat McMurray <pcmcmurray@yahoo.co.uk> and Lynn Anderson <landelson@yahoo.com>.

12. **Unfinished Business**

1. **Rocket Protection Mark**

We need first use in commerce, such as a banquet photo showing the rocket from the 1953 Worldcon, or fanzines that reported its use.

ACTION: Todd to investigate if he has such a photograph or if records are available in Philadelphia

ACTION: Secretary to post to SMOFs, Timebinders, Memory Hole and check FANAC.

2. **European Union Mark Registration**

Marks should continue to be registered when EU systems are consolidated. Marks are already registered in UK and the Netherlands, and we can prove early use in Germany. This is something else to discuss with an attorney.

3. **Selling the NASFiC trademark**

Dropped until we get a further approach.

13. **DNM**

Next scheduled meeting is on Thursday 28th August at Torcon II in some advertised time and place.

Action: Ken Smookler to investigate and advise

14. **Meeting was concluded at 10:44**

Minutes of Meeting held Thursday 28th August 2003 in the British Columbia Room of the Royal York Fairmont, Toronto.

Present:

Elected Members: Lynn Anderson, Stephen Boucher, Scott Dennis, Donald Eastlake III, Sue Francis, Ruth Sachter, Kevin Standlee, Ben Yalow.

Appointed Members: Todd Dashoff (The Millennium Philcon, 2001), Cheryl Morgan (ConJosé), George Flynn (Noreascon 4), Pat McMurray (Interaction)

Apologies were received from: Ken Smookler (Torcon 3 and Canadian Agent), Tim Illingworth (Elected).

1. Meeting called to order by Stephen Boucher at 18:10.

2. Minutes of last meeting were read and accepted.

3. Treasurer Report

We have adequate fund for our needs. We would like to thank

Action: Pat McMurray to create online list of marks and domains for all countries, and expiry dates, by 1st January.

4. Marks

A new Trademark Attorney has been appointed – Esther Horwich of Boston. Renewals have been completed and research has been done on rocket design. Our first bill has been received and we will pay it shortly.

5. Other Jurisdictions

It is important to review other jurisdictions actions on this matter.

Action: Pat McMurray to investigate EU trademark situation, particularly as we have trademarks in both Holland and the UK, by 1st January.

6. Electronic Data

Action: Don Eastlake to ask George Mitchell if an MPC Mailing List archive exists, by 1st October.

Action: Pat McMurray to create MPC Minutes online archive, by 1st January

Action: Pat McMurray to create first draft of Unfinished Business list, by 1st January.

7. Domain Names

Ken Smookler is understood to have the .ca domain situation under control.

Action: Stephen Boucher to create .au domains by 1st October.

Action: Pat McMurray to request a toplevel link (NOT a redirect) from .org.uk by Interaction.

ConAdian, 1994 Worldcon

Financial Presentation for Year Ending 1 August 2003

For the Business Meeting at the 2003 Worldcon

Prepared August 26, 2003 by Bruce Farr, CPA

all amounts are stated in \$Canadian

Assets

Broker Account	\$22,000.00
Chequing Account	5,322.40
Notes Receivable from Conventions	6,496.04
Total Accounts	\$33,818.44
Revenue (for year ending August 1, 2003)	
Interest on accounts (net of small service fees)	\$0.00
Total Income	\$0.00
Expenditures	
Receivables from Calgary Westercon	\$1,618.09
Receivables from Torcon	2,877.95
PO Box	77.04
Board Expenses	231.29
Mail	17.12
Total Expenditures	\$4,821.49

T/A AUSSIECON THREE, 57th WORLD SCIENCE FICTION CONVENTION INC**STATEMENT OF AFFAIRS as at 30 June
2003**

Presented to the Business Meeting of the 61st Worldcon

Toronto, September 2003

**Balance
Sheet**

	AUD	USD
Surplus held in Trust	25,477.00	13,248.04
Mark Protection Committee	-4,667.00	-2,426.84
	20,810.00	10,821.20
Dispersment of Surplus		
Grants to conventions (Continuum)	2,000.00	1,040.00
Grants to conventions (Conflux)	1,000.00	520.00
Antifan Film preservation	0.00	0.00
Fan Projects	0.00	0.00
Grants to Conventions (WFC 2006)	4,590.10	2,386.85
	7,590.10	3,946.85
Surplus held in Trust at 30 June 2003	13,219.90	6,874.35

AGENDA FOR WSFS BUSINESS MEETING

Site Selection Business Meeting, Sunday, 31th August 2003

Chair: Kevin Standlee Secretary: Pat McMurray

Deputy Chair / P.O.: Donald Eastlake III Timekeeper: Clint Budd

5. Size Selection Business

Per Standing Rule 1.3 the following items of Site Selection business are special orders of business at this meeting.

5.1. Report of the 2006 Worldcon Site Selection & Presentation by Winners

5.2. Report of the 2005 NASFiC Site Selection & Presentation by Winners

1. Committee Reports

Completed at First Main Business Meeting

2. Worldcon Reports

Completed at First Main Business Meeting

3. Business Passed On from ConJosé

Completed at First Main Business Meeting

4. New Business

4.3. Constitutional Amendments

Items under this heading have not yet received first passage, and will become part of the constitution only if passed at Torcon 3 and ratified at Noreascon 4. The Preliminary Business Meeting may amend items under this heading, set debate time limits, refer them to committee, and take other action as permitted under the Standing Rules.

4.3.1 Short Title: Back to the Future

Moved, to amend the WSFS Constitution at Subsection 4.1.1 by ~~striking~~ and inserting text as follows:

WSFS shall choose the location and Committee of the Worldcon to be held ~~three (3)~~ two (2) years from the date of the current Worldcon.

Provided that there shall be no Worldcon site selection election at the 2005 Worldcon, Interaction; and that the 2006 Worldcon shall select the site of the 2008 Worldcon. Provided further that Interaction members will be entitled to vote in the 2008 Worldcon site selection, whether or not they are members of the 2006 Worldcon, to prevent the disenfranchisement of a group of voters. Persons may cast only a single vote in the 2008 site selection.

Moved by Pat McMurray and Stephen Boucher

Supported by Mike Glycer, Mark Olson, Joe Siclari, Vince Docherty, Deb Geisler, Todd Dashoff, Peggy Rae Sapienza

Rationale: When the original ‘lead time’ motion was introduced in 1983 only one argument was minuted in favour. This was that “more time would allow people to get proper facilities”. The proposers of this new motion feel that this particular argument has no current validity, and that the current three year period may indeed make running a Worldcon more challenging for a less experienced committee.

Pending Amendment:

Moved, to add to the provisions:

Provided further that the Chicago bid announced at Torcon 3 will be exempted from any new limitation of Section 4.7 of the WSFS Constitution imposed by this amendment.

5. Site Selection Business

5.3. Reports by seated Worldcons

5.3.1. Noreascon 4 (2004)

5.3.2. Interaction (2005)

5.4. Presentation by future Worldcon bids, time permitting

5.4.1. Presentation by bidders for 2007

5.4.2. Presentation by bidders for years after 2007

5.5. Presentation by future NASFiC bids, time permitting

5.5.1. Presentation by bidders for 2007

6. Adjournment

6.1. Adjournment *Sine Die*

Dr Herr Professor von Schmitmunger from Arkham and Miskatonic University recently found this strange document carved in stone whilst excavating an *Oviraptor* nest in the Gobi desert. It is presented without comment or explanation.

THE TIME TRAVEL WORLDCON

FROM THE DAWN OF TIME TO THE TRUMPS OF DOOM

INCOME

PRESUPPORT FROM POOR DELUDED FOOLS \$413.26

AND A CRAZY EUROPEAN € 20.00

EXPENDITURE

PASSALONG FUNDS

NOREASCON 4 \$ 62.21

INTERACTION \$ 42.21

€ 20.00

HOST OF 2006 WORLDCON \$ 62.21

MINN-STF \$185.63

UNDISTRIBUTED FUNDS \$60.00

NOTES

4. WE WOULD LIKE TO APOLOGISE TO THE BUSINESS MEETING FOR SCHEDULING THE TIME TRAVEL WORLDCON'S BUSINESS MEETING BEFORE THE CREATION OF THE WSFS CONSTITUTION, AND TO STATE OUR ADMIRATION FOR THE AMUSING AND CREATIVE WAY IN WHICH THEY SOLVED THIS PROBLEM.

5. YES OF COURSE WE KNOW WHO WON THE 2006 BID, BUT IF WE TOLD YOU WE'D HAVE TO SHOOT YOU. HMM....
6. THE OPERATIONS DIVISION FORWARDS IT'S APOLOGIES TO THE SURVIVORS OF THE BUSINESS MEETING FOR THE DINOSAUR ATTACK, THE METEOR STRIKE, THE RAMPAGING HORDES OF MONGOLS AND VIKINGS, THE PLAGUE OUTBREAK, ETC. HONESTLY, IT WAS ALL IN FUN.

WITH BLAME AND THANKS TO THOSE WHO AGREED TO SPEND ETERNITY ON A WORLDCON COMMITTEE: ERIK OLSON, SETH BREIDBART, MARCI MALINOWYCZ, SHARON SBARSKY, MARY KAY KARE, DOUG WICKSTROM, JOHN STANLEY, PAM FREMON, JIM YOUNG, JEANNE MEALY, VLAD, BONNIE JONES, DAVID W. SCHROTH, PAT SCARAMUZZA, PATRICK NIELSEN HAYDEN, BEN LIBERMAN, LYDY NICKERSON, TAMMY COXEN, KATHRYN J ROUTLIFFE, DON FITCH, SANDRA "SHOULD I PUT A \$20 ON YOUR PILLOW?" CHILDRESS, MIKE BENEVISTE, ELAINE BRENNAN, PEER G. DUDA, VICTOR RAYMOND, BEN YALOW, PAT MCMURRAY, DENNIS MCCUNNEY, CALLY SOUKUP, KELLY BUEHLER AND....

MINICON 38.

PAT MCMURRAY CREATED THIS REPORT, WITH GERI SULLIVAN'S ENCOURAGEMENT...

To the members of the Torcon -

From the 1939 World Science Fiction Convention

This is to let you know that we got a copy of the report of the Time Travel Worldcon. What a wonderful technology you must have to be able to send it back to us.

We voted to accept the report. We aren't going to mention it in any reports of the convention, and everybody is sworn to absolute secrecy forever. No time meddlers, we.

Thanks also for sending back the list of attending members of your convention. Dave Kyle got it first, and he found his name, so we're giving the report to him. He'll file it away and bring it to the convention.

So many names – thousands, we guess. You must need an enormous room to hold your business meeting if that many people come.

We've all got a zillion questions, but there's no way to get the answers, so goodbye from your distant past.

SaM

Sam Moskowitz

Chair 1939 World Science Fiction Convention

P.S. Okay, one question: Have you had a convention on the Moon yet? There must be a lot of fans on the Lunar Bases.

CONSTITUTION

of the World Science Fiction Society,

September 2003

Article 1 - 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. 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 2 - 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 or NASFiC Committee, all future selected Worldcon or NASFiC Committees, the two immediately preceding Worldcon Committees, and the Committees of any NASFiCs held in the previous two years.

Section 2.9: Financial Reports.

2.9.1: Each future selected Worldcon or NASFiC 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 or NASFiC Committee shall submit a report on its cumulative surplus/loss at the next Business Meeting after its convention.

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

2.9.4: In the event of a surplus, the Worldcon or NASFiC 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 3 - 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.

3.2.3: The Business Meeting may by a 3/4 vote provide that works originally published outside the United States of America and first published in the United States of America in the current year shall also be eligible for Hugo Awards given in the following year.

3.2.4: A work shall not be eligible if in a prior year it received sufficient nominations to appear on the final award ballot.

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

3.2.6: 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.

3.2.7: 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.

3.2.8: The Worldcon Committee shall not consider previews, promotional trailers, commercials, public service announcements, or other extraneous material when determining the length of a work. Running times of dramatic presentations shall be based on their first general release.

3.2.9: 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.

3.2.10: 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~~ boundary.

3.2.11: 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, Long Form. Any production in any medium of dramatized science fiction, fantasy or related subjects that 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 90 minutes.

3.3.7: Best Dramatic Presentation, Short Form. Any production in any medium of dramatized science fiction, fantasy or related subjects that has been publicly presented for the first time in its present dramatic form during the previous calendar year, with a complete running time of 90 minutes or less.

3.3.8: 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.

3.3.9: 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.

3.3.10: 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.

3.3.11: 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.

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

3.3.13: 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.

3.3.14: 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 3 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 balloting in advance of the Worldcon. Postal mail shall always be acceptable. Only WSFS members may vote. Final Award ballots shall include name, signature, address, and membership-number spaces to be filled in by the voter.

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

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

3.10.4: The Committee shall, on or with the final ballot, designate, for each nominee 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 or 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 4 - 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.

4.1.3: The current Worldcon Committee shall administer the voting, 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. 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. Each bidding committee should provide at least two (2) tellers. 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.

4.5.4: 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.

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 exclusion zone or other qualifications.

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 shall be ineligible if it is within five hundred (500) miles or eight hundred (800) kilometres of the site at which selection occurs.

Section 4.8: NASFiC

If the selected Worldcon site is not in North America, there shall be a NASFiC in 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: 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 5 - 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: 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.

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 6 - 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.

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

Kevin Standlee, Chair

Pat McMurray, Secretary

2003 Business Meeting

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

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Group 1: Meetings

Rule 1.1: 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 5.1 of the WSFS Constitution), regardless of whether such gatherings are called "meetings" or "sessions."

Rule 1.2: 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 not amend a Constitutional amendment pending ratification. 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 1.3: 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 1.4: Scheduling of Meetings. The first Main Meeting shall be scheduled no less than eighteen (18) hours after the conclusion of the last Preliminary Meeting. No meeting shall be scheduled to begin before 10:00 or after 13:00 local time.

Rule 1.5: 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.

Group 2: New Business

Rule 2.1: 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 2.2: 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 2.1 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 2.3: 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 2.4: Short Title. Any item of new business considered by the Business Meeting shall contain a short title.

Group 3: Debate Time Limits

Rule 3.1: 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 3.2: 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 3.3: 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 3.4: 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 3.5: 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.

Group 4: Official Papers

Rule 4.1: 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 4.2: 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 4.3: 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.

Group 5: Variations of Rules

Rule 5.1: 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 5.2: 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 5.3: Postpone Indefinitely. The motion to Postpone Indefinitely shall not be allowed.

Rule 5.4: Amend; Secondary Amendments. Secondary amendments (amendments to amendments) are not allowed except when the primary amendment is to substitute.

Rule 5.5: 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 5.6: Lay on the Table. The motion to Lay on the Table shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote for adoption.

Rule 5.7: Adjournment. The incidental main motion to adjourn *sine die* shall not be in order until all Special and General Orders have been discharged.

Rule 5.8: Suspension of Rules. Rules protecting the rights of absentees, including this rule, may not be suspended.

Group 6: Mark Protection Committee Elections

Rule 6.1: 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 6.2: 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.

Group 7: Miscellaneous

Rule 7.1: 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 7.2: 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 7.3: Counted Vote. The Presiding Officer shall take a counted vote upon the request of ten percent (10%) of those members attending the meeting.

Rule 7.4: 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 7.5: 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 7.6: 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 7.7: Nitpicking and Flyspecking Committee. The Business Meeting shall appoint a Nitpicking and Flyspecking Committee. The Committee shall:

- (1) Maintain the list of Rulings and Resolutions of Continuing Effect
- (2) Codify the Customs and Usages of WSFS and of the Business Meeting.

Rule 7.8: Worldcon Runners' Guide Editorial Committee. The Business Meeting shall appoint a Worldcon Runners' Guide Editorial Committee. The Committee shall maintain the Worldcon Runners' Guide, which shall contain a compilation of the best practices in use among those who run Worldcons.

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Kevin Standlee, Chair
Pat McMurray, Secretary
2003 WSFS Business Meeting

PROPOSED AGENDA FOR NOREASCON 4

Including Business Passed On from Torcon 3

1. Committee Reports

Committee reports may include motions. Motions made by committees consisting of more than one person need not be seconded.

1.1. Mark Protection Committee (Including Nominations for MPC)

The Mark Protection Committee will meet at a time to be announced, probably on Thursday evening of the convention. A formal report is unlikely to be available until the Saturday Business Meeting at the earliest.

Nominations for the WSFS Mark Protection Committee are in order at the Preliminary Business Meeting. Nominees must accept nomination and indicate their current residence zone within one hour of the end of the Preliminary Business Meeting.

The members whose terms of office expire at this Worldcon are: Ben Yalow (East), Kevin Standlee (West), Tim Illingworth (RotW). Due to zone residency restrictions, we can elect at most two people from the Western zone, none from the Central zone, two people from the Eastern zone, and 3 people from the Rest of the World. Write-in votes are allowed, but write-in candidates must submit their consent to election by the close of balloting. (See the head table staff for a nomination acceptance form.)

1.2. Nitpicking & Flyspecking Committee

1.3. Worldcon Runners' Guide Editorial Committee

1.4. Hugo Eligibility Rest of the World (HEROW) Committee

1.5. Formalization of Long List Entries (FOLLE) Committee

2. Worldcon Reports

2.1 Past Worldcons

2.1.1. ConAdian (1994)

2.1.2. L.A.con III (1996)

2.1.3. LoneStarCon 2 (1997)

2.1.4. Aussiecon Three (1999)

2.1.5. Chicon 2000

2.1.6. The Millennium Philcon (2001)

2.1.7. ConJosé (2002)

2.1.8 Torcon 3

2.2. Seated Worldcons & NASFiC

2.2.1. Noreascon 4 (2004)

2.2.2. Interaction (2005)

2.2.3 L.A.con IV

2.2.4 Cascadiacon

NASFiC's are not required to report, but space is provided should they choose to do so.

3. Business Passed On from Torcon 3

The following Constitutional Amendment was approved at Torcon 3 and passed on to Noreascon 4 for ratification. If ratified, it will become part of the Constitution at the conclusion of Noreascon 4.

3.1 Short Title: Back to the Future

Moved, to amend the WSFS Constitution at Subsection 4.1.1 by ~~striking~~ and inserting text as follows:

WSFS shall choose the location and Committee of the Worldcon to be held ~~three (3)~~ two (2) years from the date of the current Worldcon.

Provided that there shall be no Worldcon site selection election at the 2005 Worldcon, Interaction; and that the 2006 Worldcon, L.A.con IV, shall select the site of the 2008 Worldcon. Provided further that Interaction members will be entitled to vote in the 2008 Worldcon site selection, whether or not they are members of L.A.con IV, to prevent the disenfranchisement of a group of voters. Persons may cast only a single vote in the 2008 site selection.

Moved by Pat McMurray and Stephen Boucher

Supported by Mike Glyer, Mark Olson, Joe Siclari, Vince Docherty, Deb Geisler, Todd Dashoff, Peggy Rae Sapienza

Rationale: When the original 'lead time' motion was introduced in 1983 only one argument was minuted in favour. This was that "more time would allow people to get proper facilities". The proposers of this new motion feel that this particular argument has no current validity, and that the current three year period may indeed make running a Worldcon more challenging for a less experienced committee.

3.2 Short Title: Extended Distribution

Moved, to amend Section 3.7.2 of the WSFS Constitution to require committees to inform members of eligibility extensions by adding “ and any applicable extensions of eligibility under Sections 3.2.3 or 3.4” at the end.

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

Moved by Nitpicking and Flyspecking Committee

*Discussion:*This would enable voters to determine what’s eligible.

3.3 Short Title: Moving Works

Moved, to amend Section 3.8.2 of the WSFS Constitution to restrict the movement of nominees between categories to specific works and to exclude the aggregation of nominations for people by striking out the second occurrence of “nominees” and inserting “works”, as shown:

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

Moved by Nitpicking and Flyspecking Committee

*Discussion:*This would restrict the movement of nominees between categories to works (subsections 1-7, 10,11) and exclude aggregation of nominations for people (subsections 8, 9, 12, 13) across categories. This is, we believe, what was intended and what happens now. This would represent no change in powers.

3.4 Short Title: Default Rates

Moved, to amend Section 4.8.3 of the WSFS Constitution to make general the default supporting membership rate for all site selection elections conducted under WSFS sanction by inserting a new sentence at the end, as follows:

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. 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.

Moved by Nitpicking and Flyspecking Committee

Discussion: This would explicitly make the default fee for a NASFiC election the same as the default fee for the Worldcon election held in the same year. The language is the same as that in Section 4.2.2

3.5 Short Title: Tied Races

Moved, to amend Section 4.5 and Section 2.6 of the WSFS Constitution to explicitly provide for procedures in case of a tied site selection election, as follows:

1. In Section 4.5.5, insert “or if two or more bids are tied for first place at the end of tallying,” after “If 'None of the Above' wins,”

4.5.5: If "None of the Above" wins, or if two or more bids are tied for first place at the end of tallying, 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.

2. In Section 4.5.6, insert “following a win by ‘None of the Above’” after “Worldcon Committee”.

4.5.6: Where a site and Committee are chosen by a Business Meeting or Worldcon Committee following a win by ‘None of the Above’, they are not restricted by exclusion zone or other qualifications.

3. Insert new section 4.5.7: “Where a site and Committee are chosen by a Business Meeting or Worldcon Committee following a tie in tallying, they must select one of the tied bids.”

4.5.7: Where a site and Committee are chosen by a Business Meeting or Worldcon Committee following a tie in tallying, they must select one of the tied bids.

4. Insert a new sentence at the end of Section 2.6, as follows:

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. Where a site and Committee are chosen by a Business Meeting or Worldcon Committee pursuant to this section, they are not restricted by exclusion zone or other qualifications.

Moved by Nitpicking and Flyspecking Committee

4. New Business

4.1. Resolutions

Items under this heading may be voted upon and final action taken by the Preliminary Business Meeting.

4.2. Standing Rules Amendments

Items under this heading may be voted upon and final action taken by the Preliminary Business Meeting. Standing rules amendments take effect at the conclusion of the 2003 Business Meeting unless given earlier effect by specific provision and a two-thirds vote. In all amendments, new text is shown in underline type and stricken text is shown in ~~strikethru type~~.

4.3. Constitutional Amendments

Items under this heading have not yet received first passage, and will become part of the constitution only if passed at Torcon 3 and ratified at Noreascon 4. The Preliminary Business Meeting may amend items under this heading, set debate time limits, refer them to committee, and take other action as permitted under the Standing Rules

5. Site Selection Business

5.1. Report of the 2007 Site Selection & Presentation by Winners

5.2. Reports by seated Worldcons & NASFiC

5.2.2. Interaction (2005)

5.2.3. L.A.con IV (2006)

5.2.4 CascadiaCon (2005 NASFiC)

NASFiC's are not required to report, but space is provided should they choose to do so.

5.3. Presentation by future Worldcon bids

5.3.1. Presentation by bidders for 2008

5.3.2. Presentation by bidders for years after 2008

6. Adjournment

6.1. Adjournment *Sine Die*

The 2003 Worldcon and NASFiC Site Selection Reports

Voted on at Torcon 3

August 30th 2003, Toronto, Canada

Bob MacIntosh, site selection administrator for Torcon 3, presented the following results:

2006 WorldCon Site Selection Results

Bid	Mail-In	Thur	Fri	Sat	Total
KC in 2006	110	68	154	348	680
LA in 2006	156	139	179	280	754
Rottnest Island				1	1
Both	1			5	6
Monkey's Elbow	1				1
Minneapolis	1				1
Spuzzum		1			1
Malfeas			1		1
None of the Above			1	3	4
<i>Total With Preference</i>	269	208	335	637	1449
# Needed to Win					725
No Preference	6	3	6	17	32
Total Valid Ballots	275	211	341	654	1481

2005 NASFiC Site Selection Results Round 1

Bid	Mail-In	Thur	Fri	Sat	Total
Charlotte in 2005	33	17	49	88	187
Seattle in 2005	34	21	46	90	191
Minneapolis				2	2
Both	1	1		2	4
Monkey's Eyebrow	1				1
None of the Above	3	9	4	16	32
Total With Preference	72	48	99	198	417
# Needed to Win					209
No Preference	2	1	2	2	7
Total Valid Ballots	74	49	101	200	424

2005 NASFiC Site Selection Results, Round 2

Bid	Mail-In	Change	Thur	Change	Fri	Change	Sat	Total	Change
Charlotte in 2005	34	+1	17		49		88	188	1
Seattle in 2005	35	+1	21		46		92	194	3
Minneapolis									(2)
Both		(1)		(1)					(4)
Monkey's Eyebrow		(1)							(1)
None of the Above	3		9		4		18	34	2
Total With Preference	72		47	(1)	99		198	416	(1)
# Needed to Win								209	
No (Further) Preference	2		2	+1	2		2	8	+1
Total Valid Ballots	74		49		101		200	424	

2005 NASFiC Site Selection Results Round 3

Bid	Mail-In	Change	Thur	Change	Fri	Change	Sat	Change	Total	Change	
Charlotte in 2005	34		19	+2	49		96	+8	198	10	
Seattle in 2005	37	2	24	3	46		97	5	204	10	Winner
Minneapolis											
Both											
Monkey's Eyebrow											
None of the Above		(3)		(9)		(4)		(18)		(34)	
Total With Preference	71	(1)	43	(4)	95	(4)	193	(5)	402	(14)	
# Needed to Win									202		
No (Further) Preference	3	+1	6	+4	6	+4	7	+5	22	+14	
Total Valid Ballots	74		49		101		200		424		

Attendance List

The following people registered their attendance at all or part of the Business Meeting.

Andrew A Adams

Sue Ellen Adkins

Adina Adler

Gary Agin

Paul Allwood

Lynn Anderson

Margene Bahm

Chris Barkley

Denise Barkley

Naomi F Cowan-Barkley

Tom Beck

Judith Bemis

Mark Blackman

Gary S Blog

Kent Bloom

Stephen Boucher

James M Briggs

KIM Campbell

Gordon Carleton

Sandra Childress

Dennis Caswell

Doug Chamberlin

Paul Birnbaum

Clint Budd

Raymond Cyrus

S L CurtisGene Armstrong

Bear Brown

M David Brim

David-Glenn Anderson

Chaz Boston-Baden

Andra Apke

Todd Dashoff

John Day

Genny Dazzo

Linda Deneroff

Gay Ellen Dennett

Steven desJardins

Vincent Docherty

Scott Dennis

Paul Dormer

Paul G Dolenac

Bobbie DuFault

Andrew Dyer

Donald Eastlake III

Chris Logan Edwards

Louis Epstein

Gary Keith Feldbaum

George Flynn

Steve Francis

Sue Francis

Pam Fremon

Doug Friauf

David Evans

Regina Flynn

Michael Donahue

Tom DeMarco

Pete DuFault

Kathryn Daugherty

Moshe Feder

Darrel L Exline

Michael Nelson

Janice Gelb

Glenn Glazer

Marc Gordon

E L Gross

Shouichi Hachiya

Paul Haggerty

Shigeru Hayashida

Bob Hillis

Hiroaki Inoue

Ed Green

Jack Heneghan

Deb Geisler

Mark Herrup

Mark Irwin

David Greenlaw

Jay Gerst

Gerald Giegen

Gary L Plumlee

Debbie Gerst

Susan de Guardiola

Rick Katze

William Keaton

Mike Kennedy

Robert Klein

Lincoln W Kliman

Rick Kovalcik

Paul Kraus

Alexis Layton

Danny Liebermann

John Lorentz

Perrienne Lurie

Elspeth Kovar

Dina S Krause

Robert Hillis

Brian Burley

Dan Kimmel

Anthony Lewis

Sydney Krause

George Krause

Deb Kosiba

Rich Zellich

Anita L Cole

Joan Juozenas

Karen Connell

Ruben Krasnopolsky

Bob MacIntosh

Laurie Mann

Jim Mann

Michael Mason

Dennis McCunney

Pat McMurray

Kathleen Meyer

Craig Miller

Patrick Molloy

Cheryl Morgan

Skip Morris

Beth Moursund

Mark Olson

Myles F O'Reilly

Dale Mazzola

Bob Schilling

Gene Olmsted

Priscilla Olson

Christian McGuire

Richard Smith

Anne Norton

Joan McDougall

Tony Parker

Sara Paula

Sam Pierce

Michael Pins

John Pomeranz

Pat Porter

Dave Ratti

Neil Rest

Mark E Richards

Linda Ross-Mansfield

Richard S Russell

Mike Rennie

Bob Palmer

Bill Parker

Matthew Ragsdale

Sheila Perry

Fred Patten

Lisa Garrison Ragsdale

Patrick Plante

Ruth Sachter

Sharon Sbarsky

Ben Schilling

David Shallcross

Ken Smookler

Kevin Standlee

Gayle Surette

Geoff Surette

Tim Szczesuil

Leslie Turek

Darice Schirber

Geri Sullivan

Ian Stockdale

Dave Strang

Victoria A Smith

Allan Sperling

Dick Smith

T R Smith

Marah Searle-Kovacevic

Eric P Scott

Harold Stein

Alen von Thorn

Lew Wolkoff

Ben Yalow

Jonathon Cowie

Kim Williams

Michelle Zellich

Mile Willmoth

Sally Woehrle

Ken Yamaoka

World Science Fiction Society

Resolutions and Rulings of Continuing Effect

2003 Business Meeting, Toronto, Canada

Kevin Standlee, Chair

Donald Eastlake III, Deputy Chair / PO

Pat McMurray, Secretary

Clint Budd, Timekeeper

William J Keaton, Glenn Glazer, Tech Support

2002 Business Meeting, San José, California

Kevin Standlee, Presiding Officer

Kent Bloom, Deputy Presiding Officer

Pat McMurray (Standing in for Cheryl Morgan), Secretary

Seth Breidbart, Timekeeper

Paul Kraus, Tim Szczesuil, William J Keaton, Tech Support

BM-2002-1 Future Worldcon financial reports submitted after that Worldcon is over should only contain reportable balances, not income unattributable to that Worldcon such as interest or other activities.

CH-2002-1 The meeting can pass a resolution expressing an opinion as to the future legality of a foreshadowed motion that can not be legally introduced at the Preliminary Business Meeting. (Appealed and sustained.) The Chair further ruled that such a resolution would not be legally binding upon the Chair.

CH-2002-2 Blanket eligibility extension applies to dramatic presentations as well as written works. The word "published" as used in the Hugo Awards definitions should be interpreted in its technical sense under copyright law.

CH-2002-3 If a motion is Reconsidered, its debate time is refreshed. [Upon further review, this ruling was shown to be inconsistent with the Parliamentary Authority; a motion that is reconsidered _on the same day_ as originally considered picks up where it previously left off, any exhausted debate time remains exhausted. If the motion is reconsidered on the next day, its debate time is refreshed.]

CH-2002-4 Amendments to the Constitution become part of the Constitution at the moment of ratification, although they generally do not take effect until later; therefore, they are subject to amendment as any other part of the Constitution.

2001 Business Meeting, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Donald E. Eastlake III, Chair
Kevin Standlee, Parliamentarian & Deputy Presiding Officer
Bridget Boyle, Timekeeper
Zanne Labonville, Emergency Holographic Timekeeper
Cheryl Morgan, Secretary

BM-2001-1 *Resolved*, The NP&FS is directed to remind each future Worldcon, early and often, that the WSFS Business Meeting believes that membership badges be readable, with members' names printed in no less than 24 point type.

BM-2001-2 *Resolved*, to establish a committee to study the history of Worldcons and to produce a standard list of Worldcon and Hugo Award historical information, with Bruce Pelz as chair, and the chair authorized to appoint additional members.

CH-2001-1 The Chair ruled that the Business Meeting could create standing committees *of the Business Meeting* by standing rule, but could create standing committees of WSFS only by constitutional amendment

CH-2001-2 The Chair ruled that it is right and proper for the Business Meeting to ask to know how excess funds remaining after a Worldcon are disbursed. It is not sufficient for the Worldcon to simply report that the funds have been transferred to another body for disbursement.

CH-2001-3 The Chair ruled that the Standing Rules can only cover the conduct of the Business Meeting and may not be used to impose requirements upon Worldcons.

2000 Business Meeting, Chicago, Illinois

Donald E. Eastlake III, Chair
Kevin Standlee, Parliamentarian & Deputy Presiding Officer
'Zanne Labonville, Timekeeper
Robert Sacks (standing in for Pat McMurray), Secretary
Cheryl Morgan, Emergency Holographic Secretary

BM-2000-1 Resolved, that the proper formatting of the WSFS Constitution is as follows:

1. The WSFS Constitution is divided into a number of Articles, which are numbered in Roman numerals, thus: 1, 2, 3, 4,
2. Each Article is divided into a number of Sections, which are numbered with their Article and Section number in Legal format in Arabic numerals, thus: 1.1, 1.2,.... Each Section has a title relevant to its contents.
3. Each Section may be divided into subsections, which are numbered with their Article, Section and subsection number in Legal format in Arabic numerals, thus: 1.5.1, 1.5.2,.... Subsections do not have titles.
4. Enumerated lists of items are numbered with their sequence number in Arabic numerals enclosed in parentheses, thus: (1), (2),....
5. Sections should be arranged in approximately chronological order within articles, as should subsections within sections, and items within lists.

BM-2000-2 Resolved, to encourage Worldcons who tape their sessions to make copies available to the Worldcon history exhibit.

CH-2000-1 The Chair ruled that the definition of a "signature" (as per the Hugo voting rules) was a matter for individual Hugo Award committees.

1999 Business Meeting, Melbourne, Australia.

Jack Herman, Chair
'Zanne Labonville, Timekeeper
Pat McMurray, Secretary

No Resolutions or Rulings of Continuing Effect were made at Aussiecon III.

1998 Business Meeting, Baltimore, Maryland.

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

CH-1998-1 The Chair 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-1997-1 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 Officer
George Flynn, Secretary
Gary Feldbaum, Timekeeper

BM-1995-1 It is the sense of 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-1995-1 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-1995-2 It is out of order, unless the rules are suspended, to change an existing working group to a committee.

CH-1995-3 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-1995-4 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-1995-5 The Chair ruled that the Standing Rules do bind the Worldcon Committee.

CH-1995-6 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 CH-1995-6 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
Rick Katze, Timekeeper

BM-1994-1 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-1994-2 RESOLVED, that WSFS strongly encourages prospective Hugo categories to be tested before being submitted to the WSFS Business Meeting.

1993 Business Meeting, San Francisco, California

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

CH-1993-1 [*Incorporated in Standing Rule 4.3*].

CH-1993-2 A motion to take the vote on an Objection to Consideration by written ballot was ruled to be in order.

CH-1993-3 A motion which referred to the place of residence of a named individual was ruled to be in order.

CH-1993-4 A suggestion of 50 years as the debate limit for a motion was ruled to be dilatory.

CH-1993-5 The Chair ruled that a Constitutional provision beginning with the word "Provided" and affecting 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-1992-1 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-1992-2 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-1992-3 The Mark Protection Committee is authorized to negotiate royalties for commercial use of WSFS marks.

BM-1992-4 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-1992-1 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-1992-2 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
Richard S. Russell, Secretary
Kevin Standlee, Timekeeper

BM-1991-1 (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-1991-1 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-1991-2 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-1991-3 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

CH-1990-1 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-1989-1 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-1988-1 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.”

BM-1988-2 The Business Meeting endorses the proposal that a Worldcon Procedures Guide be created, as discussed in The Mad 3 Party.

1987 Business Meeting, Brighton, England.

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

CH-1987-1 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

BM-1986-1 [*Superseded by BM-1988-1*].

BM-1986-2 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-1985-1 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.

BM-1985-2 A Committee (to be convened by George Flynn) is requested to (i) compile and maintain a list of resolutions adopted by the Business Meeting which are still in effect, (ii) send copies of this list to each Worldcon, and (iii) make copies available to members of the Society on request.

NOTE: As originally proposed, the Standing Committee was to perform this task. Mr Flynn had not agreed to do this, and the task was taken on by Mr Eastlake.

CH-1985-1 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-1984-1 The Mark Registration and Protection Committee should be directed concerning pursuit of registration for particular marks only by resolution of the Business Meeting.

BM-1984-2 (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.

CH-1984-1 [*Action performed*].

CH-1984-2 [*Action performed*].

CH-1984-3 A motion to refer a site-selection rotation zone plan to the United Nations was ruled out of order.

CH-1984-4 [*Incorporated in the Constitution, Section 4.6*].

1983 Business Meeting, Baltimore, Maryland.

Kent Bloom, Presiding Officer
Mary Morman, Secretary

CH-1983-1 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-1983-2 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

1982 Business Meeting, Chicago, Illinois.

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

BM-1982-1 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, GUFF, 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.

CH-1982-1 [*Incorporated in the Constitution, Section 6.3*].

CH-1982-2 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-1982-3 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-1982-4 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-1982-5 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-1982-6 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-1982-7 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-1981-1 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
George Flynn, Secretary
Mike Lalor, Sergeant-at-Arms
Bob Hillis, Timekeeper

CH-1980-1 [*Incorporated in Standing Rule 1.1*].

CH-1980-2 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-1980-3 [*Incorporated in the Constitution, Section 3.8*].

CH-1980-4 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-1980-5 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-1978-01). 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-1978-1 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.

NOTE: At the 1988 Business Meeting a motion to repeal resolution BM-1978-1 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-1977-1 The Convention Chair asserted a right to co-preside at the Business Meeting without replacing the Presiding Officer.

CH-1977-2 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-1976-1 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-1976-2 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.

Mark Protection Committee Members, 2003-2004

Elected Members

No more than three elected members can represent any single North American region.

Elected 2001, term ending in 2004

Ben Yalow (East), Kevin Standlee (West), Tim Illingworth (RotW)

Elected 2002, term ending in 2005

Lynn Anderson (Central), Stephen Boucher (RotW), Sue Francis (Central)

Elected 2003, term ending in 2006

Scott Dennis (Central), Donald Eastlake III (East), Ruth Sachter (West)

Worldcon Representatives

Appointed until end of Business Meeting in Final Year stated.

Worldcon	Year	Representative	Final Year
ConJosé	2002	Cheryl Morgan	2004
Torcon 3	2003	Ken Smookler	2005
Noreascon 4	2004	George Flynn	2006
Interaction	2005	Pat McMurray	2007
L.A. Con IV	2006	Craig Miller	2009

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