

The World Science Fiction Society

**Minutes of the Business Meeting at Noreascon 4
Friday 3rd to Sunday 5th September 2004**

Introduction

All three meetings were held in the H210 Room of the Hynes Convention Centre. The head table officers were:

Chair:	Donald E Eastlake III
Deputy Chair:	Tim Illingworth
Secretary in Memoriam:	George Flynn
Secretary:	Pat McMurray
Timekeeper:	Alexis Layton
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[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.]

Voting is done in a variety of ways in the course of the Business Meeting. The Mark Protection Committee members are elected on paper ballots, using the Australian ballot. Most voting in the course of the meeting is done by an uncounted show of hands or, less commonly, by voice vote or by acclamation. If a voice or show of hands vote appears close, a numbered serpentine vote is held.]

Friday Preliminary Business Meeting

Podium Staff:

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Meeting called to order at 10:07. Attendees as shown on sign-up sheet were 80.

Glenn Glazer: move to thank N4 for continuing coffee tradition. Motion passed by acclamation.

Tom Whitmore: Stephen Boucher who is a regular attendee cannot attend this year, so there is a card at the back of the room for people to sign.

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.

Ben Yalow gave a brief verbal report. MPC met at 18:30 on Thursday.

Moved that we adjourn in memory of George Flynn at all our meetings. Passed by acclamation.

Dealt with serious threat to marks – Richard Hugo House in Seattle

Negotiated with SF Museum

Have renewed most of marks in US.

Second MPC meeting will take place after Sunday BM or during Monday AM slot.

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.)

Tim Illingworth nominated all three retiring members.

1.2. Nitpicking & Flyspecking Committee

Attached

Tim Illingworth: main difference from last year is that documents are now being held at smofs.org.

Committee thinks “published” means “published” in the sense it is used in copyright law, as in “fixed in tangible form” and applies to dramatic presentations and other non-print works. In short, the committee agrees with CH-2002-2.

Chairman: People interested in being on that committee should speak to Chairman of BM.

1.3. Worldcon Runners' Guide Editorial Committee

No report at this point.

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

Attached

Kevin Standlee: Ed Green, HEROW Chair was unable to attend N4 and sends his regrets.

1.5. Formalization of Long List Entries (FOLLE) Committee

Report received - will be included in Saturday agenda.

2. Worldcon Reports

Currency conversion rates as of 31 August 2004

	CAD	USD	GBP	AUD	EUR	100 JPY
CAD	—	0.76	0.42	1.08	0.91	83.33
USD	1.32	—	0.56	1.43	1.20	110.03
GBP	2.36	1.79	—	2.57	1.49	197.36
AUD	0.92	0.70	0.39	—	0.84	76.94
EUR	1.59	0.83	0.67	1.72	—	132.49
100 JPY	1.20	0.91	0.51	1.30	0.75	—

Don Timm: Think conversion rates are wrong.

Secretary: Will investigate.

2.1 Past Worldcons

2.1.1. ConAdian (1994)

Attached

Kevin Standlee: There was a CAD10,000 donation to Westercon. Conadian are aware of need to spend the funds and finish their reporting process.

2.1.2. L.A.con III (1996)

Final report attached

Mark Olson: Is this a final report?

Craig Miller: This is a final report for L.A.con III – all funds have been transferred to L.A.con IV for continued WSFS use.

Seth Breidbart: Is this pass along funds?

Craig Miller: No, it's a transfer...

2.1.3. LoneStarCon 2 (1997)

Final report attached

Kevin Standlee: Is this the final report?

Bill Parker: This is the final report.

Lynn Anderson: Negative on funds.

Bill Parker: Negative funding, some transfers from other projects.

Seth Breidbart: What was Strategic Planning Session for?

BP: Future of their organization.

2.1.4. Aussiecon Three (1999)

Attached

2.1.5. Chicon 2000

Final report attached.

Tom Veal: Final report.

2.1.6. The Millennium Philcon (2001)

Attached.

Todd Dashoff: Additional funds have been passed along since last year.

Victoria Smith: Where to?

Todd Dashoff: Initial funds were passed to ConJosé, Torcon III, and N4. Funds were offered to three successive cons. ConJosé said they did not need the funds and requested funds were passed on directly to their successors. So funds were passed on to Torcon III, N4, and Interaction.

2.1.7. ConJosé (2002)

Attached (along with restatement of 2003 report.)

Kevin Standlee: Minor restatement.

2.1.8 Torcon 3

A report is attached, but financial statements have not been provided.

Larry Hancock: Current president of Torcon III.

Ben Yalow: *Resolved*, that; BM notes with regret the fact that the Torcon III financial report was not submitted.

Motion was adopted by a vote on a show of hands.

Rick Katze: When does Torcon expect to distribute pass along funds received from MilPhil?

Larry Hancock: Probably 4-5 months.

Bonita Misener: Why the delay?

Larry Hancock: Pretty much as stated in the report.

Robert Kline: Where will report be available?

Larry Hancock: Will be added to website and publicly announced.

Ben Yalow: Could secretary forward financial report to attendees of BM?

Larry Hancock: Will forward to secretary for distribution.

2.2. Seated Worldcons & NASFiC

2.2.1. Noreascon 4 (2004)

Attached

Mark Olson: Thank MilPhil, ConJose, Torcon and Chicon for pass along funds, which made a real difference.

Richard S Russell: Credit card and bank fees seem very high.

Mark Olson: 90% of memberships through e-commerce.

2.2.2. Interaction (2005)

Attached

Vince Docherty: Very much appreciate prompt pass along funds!

Victoria Smith: Do accounting conventions in UK differ?

Vince Docherty: Yes. This is an incremental report.

Raymond Cyrus: Any expenses involved in receiving the grants?

Vince Docherty: No, just terminology.

2.2.3 L.A.con IV

Attached

Craig Miller: How can *we* get a grant from Glasgow Council.

John Pomerantz: Can you detail the admin costs.

Craig Miller: Postage, credit card charges, etc.

2.2.4 CascadiaCon

Attached

Dennis Caswell: Can you give more details of hotel expense?

Glenn Glazer: It's almost certainly the deposit.

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.

Chairman: We can only set time limits at this meeting on these items.

3.1 Short Title: Extended Distribution

Debate Time: 4 Minutes

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.

3.2 Short Title: Moving Works

Debate Time: 10 Minutes

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.

3.3 Short Title: Default Rates

Debate Time: 4 Minutes

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.

[John Pomerantz: Question of privilege: Could meeting be instructed to set electronics to silent mode?](#)

[The Chair agreed and so instructed the meeting.](#)

3.4 Short Title: Tied Races

Debate Time: 8 Minutes

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.”

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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.

3.5 Short Title: Back to the Future

Debate Time: 20 Minutes

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.

Tom Veal: Like to propose 30 minutes.

Raymond Cyrus: One year.

The Chair ruled that debate time suggestions longer than the expected length of the business meeting were frivolous and out of order.

30 minutes set, by vote many to some.

4. New Business

4.1. Resolutions

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

4.1.1a Short Title: This Year's Model

Moved, To extend eligibility for all works that 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.

Moved by: HEROW Committee

No debate.

Passed unanimously.

Chairman: Obviates 4.1.1b.

4.1.1b Short Title: Three Blind Mice Models...

If 4.1.1a passes, these three motions can be dropped. These motions extend eligibility for the Hugo Award; therefore, they require a 3/4 vote.

Hugo Eligibility Extension: The Cambridge Companion to Science Fiction

Moved, To extend for one year the eligibility of The Cambridge Companion to Science Fiction, edited by Edward James and Farah Mendlesohn, a critical guide to SF published in the UK in 2003 by Cambridge University Press, based on limited availability, as authorised by Section 3.4.

Hugo Eligibility Extension: The True Knowledge of Ken MacLeod

Moved, To extend for one year the eligibility of The True Knowledge of Ken MacLeod, edited by Andrew M. Butler and Farah Mendlesohn, a collection of original essays on the writings of Ken MacLeod published in the UK in 2003 by The Science Fiction Foundation, based on limited availability, as authorised by Section 3.4.

Hugo Eligibility Extension: Up Through an Empty House of Stars

Moved, To extend for one year the eligibility of Up Through an Empty House of Stars, by David Langford, a collection of SF reviews and articles published in the UK in 2003 by Cosmos Books, based on limited availability, as authorised by Section 3.4.

Moved by Henry Balen and Renee Sieber

Perianne Lurie: Have these works been published in the US in the current year.

Pat McMurray: No.

Tim Illingworth: They are limited distribution works, unless they're published in the US this year.

Chairman: Consider this is a substantive motion.

Ben Yalow: Limited distribution rule does allow us to pass these motions.

Glenn Glazer: Is this debate?

Chairman: This is discussion whether 4.1.1b is in order – and has moved to debate.

Glenn Glazer: Call the motion.

Question called many to few, by more than 2/3rds.

Motion passes by more than ¾ in favour.

4.1.2 Short Title: We Need Another HEROW

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.

Moved by: HEROW Committee

No objection to this motion – those interested should contact Chairman of BM.

Kevin Standlee: Move to continue HEROW as currently constituted with Chair of committee allowed to supplement membership as his discretion.

Motion passed.

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 Noreascon 4 and ratified at Interaction. 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: BDP: Movies and Television

Debate Time: 14 Minutes

Moved, To amend portions of section 3.3 of the WSFS Constitution by adding words to clarify the intention of WSFS regarding the Dramatic Presentation Categories, as follows:

3.3.6: Best Dramatic Presentation, Long Form. Any theatrical feature or other 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 television program or other 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.

Moved by: Craig Miller, Kevin Standlee, Seth Breidbart, Linda Deneroff, Grant Kruger, John Lorentz, Cheryl Morgan, Mark Olson, Ruth Sachter, Tom Veal, Dalroy Ward, Ben Yalow

Discussion: The legislative intent of this amendment is to make it clearer that WSFS intends for most theatrical motion pictures to be considered Long Form and most television shows (except extremely long multi-part episodes and mini-series) to be considered Short Form. The running time values have a 20% leeway (section 3.2.10), and past practice in other “borderline” cases has been to defer to the judgment of the voters. A theatrical motion picture that is somewhat less than 90 minutes long should be considered Long Form, particularly if most of its nominations are in that category. A long “two-part” television episode with a running time somewhat over 90 minutes should be considered Short Form, particularly if most of its nominations are in that category. In general, the closer a work is to the boundary, the more reasonable it is to relocate it.

4.3.2 Short Title: Keep Movin', Movin', Movin', Though They're Disapprovin'

Debate Time: 14 Minutes

Moved, to add two new subsections in section 3.8 of the WSFS Constitution to clarify the movement of nominations between categories, as follows:

3.8.x: The Committee shall move a nomination from another category to the work's default category only if the member has made fewer than five (5) nominations in the default category.

3.8.y: If a work receives a nomination in its default category, and if the Committee relocates the work under its authority under subsection 3.2.9 or 3.2.10, the Committee shall count the nomination even if the member already has made five (5) nominations in the more-appropriate category.

Moved by: Craig Miller, Kevin Standlee, Seth Breidbart, Linda Deneroff, Grant Kruger, Evelyn Leeper, John Lorentz, Cheryl Morgan, Mark Olson, Ruth Sachter, Sharon Sbarsky, Tom Veal, Dalroy Ward, Ben Yalow

Discussion: “Default category,” means that the work is within the category length limit as defined in the various sections of the Constitution. For example, a 7,350-word written fiction work is by default a Short Story even though the Committee is authorized to move the work to Novelette. An 88-minute dramatic motion picture is by default a Short Form

work even though the Committee is authorized to move the work to Long Form. The Constitution implicitly recognizes that members might nominate works in an alternative category, and authorizes the Committee to resolve such situations in 3.8.2. The Committee is also authorized under subsections 3.2.9-10 to move a work from this default category to the adjacent category if they believe the work is more appropriately placed in the adjacent category.

This amendment clarifies that the committee may move a member's nomination made in the wrong category to the correct category, but only if there is room on that member's ballot in the correct category. If the member has already made five nominations in the correct category, then the nomination made in the wrong category does not count at all.

In addition, this amendment provides that should a committee exercise its right under 3.2.9-10 and move a work to a category it deems more appropriate, it must transfer the nominations made for that work from the default category to the other category. The Committee must count those nominations even if it means a member's ballot thus has (for example) six novels and four novellas, or six long form and four short form dramatic works. In no case would a member's nomination be able to count twice for the same work, even under a transfer as described here, per existing 3.8.4.

[Beth Moursind: Request clarification of rule](#)
[Chairman: Restricts the transfer under some cases.](#)

4.3.3 Short Title: Counting Votes (and Breaking Ties)

Debate Time: 14 Minutes.

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.

Moved by Nitpicking and Flyspecking Committee.

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~~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.

Ben Yalow: Perverse and unlikely situation, but 3.11.1 could lead No Award being tied with an item

Chairman: Will appoint small committee to discuss wording.

Chairman: Note that uncompleted business is not lost, but moved to the next day of Business Meeting.

Paul Anderson: Point of Order: No debate time on 4.3.3?

Chairman: 14 minutes.

Meeting was adjourned in honour of George Flynn at 11:28

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*

SATURDAY

First Main Business Meeting

Podium Staff:

Chair: Donald E Eastlake III

Secretary in Memoriam: George Flynn

Secretary: Pat McMurray

Deputy Chair: Tim Illingworth:

Timekeeper: Alexis Layton

Tech Support: Lisa Hayes, J Spencer Love

[Secretary: I found out later that the feedback we experienced at one point during the meeting was due to a loose microphone plug.]

Meeting called to order at 10:01. Number of attendees as registered on the sign up sheets was 134.

Kevin Standlee: Move to suspend the rules and take up 3.5 to be the first item, and make voting on it to be a special order of business at 10:30.

A 2/3rds vote was required - motion passed many to few.

3.5

Glenn Glazer: Parliamentary Inquiry: Are motions to extend debate and call the question allowed.

Chairman: Yes

Tom Veal: (A) Time is more than just a helix of semi-precious stones, it is a precious resource of Worldcons. I was chair of a Worldcon, which needed every moment of those three years. When you start a Worldcon without a committee already in place, there is a great deal to be done in staff recruitment that is time consuming. We're going back to a future where you will deprive ordinary Worldcons of time they really need.

Committees that can't get along for three years, can't get along for two either – shorter periods don't help there.

Worldcons are very complicated enterprises, almost the largest event in the world organized by volunteers and amateurs. Volunteers and amateurs, separate people every year, a new challenge, we need the time. This motion is very cocky.

Colin Harris (F): Two types of things that need to be done – those on day one after the bid, and those that need to be there on day one of the convention. We have found consistently that two or three years is enough for day one of convention. And the day one after the bid stuff has to be prepared before the vote. It is difficult to motivate and support people over that period of time, and it is hard to maintain momentum over that period.

Linda Deneroff (A): Need to look to the past to see the future. Facility problems – three years is better than two.

Janice Gelb (F): All years are not created equal. We do need lots and lots of time, but we need it in the last six months. The first of three can only burn out people, and waste time, and ideas. And members want to get involved straight away, but there's nothing to get

involved in! And nearly every previous Worldcon chair is in favour of this motion and they were the people with their feet in the fire.

Paul Haggerty (A): Against this, members need time to save money and vacation time for Worldcons.

Glenn Glazer (F): PWFC – challenge of working on three cons at once! Going to two year would reduce the pressure on these people.

Raymond Cyrus (A): Apologise for any offence I caused last year.

Move to amend: Sunset provision of 8 years.

Elsbeth Kovach: Inquiry: What does this mean?

Scott Baxter: Call the question.

Motion to amend proposal failed on a show of hands.

Deb Geisler (F): I'm Chair of N4, and I'm damn tired. Very few deliverables in the first 30 months of running a Worldcon, very little real achievement, very little payback until the last six months. I urge you on behalf of myself and my committee, and on behalf of many future Worldcon chairs to vote for this motion.

Michell Zelig (A): If you're tired, stop bidding.

Kevin Standlee (F): I will say something that very few fans will ever say before a Business Meeting. *I was wrong*. I supported two to three in 1988. And then I moved to extend the time to four years – fortunately I failed.

Have been involved in two Worldcons under the three year rule – neither running like crazy nor doing nothing for two years works. That extra year is a negative resource – doing more harm than good.

Largest Worldcon ever and one of the most successful was on two year lead time. Almost every chair of the three year worldcons is opposed to continuing with three years.

Richard Russell (A): Time horizons of major institutions. We should plan for the next 20-30 years, not just 3-5 years. NASFiCs are Worldcons in training, this motion will damage NASFiCs and give them inadequate lead time.

Motion to ratify constitutional amendment passed on a serpentine vote, 112-59.

Short recess was called until 10:42.

1. Committee Reports

1.1. Mark Protection Committee (Including Nominations for MPC)

Report was presented at the Preliminary Business Meeting yesterday.

The Mark Protection Committee will meet in room H210 of the Hynes Centre, either immediately after the Second Main Business Meeting on Sunday if there is time, or else on Monday at 10AM.

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.

Mark Olson: Move to elect them by acclamation.

Seeing no objection, the three candidates were elected.

1.3. Worldcon Runners' Guide Editorial Committee

No report received.

1.5. Formalization of Long List Entries (FOLLE) Committee

The Long List committee has essentially completed its work on the Long List of Worldcons and is now in maintenance mode, correcting new entries as new data becomes available and slowly researching attendance and membership numbers. The current Long List may be found in the Noreascon 4 Souvenir Book and at <http://www.nesfa.org/data/LL>

We have made huge progress in developing a Long List of Hugos using data supplied by Dave Grubbs and the ISFDB and are now (slowly) working to perfect the entries. (N4 has somewhat diverted the chairman's attention, but we'll get back to work...) See the current working documents at <http://www.nesfa.org/data/LL/Hugos>

Corrections are solicited.

On a motion by the committee, the FOLLE Committee was continued for another year as currently constituted, Chaired by Mark Olson, and with the Chair authorized to supplement the committee's membership at his discretion.

William Keaton: Why aren't documents on WSFS or Worldcon domain?

Mark Olson: This was the website we could get access to easily.

Chairman: meeting thanks NESFA for providing the space.

2. Worldcon Reports

All business was completed at the Preliminary Business Meeting yesterday.

3. Business Passed On from Torcon 3

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

3.1 Short Title: Extended Distribution

Debate Time: 4 Minutes

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.

Motion passed without objection.

3.2 Short Title: Moving Works

Debate Time: 10 Minutes

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.

Motion passed without objection.

3.3 Short Title: Default Rates

Debate Time: 4 Minutes

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.

Motion passed without objection.

3.4 Short Title: Tied Races

Debate Time: 8 Minutes

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.

Art Coolman (sp): Will the item at 2.6 be tidied from three to two years?

Chairman: Yes, there is a standing rule that allows the Secretary to do this.

Motion passed without objection.

3.5 Short Title: Back to the Future

Debate Time: 30 Minutes

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.

[Secretary: This item had been dealt with earlier in this meeting.]

4. New Business

4.1. Resolutions

All business was completed at the Preliminary Business Meeting yesterday.

4.2. Standing Rules Amendments

All business was completed at the Preliminary Business Meeting yesterday.

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 Noreascon 4 and ratified at Interaction. 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: BDP: Movies and Television

Debate Time: 14 Minutes

Moved, To amend portions of section 3.3 of the WSFS Constitution by adding words to clarify the intention of WSFS regarding the Dramatic Presentation Categories, as follows:

3.3.6: Best Dramatic Presentation, Long Form. Any theatrical feature or other 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 television program or other 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.

Moved by: Craig Miller, Kevin Standlee, Seth Breidbart, Linda Deneroff, Grant Kruger, John Lorentz, Cheryl Morgan, Mark Olson, Ruth Sachter, Tom Veal, Dalroy Ward, Ben Yalow

Discussion: The legislative intent of this amendment is to make it clearer that WSFS intends for most theatrical motion pictures to be considered Long Form and most television shows (except extremely long multi-part episodes and mini-series) to be considered Short Form. The running time values have a 20% leeway (section 3.2.10), and past practice in other “borderline” cases has been to defer to the judgment of the voters. A theatrical motion picture that is somewhat less than 90 minutes long should be considered Long Form, particularly if most of its nominations are in that category. A long “two-part” television episode with a running time somewhat over 90 minutes should be considered Short Form, particularly if most of its nominations are in that category. In general, the closer a work is to the boundary, the more reasonable it is to relocate it.

John Andrews: Concern about definition of running time – ads etc.

Chairman: Running time does not include ads, etc. This was stated when original BDP motion was first passed.

Kevin Standlee: Noreascon 4 Souvenir Book P143, section 3.2.8 addresses this issue.

Paul Anderson: *Move* to amend. Complete running time in accordance with Section 3.2.8.

No seconder, motion failed.

Skip Morris: Does this conflict with Emmy rules.

Craig Miller (F): Attempt to prevent future argument about moving between the two categories. Long form is *mostly* movies, short form is *mostly* tv episodes – intended to be clarifying language.

Mark Blackman: Would this exclude plays?

Craig Miller: No, this would not exclude play.

Lew Wolkoff (A): Time issue doesn't really clarify the problem. And what about other media, like record albums?

Chris Barkley (F): Don't really see this conflict.

Richard Russell (A): *Move* to amend, by substituting 80 for 90.

Kevin Standlee: Point of order: Not germane.

Chair submitted the point of order to the assembly which judged that the amendment was not germane.

Gary Blog: Think this will create confusion. Should give the constitutional change some time to bed in.

Ben Yalow (F): Big fan of word *or*.

Richard Russell: Point of order – English language.

Doug Friauf (F): These categories apply to all media.

Jim Young (F): If people don't pay attention to what the constitution says, there's nothing you can do about it.

Linda Deneroff (F): It's in English, we all understand it – common sense has to prevail. The amendment passed on a vote by show of hands.

4.3.2 Short Title: Keep Movin', Movin', Movin', Though They're Disapprovin'

Debate Time: 14 Minutes

Moved, to add two new subsections in section 3.8 of the WSFS Constitution to clarify the movement of nominations between categories, as follows:

3.8.x: The Committee shall move a nomination from another category to the work's default category only if the member has made fewer than five (5) nominations in the default category.

3.8.y: If a work receives a nomination in its default category, and if the Committee relocates the work under its authority under subsection 3.2.9 or 3.2.10, the Committee shall count the nomination even if the member already has made five (5) nominations in the more-appropriate category.

Moved by: Craig Miller, Kevin Standlee, Seth Breidbart, Linda Deneroff, Grant Kruger, Evelyn Leeper, John Lorentz, Cheryl Morgan, Mark Olson, Ruth Sachter, Sharon Sbarsky, Tom Veal, Dalroy Ward, Ben Yalow

Discussion: “Default category,” means that the work is within the category length limit as defined in the various sections of the Constitution. For example, a 7,350-word written fiction work is by default a Short Story even though the Committee is authorized to move the work to Novelette. An 88-minute dramatic motion picture is by default a Short Form work even though the Committee is authorized to move the work to Long Form. The Constitution implicitly recognizes that members might nominate works in an alternative

category, and authorizes the Committee to resolve such situations in 3.8.2. The Committee is also authorized under subsections 3.2.9-10 to move a work from this default category to the adjacent category if they believe the work is more appropriately placed in the adjacent category.

This amendment clarifies that the committee may move a member's nomination made in the wrong category to the correct category, but only if there is room on that member's ballot in the correct category. If the member has already made five nominations in the correct category, then the nomination made in the wrong category does not count at all.

In addition, this amendment provides that should a committee exercise its right under 3.2.9-10 and move a work to a category it deems more appropriate, it must transfer the nominations made for that work from the default category to the other category. The Committee must count those nominations even if it means a member's ballot thus has (for example) six novels and four novellas, or six long form and four short form dramatic works. In no case would a member's nomination be able to count twice for the same work, even under a transfer as described here, per existing 3.8.4.

Beth Moursund: Inquiry – explain current situation.

Kevin Standlee: Currently it's left up to the administrator – this is an attempt to provide some guidance.

John Lorentz: This motion describes what many administrators have been doing,

Perianne Lurie (A): Think it's a good idea to codify the procedure – but the default category is not always obvious.

Craig Miller (F): Call me Ishmael. Purpose of this is to codify the commonest procedure of Hugo administrators. About when and how to move things, not anything else.

Paul Anderson (A): Two separate questions. I oppose the first paragraph and support the second. Move to divide the question.

Motion failed, no seconder.

Glenn Glazer (A): Concerned about ordering of moving stuff around – a cascade effect.

Kevin Standlee (F): It is impossible to draft wording which this group can't find ways to break it – odd cases, degenerate situations. But these are not mathematical proofs!

Todd Dashoff: Inquiry. How exactly does this movement thing work?

John Lorentz: all the votes for a nominee are counted if possible.

The amendment passed on a vote by show of hands.

4.3.3 Short Title: Counting Votes (and Breaking Ties)

Debate Time: 14 Minutes.

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.

Moved by Nitpicking and Flyspecking Committee.

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 excluding no award 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~~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.

Chairman: Committee was appointed yesterday.

Ben Yalow: Already incorporated in agenda.

Chairman: I have a question. Is the remaining candidate still declared a joint winner.

Ben Yalow: Yes

Mark Olson (A): Don't really understand this. I would like to ask the people moving this to explain it.

Tim Illingworth: Created a subroutine to do runoffs, which you call when you need it.

Craig Miller: Point of Information: Joint winner with “No Award”...
Tim Illingworth: Go back to run off – “No Award” always beats itself – and I have a dislike of infinite loops.
Quinten Matthews (A): Why are we throwing out “No Award”?
Audience: We’re not.
Kevin Standlee (F): In case of a tie, we’re going to give a slight edge to the not-“No Award” candidate.
John Lorentz (F): Pertinent example. Tie breaking is key.
Linda Deneroff: Inquiry: Could we put a footnote to explain this?
Chairman: No
The amendment passed on a show of hands.

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 in Memory of George Flynn

MPC will hold meeting tomorrow.
Adjourned in memory of George Flynn at 10:37.

SUNDAY NOREASCON 4 Second Main Business Meeting

Podium Staff:

Chair: Donald E Eastlake III
Secretary in Memoriam: George Flynn
Secretary: Pat McMurray
Deputy Chair: Tim Illingworth:
Timekeeper: Alexis Layton
Tech Support: Lisa Hayes, J Spencer Love

Meeting called to order at 10:02. The number of attendees as recorded on the sign-up sheets was 106.

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

Pat Molloy: Acknowledge support of my staff, and the bidders for a good race. Nippon in 2007 are declared winners.

Hiroaki Inoue:

昨日の開票により、私たちのコミッティが2004年、65th World Science Fiction Conventionを開催することに決まりました。

日本からの初めての挑戦に応じてくれてありがとうございます。

すべての投票[Originally:登票=typo]をして下さった方にお礼申し上げます。

コロンバスのコミッティ、あなたたちがいたおかげで、私たちはがんばれました
どうもありがとう

Noreascon4のコンコミッティ、細やかな気づかいに感謝します。

初めての私たちを最大限にサポートしてくれました。

ペギー=レイ・サピエンツァ [Peggy Rae

Sapienza]、私たちは彼女を「ペギーレイお

母さん」と呼んで

います。彼女の力強いあと押し[=後押し]が私たちをここまで走らせてくれました
た

エージェントをかって出してくれた、

アンドリュー・A・アダムス [Andrew A Adams]、ビンセント・ドカティ [Vincent Docherty]、

私たちの北米メンバー、グレン [Glenn]、ボブ [Bob]、レネ [Rene]、ビル [Bill] 他
の

多くの人たち、ありがとう、あなたたちのおかげです

ここにいる日本のメンバー、ここに来ることができな

かった日本のメンバー、よくがんばった

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そして何よりも感謝をささげたい人は
柴野拓美[Takumi
Shibano]さん、彼がいなければ私たちはワールドコンを開こうとは
考えませんでした
フォレスト・J・アッカーマン[Forrest J
Ackerman]、彼は日本のファンダムを世界
にみちびきました。
最後にエレイン・ペルツ[Elayne Pelz]、ブルース・ペルツ[Bruce
Pelz]、彼らのお
かげで
私たちはすべてをはじめることができました
心から感謝いたします。
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正式名称 Nippon2007
日付 2007年8月30[日] ~ 9月3日 レイバー[Labor]DAY[Weekend]
場所 日本の、横浜市、パシフィコヨコハマ[Pacifico Yokohama]
GoH 小松 左京[Sakyo Komatsu]
 ディビット ブリン[David Brin]
 天野 喜孝[Yoshitaka Amano]
 マイケル ウィラン[Michael Whelan]
 柴野 拓美[Takumi Shibano]

[Hiroaki Inoue-san's speech on Sunday, September 5, 2004 at Noreascon 4,
accepting the results of the voting at the business meeting]

Yesterday it was decided, according to the votes, that we will hold our
convention, the 65th World Science Fiction Convention, in 2007. Thank you
for responding so favorably to our first try at bidding for the convention.
We bow before you and thank all of those who voted for us. In addition, we
thank the Columbus Committee because due to their hard work it was a great
and noble fight.

To the Noreascon 4 Con Committee, thank you for your close attention to the
process. We were first-timers, yet you gave us your maximum support.

The mighty urgings of Peggy Rae Sapienza, whom we call "Mother Peggy Rae,"
caused us to run this race and come this far.

To Andrew A Adams and Vincent Docherty, who came out and spurred us on as
our agents, and to our North American members, including Glenn, Bob, Rene,

and Bill, we succeeded through you; thank you! To those members from Japan who are here, and to those Japanese members who were unable to come, you have done great work!

Above all, the people to whom we would most like to offer our thanks are Takumi Shibano and Forrest J Ackerman. Without Takumi Shiano, we would have never considered to try holding a Worldcon. Forrest J Ackerman guided Japanese fandom to the world stage. Finally, thanks to Elayne and Bruce Pelz, we were able to get everything off the ground.

From the depths of our hearts, we humbly and gratefully thank you.

Formal Title of Event: Nippon 2007

Date: August 30, 2007 through September 3, 2007, Labor Day Weekend

Place: Pacifico Yokohama in the City of Yokohama, Japan GoH (Guests of Honor):

Sakyo Komatsu

David Brin

Yoshitaka Amano

Michael Whelan

Takumi Shibano

Translation by Sean Leonard

Pat Molloy: Move to destroy the ballots.

Motion passed by unanimous consent.

Tim Illingworth Question for Nippon 2007: Mark Protection Committee?

Yes, we shall move on.

Kim Williams: Congratulations, it's been fun to bid against you. Wish you a good time in Japan in 2007.

Linda Deneroff: Inquiry: Where will NASFiC vote be held?

Chair: At NASFiC in 2005.

1. Committee Reports

All other business was completed at the Preliminary and First Main Business Meetings.

Announcement of HEROW and NPFSC memberships.

HEROW membership: Chairman: Pat McMurray. Cheryl Morgan, Tim Illingworth, Perianne Lurie, Ben Yalow, Todd Dashoff, Kevin Standlee, Gayle Surette, Paul Haggarty.

NPFSC membership: Chairman: Kevin Standlee. Tim Illingworth, Donald Eastlake, Pat McMurray

1.3. Worldcon Runners' Guide Editorial Committee

2. Worldcon Reports

All business was completed at the Preliminary Business Meeting yesterday.

3. Business Passed On from Torcon 3

All business was completed at the First Main Business Meeting yesterday.

4. New Business

All business was completed at the First Main Business Meeting yesterday.

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)

Vince Docherty: Introduce Co-Chair Colin Harris. Have lost an important member of our founding committee, KIM Campbell.

Colin Harris: Many members from many countries. Accommodation opened on Thursday of this convention. 150+ staff.

Steve Francis: What will rate structure be in future.

Colin Harris: Current rates valid to 30th November.

5.2.3. L.A.con IV (2006)

Christian McGuire: L.A.con IV is still on track. Contracts finalized with Hilton and Marriott.

Steve Francis: Housing process?

CMG: Between IA and year-end 2005.

Craig Miller: Lots of rooms.

CMG: Membership will rise on 12th September.

5.2.4 CascadiaCon (2005 NASFiC)

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

Bobbie duFault: 8th NASFiC in 30 years. Hotel sorted out – Radisson. Rate rise is 30th November. Announce Anime Guest of Honour: Hiroaki Inoue

Robert Klein: Hotels

BDF: 21st September

Voting for NASFiC 2007 will be at Cascadiacon. You have to be a member of Cascadiacon to vote.

5.3. Presentation by future Worldcon bids

Rick Zelig, St Louis NASFiC 2007 – Archon is bidding for NASFiC – either usual dates in October or early August.

5.3.1. Presentation by bidders for 2008

Kent Bloom: Colorado Convention Centre, Denver, CO 6-10 August 2008.

TR Smith & Vince Docherty: The Geneva Convention – don't vote for us.

Dina Krause and Dean McCrory: Chicago in 2008

Steve Francis – Dates? Still negotiating on rates and dates.

5.3.2. Presentation by bidders for years after 2008

Linda Ross Mansfield and Rene Walling: Montreal in 2009

Margene Bahm and Jim Murray: KC in 2009. Presupport rates: \$20, \$50 for friend of library, \$100 for patient.

Rose Mitchell, Australia in 2010 – Serious bid.

Todd Dashoff: Have you decided on location yet?

RM: No, we're open to various suggestions and are not locked into anything.

What time of year?

RM: Usual time – spring

Rick Kovalchik: Please don't always hold Worldcons in the same city.

TR Smith: Proto bid for DC in 2011.

Kevin Standlee: Announcement: All members of Interaction, whether or not they are members of LA con IV, will have a vote in LA con IV. There will be no site selection at Interaction.

1.3. Worldcon Runners' Guide Editorial Committee

No written report.

Will continue with present membership.

6. Adjournment

6.1. Adjournment in Memory of George Flynn

Meeting adjourned at 10:25

Announcement: Much of the discussion of the types of issues raised at this meeting, takes place between Worldcons on the Smofs mailing list. The Smofs mailing list is also the home for a great deal of discussion of general conrunning and Worldcon issues and is open to any fan who's interested.

To subscribe, either

1. Send email to listserv@sflovers.org, and in the body of the message put *subscribe smofs* or
2. Email smofs-request@sflovers.org where a human being will respond to your request.

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 2003 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.smofs.org). 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.

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.smofs.org/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 Chairman's Guide" (the story of Discon, the 1963 Worldcon) and has made it available online at <http://www.smofs.org/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 Noreascon 4 of the requirement for legibility of badges, and hopes that Noreascon has noticed.

The Torcon Business Meeting passed a resolution directing the Nitpicking and Flyspecking Committee to examine the matter of whether "published" covers all Hugos"

It is the Committee's opinion that, for the purposes of the Hugo Awards, "published" means "fixed in tangible form" for works to which such definition applies, or "performed publicly" for dramatic works that cannot be fixed in tangible form such as plays, speeches, and other live performances.

The committee is willing to serve for another year.

Don Eastlake, Tim Illingworth, Kevin Standlee and Pat McMurray

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

1. 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~~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.

Report of the Hugo Eligibility Rest of the World (HEROW) Committee

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

The Worldcon will be in the UK next year. Some members of the committee think that an extension will not be necessary next year because more non-US members will be eligible to nominate. However, an eligibility extension is still appropriate this year, because it applies to work first published outside the USA before 2004 and first published in the USA in 2004. Without an extension, those pre-2004 works will not be eligible next year no matter how many people nominate them.

The Committee moves the adoption of the following two motions.

Short Title: This Year's Model

Moved, To extend eligibility for all works that 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.

Short Title: We Need Another HEROW

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.

ConAdian, 1994 Worldcon

Financial Presentation for year ending 1 August 2004
for the Business Meeting at the 2004 Worldcon
prepared August 29, 2004 by Bruce Farr, CPA

Accounts are kept in Canadian dollars
and restated as USD for convenience, using
2 August 2004 exchange rate. (Note 2)

	CAD	USD
	\$1.0000	\$0.7526

Income

No reportable operating income

Expenditures

Grants to Canadian conventions - Travel	\$2,897	\$2,181
Grants to Canadian conventions - Other	\$931	\$700
Misc. board costs, postage, PO Box	\$5	\$4
Total Expenditures	\$3,833	\$2,885

Assets

Chequing Account	\$920	\$693
Savings Account (net of non-reportable interest)	\$30,891	\$23,249
Total Assets (Note 1)	\$31,812	\$23,941

Notes

1. This balance is net of interest earned by ConAdian after the 2004 Worldcon. Per the provisions of WSFS Constitution 2.9.4, such interest is not considered part of ConAdian's WSFS reporting obligation.
2. Exchange rate obtained from <http://www.oanda.com/>

08/04/04
 LACON III FUNDS

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09/01/97	OPENING	From LACON	64446
10/23/97	PROJECTS	SFOHA SUPPORT:5 YEAR	-100.0
01/06/98	PROJECTS	TAFF DONATION - BULMER REPORT	-500.0
01/26/98	PROJECTS	S. GOLDBERG MEMORIAL: HAR MUDD COLLEGE -500.0	
01/26/98	PROJECTS	1964 LEIBER SPEECH TRANS	-25.00
01/26/98	PROJECTS	1964 BAYCON TAPES TRANSFER	-113.0
02/17/98	PROJECTS	FAN GALLERY	-452.2
05/03/98	PROJECTS	TAFF - TUDOR REPORT	-500.0
06/22/98	PROJECTS	DONATION TO ASIMOV LECTURESHIP FUND	-1000
10/18/98	PROJECTS	ROTSLER AWARD	-300.0
10/20/98	EQUIPMENT	RADIOS	-3327
10/20/98	PROJECTS	X PRIZE DONATION	-500.0
11/18/98	PROJECTS	ROTSLER AWARD	-229.5
11/18/98	PROJECTS	ROTSLER AWARD	-49.85
11/24/98	PROJECTS	EATON CONFERENCE	-3000
01/08/00	PROJECTS	ROTSLER AWARD	-300.0
01/08/00	PROJECTS	TAPE TRANSCRIPTION	-25.00
02/16/00	PROJECTS	COPY LASFS HISTORY PIX	-64.95
02/16/00	PROJECTS	GARY BOOKS TO NESFA	-38.01
04/26/00	PROJECTS	GARY BOOKS TO BALTIMORE	-14.41
04/29/99	PROJECTS	FFANZ REPORT - 2 LOONIES	-500.0
05/26/00	PROJECTS	GARY BOOKS TO NESFA	-210.5
05/29/99	PROJECTS	CUFF REPORT - SPENSER	-500.0
05/29/99	EQUIPMENT	NEW MC/VISA MACHINE	-1483
09/18/99	PROJECTS	FAN GALLERY	-298.2
10/17/99	PROJECTS	FAN GALLERY	-30.23
12/03/99	PROJECTS	TAFF REPORT - ROBERTS	-500.0
12/24/99	PROJECTS	GUFF REPORTS:FOYSTER, GUNN, HARVEY, HAUS	-2000
05/31/00	PROJECTS	CUFF report	-500.0
09/23/00	PROJECTS	Gary Books and labels	-130.1
09/23/00	PROJECTS	Fan Gallery	-28.10
10/12/00	PROJECTS	DUFF - Janice Gelb	-500.0
10/16/00	PROJECTS	Fan Gallery	-37.28
11/15/00	PROJECTS	Gary Books	-51.45
11/15/00	PROJECTS	Rotsler Book	-466.6
02/19/01	PROJECTS	Gary Books	-25.28
05/11/01	PROJECTS	Nebula Banquet	-115.7
01/19/01	PROJECTS	CUFF Report	-500.0
05/11/01	PROJECTS	Nebula Banquet	-378.0
06/19/01	PROJECTS	Friends of Griffith Park Observatory	-500.0
07/17/01	PROJECTS	Gary Books	-13.50
07/17/01	PROJECTS	Retro Hugo packing	-30.00
09/28/01	PROJECTS	Rotsler Award 2000	-300.0
11/01/01	PROJECTS	Cases for Fan Gallery	-792.0
12/17/01	PROJECTS	Gary Books	-14.43
12/17/01	PROJECTS	History Exhibit cases	-652.9
01/13/02	PROJECTS	Fan Gallery	-95.67
02/18/02	PROJECTS	Rotsler Award 2001	-300.0

03/23/02	PROJECTS	GUFF report	-500.0
04/27/02	PROJECTS	Fan Gallery, CDs	-618.2
06/18/02	PROJECTS	Gary Books shipping	-59.68
06/18/02	PROJECTS	Worldcon History shipping	-92.37
07/19/02	PROJECTS	BEP pix shipping	-76.26
08/20/02	PROJECTS	Gary Books shipping	-125.0
09/16/02	PROJECTS	Art Show hangings	-2348
11/18/02	PROJECTS	SF History	-233.2
11/21/02	EQUIPMENT	Radio batteries	-237.1
12/20/02	EQUIPMENT	Baggies for art show	-300.0
12/20/02	PROJECTS	SF History	-100.3
01/09/03	PROJECTS	Fan Gallery	-223.4
06/10/03	PROJECTS	ConJose	-3934
06/24/03	PROJECTS	Blood pins	-500.0
06/24/03	PROJECTS	Web hosting	-250.0
06/24/03	PROJECTS	Web hosting	-1500
08/14/03	PROJECTS	Fan Gallery	-212.0
09/01/04	PROJECTS	Transfer to LACON IV	-31144

Report on use of excess funds from LoneStarCon II

reported to WSFS 7/31/03		1,592.00
Bouchercon seed		<u>15,000.00</u>
		16,592.00
ALAMO representatives at conventions		
Smofcon	716.03	
WorldCon 2003	500.00	
World Fantasy 2003	901.11	
Nebulas 2004	1,500.00	
BosCon 2004	750.00	
WorldCon 2004	485.90	
BoucherCon 2003	1,500.00	6,353.04
Grants to Conventions		
AggieCon	4,000.00	
Con DFW	500.00	
Left Coast Crime 2005	5,000.00	9,500.00
Other Expenses		
Annual meeting	336.58	
Strategic Planning Session	3,226.50	
Web Site	131.40	
Bank Fees	84.00	3,778.48
Total expenses		<u>19,631.52</u>
balance of funds 7/31/04		-3,039.52

**Victorian Science Fiction Conventions
Inc**

Reg No: A0034011X

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STATEMENT OF AFFAIRS as at 30 June 2004

Presented to the Business Meeting of the 62nd Worldcon
Boston, September 2004

Balance Sheet

	AUD	USD
Surplus held in Trust	13,219.90	9,518.33
Mark Protection Committee	-4,667.00	-3,360.24
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	8,552.90	6,158.09
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Dispersment of Surplus

Grants to conventions		0.00
Fan Projects	400.00	288.00
Grants to Conventions (WFC 2006)	3,110.40	2,239.49
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	3,510.40	1,825.41
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Surplus held in Trust at 30 June 2004	5,042.50	2,622.10

Chicon 2000

Final Statement of Financial Condition

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	14,444
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$766,856
SURPLUS	\$86,466

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
Noreascon Four	6,750
InterAction	9,500
L.A.Con IV	600
Other Donations:	
Bucconeer [Student Science Fiction Contest]	8,100
ISFiC Press	8,200
ISFiC (in trust for future Chicago Worldcon bid)	4,450
Phandemonium, Inc. [Capricon]	4,100
DucKon	4,100
MSFFA [To Be Continued]	1,750
Voices for Illinois Children	1,300
Partial Refund of Bid Committee Dues	4,149
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$86,466
BALANCE ON HAND	-0-

The Millennium Philcon

Income Statement Cumulative through 8/1/04

Revenue

Ad Sales		20,250.00	
Art Show		15,883.00	
Asset Sales - Not Ord. Course		1,550.00	
Contributions Income:Unrestricted		2,100.00	
Dealers		56,741.00	
Interest Income		19,535.00	
Memberships	142,042.24		
Memberships:At-con	188,019.80		
Memberships:Attending Nonvoting Member	55,811.90		
Memberships:Bucconeer Vot'g Memb			
Conversion	118,818.12		
Memberships:Conversion/ Not Presupporter	1,950.00		
Memberships:Converted/ Bucconeer	18,990.00		
Memberships:Day Memberships	150.00		
Memberships:Program Participants	11,130.00		
Memberships:Publishers	2,380.00		
Memberships:Supporting Memberships	800.00		
Memberships:Uncategorized	63,362.86		
Memberships:Voting Membership	86,490.00		
Memberships: Total		689,944.92	
Misc Income		2,580.65	
Miscellaneous Income:Hand. Access Device		700.00	
Pass Along Income		26,542.54	
Resale of Hotel Services		10,387.10	
Sales	20.00		
Convention Merchandise Sales	89.00		
GoH Book Sales	6,770.03		
Sales:Lapel Pins	35.00		
Sales:Misc	2,909.50		
Sales:Subcontractor Fee	7,500.00		
Sales:Tee Shirts	180.00		
Sales:To Members	815.00		
Sales Total		18,318.53	
Uncategorized Income		110.00	
Total Revenue			864,642.74

Expenses

Awards		1,104.43	
Baby Sitters		12,740.00	
Bank Charge	142.00		
Bank Service Charges	8,334.54		
Banking Expense	274.54		

Maintenance Fee	63.30	
Bank Charge Total		8,814.38
Business Exp		667.98
CC Fee		139.53
Contract Labor		27,724.25
Copying		1,574.63
Discount		897.93
Equipment Rental		101,800.66
Events:Film/Video/Anime:Film		887.50
Events:Tech		1,797.48
Exhibition		19.00
Exhibition:Art Show		426.80
Facility Rental:Courtyard by Marriott Rental	158.46	
Facility Rental:Hilton Garden Inn	1,272.24	
Facility Rental:Loews	894.80	
Facility Rental:Marriott	42,000.38	
Facility Rental:Penn. Convention Center Rental	254,842.65	
Facility Charges Total		299,168.53
Food & Beverage		13,076.99
Fuel		88.00
GoH per Diem Payments		2,500.00
Gratuities, Cash		1,267.87
Gratuities, Other		40.16
Hospitality		29.99
Insurance		6,700.00
Interchange		261.19
Int Paid		40.00
Internet Domains		420.00
Legal-Prof Fees		2,124.80
Licenses and Permits		420.00
Managers Meetings		1,591.41
Meals & Entertn		85.00
Member Refunds		95,850.00
Member Services:Registration:Registration Forms		262.00
Misc		11,763.18
Other Rental		6,561.00
Parking		333.00
Party Expenses		2,521.23
Photography		138.60
Postage	22,350.75	
Postage and Delivery	47.02	
Postage Total		22,397.77
Printing		53,355.46
Programming		700.00
Publications	3,604.35	
Publications:Envelopes	2,238.05	
Publications:Labels	106.90	
Publications:Phlash	306.55	
Publications:Progress Reports	9,089.88	
Publications Total		15,345.73

Publicity:Advertisements	8,178.08	
Publicity:Banner	66.12	
Publicity:Flyers	615.56	
Publicity Total		8,859.76
Ribbons		2,270.14
Royalty Advance		1,500.00
Secretary		172.44
Storage Rental		2,597.62
Supplies	3,845.52	
Supplies:General	2,285.92	
Office Supplies	175.25	
Office Supplies:Badges	3,626.65	
Office Supplies:General Office Supplies	4,293.33	
Office Supplies:Paper	28.87	
Office Supplies:Toner Cartridges/ Ink	448.06	
Supplies Total		14,703.60
Support Services:Logistics	1,921.93	
Support Services:Logistics:Storage	866.06	
Support Services:Logistics:Truck Rental	599.02	
Support Services:Logistics Total		3,387.01
Support Services:Office Equipment:Computers		389.00
Tax, Business:State Sales Tax		194.12
Telephone		1,108.44
Tolls		16.30
Transaction Fee		1,364.54
Travel	663.28	
Travel & Ent:Entertainment	287.50	
Travel & Ent:Travel	1,225.26	
Travel Total		2,176.04
Uncategorized Expenses		9,787.25
Vice Chair Admin		202.51
WSFS		2,225.00
WSFS:Hugo Awards		6,549.26
WSFS:Service Mark		2,100.00
Total Expenses		755,239.51
Net Income Before Adjustments and Pass Along to Future Worldcons		109,403.23
Deduct Post-con Interest		2,286.80
Adjusted Net Income for Calculation of Pass Along		107,116.43
Total Funds to be Passed Along		53,558.22
Funds Passed Along through 8/04		54,000.00
Funds Remaining to be Passed Along Use		(441.78)
Net Income After Pass Along		55,403.23

Balance Sheet 8/1/04

Assets		Liabilities	
Checking (FirsTrust)	37,855.50	Phanadelphia	2,269.20
Crestar (SunTrust)	14,558.27	PSFS grant	2,501.00
Money Market (PNC Bank)	3,526.55	Pass Along Liability	
PNC Bank Checking	4,536.60	Total Liabilities	4,770.20
Advance Accounts	(1,229.04)		
Withheld Interest	925.55		
		Equity	
		Ending Equity	55,403.23
Total Assets	<u>60,173.43</u>	Total Liabilities and Equity	<u>60,173.43</u>

ConJosé, the 60th World Science Fiction Convention Report to 2004 WSFS Business Meeting

Restatement of 2003 Report

After making our report to the 2003 WSFS Business Meeting, ConJosé discovered a small number of errors and also incurred adjustments to its fiscal year ending June 30, 2003. The net change is only \$287; however, in the interests of full disclosure, a copy of our restated 2003 report is attached.

2004 Report and Activity after June 30, 2004

A copy of our report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004 is attached. We have attempted to differentiate convention-related activity from non-convention activity generated by our corporate parent, primarily consisting of grant payments. As of June 30, 2004, our remaining balance reportable to WSFS was \$7,878. Since that time, we have issued a grant of \$3,000 to purchase high quality shipping cases for the Worldcon historical exhibits (these cases should be available in time to pack portions of the exhibits at the end of Noreascon 4). We have funded two \$500 scholarships to send two promising convention-runners from the San Francisco Bay Area to the SMOFCon conrunning convention in Washington DC this December. We also granted \$600 to the online magazine *Strange Horizons* (<http://www.strangehorizons.org/>) to pay for web hosting fees, and we have issued a challenge grant on behalf of Clarion West and will match up to \$1000 in donations to Clarion West, as we did for Clarion last year. These expenditures will appear in our report to the 2005 Business Meeting.

We believe that WSFS did not intend for Worldcons to hold onto operating surpluses indefinitely, and that the spirit of the rules regarding financial reporting implies that WSFS expects Worldcons to spend their surplus funds in a reasonably timely manner on projects beneficial to fandom. We continue to spend our remaining reportable balance on grants and other activities that we think meet that standard. Our current goal is to make our Final Report to either the 2005 or 2006 Business Meetings.

ConJosé Asset Management Committee

WSFS Constitution section 2.9.4 says, in part, that the “Worldcon or NASFiC Committee, or any alternative organizational entity established to oversee and disburse that surplus, shall file annual financial reports....” On July 17, 2004, ConJosé’s parent corporation, San Francisco Science Fiction Conventions, Inc. (SFSFC), discharged the ConJosé Worldcon Operating Committee, thanking it for its work. SFSFC then established a ConJosé Asset Management (CJAM) Committee and charged it with managing the remaining assets and residual responsibilities of ConJosé. For the purposes of section 2.9.4, the CJAM Committee of SFSFC is the “alternative organizational entity” responsible for future reports to WSFS regarding the 2002 Worldcon.

Send any questions regarding ConJosé’s financial reports to controller@conjose.org. Send questions regarding any other residual obligations of ConJosé to info@conjose.org. For information about requesting grants from SFSFC Inc., write to secretary@sfsfc.org. Our postal mail address for SFSFC and ConJosé is PO Box 61363, Sunnyvale CA 94088-1363, USA.

Kevin Standlee
Tom Whitmore
Cindy Scott
ConJosé Asset Management Committee
August 14, 2004

ConJosé
60th World Science Fiction Convention
Income and Expense Statement Summary¹
For 12 Months Ending June 30, 2004
All amounts US\$

Previous Reported Balance as of June 30, 2003		<u>\$60,516</u>
Income		
Facilities: Comp Rooms and Suite Sales	\$975	
Advertising Sales	\$700	
Transit Pass Refunds	\$210	
Sales to Members ²	(\$632)	
Miscellaneous ³	\$214	
Total Income		<u>\$1,467</u>
ConJosé Operating Expenses		
Chair Division		
Travel Expenses, Pre-Con Meetings ⁴	\$7,409	
Travel Expenses, Extra Pre-Post Con ⁵	\$5,689	
Staff Thank-You Gift	\$1,116	
ASCAP/BMI License Fees	\$504	
Other ⁶	\$443	\$15,161
Hospitality Division		
Thank You Parties	\$2,370	
2003 Business Meeting Coffee	\$1,356	
Other	\$371	\$4,096
Miscellaneous		
Post-Con Mailing to Supporting/No-Shows	\$4,673	
Post-Con Exhibit Storage	\$2,895	
Other ⁸	\$2,032	\$9,600
Total Expense		<u>\$28,858</u>
Net Ordinary Income		<u>(\$27,391)</u>
Other Income/Expense		
Interest Earned	\$370	
Interest Transferred to SFSFC ⁹	(\$1,255)	
Gain (Loss) on Currency Exchange	\$934	\$49
Net Income Before Reimbursements		<u>(\$27,343)</u>
Membership Reimbursements ¹⁰	\$11,079	
Net Income Before Pass-Along Funds		<u>(\$38,422)</u>
Pass-Along Funds Paid ¹¹	\$9,467	
Net Income Before SFSFC Expenses		<u>(\$47,889)</u>
SFSFC Expenses/Grants		
Interaction: Hugo Rockets	\$2,000	
Clarion	\$1,000	
Promoting Worldcon	\$500	
Comic Book Legal Defense Fund	\$500	
SFSFC Open Meeting, March 2004 ¹²	\$500	
Other ¹³	\$250	\$4,750
Net Income 12 months ended June 30, 2004		<u>(\$52,639)</u>
Equity Balance as of June 30, 2004		<u>\$7,878</u>

Notes:

- 1: Income & Expense Summary – 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 USA.
 - 2: Sales to Members – Includes adjustment for incorrectly booked membership income that was actually royalty due Fo’ Paws.
 - 3: Miscellaneous – Liquidation of assets and refund from parent corporation of expenses incurred on their behalf.
 - 4: Travel Expenses, Pre-Con Meetings – ConJosé reimbursed travel expenses incurred by members living outside of the San Francisco Bay Area who traveled to pre-convention planning meetings.
 - 5: Travel Expenses, Extra Pre-Post Con – ConJosé reimbursed additional travel expenses including extra hotel nights outside of the “core” Wednesday through Monday nights incurred due to members’ responsibilities requiring them to arrive early or stay late.
 - 6: Chair: Other –Storage Locker, telephone expenses.
 - 7: Hospitality: Other – Shipping, communications expenses, promotional party expenses incurred in past years. Includes revenue from ConSuite “fire sale” of leftover supplies.
 - 8: Miscellaneous: Other – Membership refund, Advertising refund, postage, bank charges, credit card fees, web site and computer/IT fees.
 - 9: Interest Transferred to SFSFC – Interest earned on a Worldcon’s surplus is not reportable to WSFS, as a consequence of WSFS Constitution section 2.9.4. ConJosé transferred interest earned on its surplus after September 2002 to its corporate parent, San Francisco Science Fiction Conventions, Inc.
 - 10: Membership Reimbursements – This is in addition to \$96,873 in reimbursements reported to the 2003 Business Meeting, and includes expenses related to reimbursement such as envelopes and postage.
 - 11: Pass-Along Funds Paid – This is in addition to \$30,000 reported to the 2003 WSFS Business Meeting. ConJosé calculates that its operating surplus subject to PAF is \$65,129 and its minimum PAF commitment is \$32,596. ConJosé calculates that it has paid forward approximately 60% of its subject-to-PAF surplus; therefore, no further PAF payments are due. ConJosé has further directed that any PAF payments due ConJosé should be directed to the next Worldcon not yet held who can use the money.
 - 12: SFSFC Open Meeting, March 2004 – In March 2004, SFSFC held an “Open Meeting” to invite Bay Area fan groups to submit ideas for how SFSFC could work with them in various ways.
 - 13: SFSFC Expenses/Grants: Other – Corporate web site maintenance and hosting.
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ConJosé 60th World Science Fiction Convention Balance Sheet

For 12 Months Ending June 30, 2004

All amounts US\$ unless noted

Assets

Current Assets

USA Checking	\$9,128	
Bulk Mail Account	\$3	\$9,131

Fixed Assets

Mailbox Key	\$2	\$2
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Total Assets

\$9,133

Liabilities & Equity

Liabilities

Accounts Payable	\$1,255	\$1,255
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Equity

Total Equity	\$7,878	\$7,878
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Total Liabilities & Equity

\$9,133

ConJosé
60th World Science Fiction Convention
Income and Expense Statement Summary¹
July 1999 through June 2003 – RESTATED June 30, 2004
All amounts US\$

Income			% of Income	Change from Original	
Memberships	\$710,801		72%	\$481	
Art Show	\$144,972		15%	\$0	
Dealers Room	\$61,393		6%	\$0	
Pass-Along Funds Received	\$27,040		3%	\$0	
Sales to Members	\$7,436		1%	\$0	
Advertising Sales	\$6,300		1%	\$0	
Grants & Donations	\$5,934		1%	\$0	
Miscellaneous ⁵	<u>\$16,771</u>		<u>2%</u>	<u>\$0</u>	
Total Income		<u>\$980,646</u>	<u>100%</u>		<u>\$481</u>
 Expenses					
Facilities Division					
Convention Center Rental	\$111,000			\$0	
Decorator ⁶	\$128,305			(\$10,000)	
Other ^{6,7}	<u>\$62,935</u>	<u>\$302,241</u>	31%	<u>\$10,000</u>	\$0
Exhibits Division					
Art Show ⁸	\$134,371			\$0	
Dealers Room	\$6,645			\$0	
Exhibits	<u>\$8,656</u>	<u>\$149,671</u>	15%	<u>\$0</u>	\$0
Publications Division					
Pre-Convention Publications	\$35,730			(\$100)	
At-Convention Publications	\$55,618			\$0	
Other ⁹	<u>\$2,066</u>	<u>\$93,414</u>	10%	<u>\$0</u>	(\$100)
Support Services Division					
Technical Equip/Svcs	\$30,054			\$0	
Office Expenses	\$33,226			\$0	
Treasury	\$16,832			\$130	
Other ^{10,11}	<u>\$17,243</u>	<u>\$97,355</u>	10%	(\$0)	\$129
Member Services Division¹³					
Registration	\$23,200			\$65	
Childcare	\$12,890			\$0	
Other ¹²	<u>\$5,245</u>	<u>\$41,335</u>	4%	(\$23,135)	\$65
Hospitality Division					
Con Suite/Fan Lounge	\$22,546			\$0	
Hugo Nominee Party 2001	\$5,096			\$0	
Other ¹⁴	<u>\$8,803</u>	<u>\$36,445</u>	4%	<u>\$0</u>	\$0
Programming Division					
Guest of Honor Expenses	\$16,087			\$0	
Green Room	\$5,307			\$0	
Other ¹⁵	<u>\$10,351</u>	<u>\$31,745</u>	3%	<u>\$0</u>	\$0
Fairy Godfather Division					
Hugo Awards ¹⁶	\$10,686			\$0	
Tours, Transit Passes	\$4,210			\$0	
Other ¹⁷	<u>\$2,342</u>	<u>\$17,239</u>	2%	(\$1,163)	(\$1,163)

Events Division ¹⁸						
Masquerade	\$4,067				\$0	
Hugo Awards Ceremony ¹⁹	\$4,333				\$0	
Other ²⁰	<u>\$2,090</u>	\$10,491	1%		<u>\$0</u>	\$0
Chair Division						
Miscellaneous ²¹	<u>\$8,370</u>	\$8,370	<u>1%</u>			\$0
Total Expense		<u>\$788,304</u>	<u>80%</u>			
Net Ordinary Income		<u>\$192,342</u>	<u>20%</u>			
		<u>\$788,304</u>	<u>80%</u>			
Other Income/Expense						
Interest Earned	\$7,130				\$5	
Gain (Loss) on Currency Exchange	<u>(\$12,083)</u>				<u>(\$1621)</u>	
Net Other Income (Expense)		<u>(\$4,952)</u>				<u>(\$1,616)</u>
Net Income Before Reimbursements		<u>\$187,389</u>	<u>19%</u>			<u>(\$67)</u>
Reimbursements						
Membership Reimbursements ²	<u>\$96,873</u>		10%			
Net Income Before Pass-Along Funds		<u>\$90,516</u>	<u>9%</u>			<u>(\$287)</u>
Pass-Along Funds Paid ³	<u>\$30,000</u>		3%			
Net Income as of June 30, 2003 ⁴		<u>\$60,516</u>	<u>6%</u>			<u>(\$287)</u>

Notes:

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- 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.
- 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 then.
- This figure is the anticipated starting figure for ConJosé's report to the 2004 WSFS Business Meeting.
- Income: Miscellaneous – Comp room resale, ice sales, Scooter rental, Masquerade, tour tickets and transit passes, writers' workshop, childcare fees, video arcade royalty.
- Facilities: Decorator/Other – Typographical error in original report.
- Facilities: Other – Security, Telephones, First Aid, Traffic Control, gratuities, Civic Auditorium and Hotel meeting space rental.
- Includes payments to Artists.
- Publications: Other – Press Room, miscellaneous publication administration.
- Support Services: Other – Pre-con promotional parties, Staff Lounge, Volunteers, Logistics, Internet Lounge, IT Expenses.
- Support Services: Other – Figures do not appear to sum due to rounding. (\$0) is actually (\$0.35).
- Member Services: Other – Scooter rental, sales to members, film program equipment.
- Member Services Division – There was an error in the original report's formulas for this section. Reported Registration expenses of \$23,135 were reported twice but only included in the division total once. Because this report corrects the double-reporting error, the total changes for this section do not appear to sum properly.
- Hospitality: Other – FanSpace, additional catering, post-con thank-you parties.
- Programming: Other – Children's programming equipment, specific room fees, IATSE fees, Dances sound and lighting, Writers' Workshop.
- Fairy Godfather: Hugo Awards – cost of manufacturing trophies, bases, nominee pins and shipping trophies to recipients no present; mailing to members of MilPhil advising them of their right to nominate for 2002 Hugo Awards and mailing 2003 Nominating Ballot to ConJosé members.
- Fairy Godfather: Other – Site Selection ballot printing, Business Meeting additional microphones, Mark Protection Committee donation.
- Events Division – Technical and Facilities costs are in other divisions.
- Events: Hugo Awards Ceremony – Includes cost of pre-ceremony reception.

Torcon 3 report to WSFS Business Meeting at Noreascon 4 - 2004

It is with regret that Toronto World Science Fiction Convention in 2003, the corporation which operated Torcon 3, the 61st World Science Fiction Convention, reports to the 2004 Business Meeting of the World Science Fiction Society that it does not have financial statements available to present at the meeting.

The Corporation held its Annual General Meeting of members of the Corporation on May 15, 2004. At that meeting, the Board of Directors and Convention Chair did not present financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2003 for the Membership to approve. The AGM was adjourned until June 12, 2004. At the continuation of the meeting, the Convention Chair presented to the Members a financial statement which the Members did not approve. The Members appointed a finance committee which was directed to prepare financial statements. The committee was directed to emphasize accuracy over speed.

A new Board of Directors was also elected at the AGM.

The Members also directed the Board to only make expenditures concerning operations until such time as the December 31, 2003 financial statements are approved at a special meeting of the Members.

At the most recent meeting of the Board of Directors on August 16, 2004, the finance committee reported that it would not have financial statements ready in time for financial statements to be presented to the WSFS Business Meeting.

As soon as financial statements are approved, they will be made available to members of the World Science Fiction Society.

Some general financial information can be presented:

Torcon 3's finances are healthy.

As of July 31, 2004 the Corporation had over Cdn\$125,000 (approx. US\$96,500) in its bank accounts and short term investments. In addition there are still sizable receivables outstanding for souvenir book advertising, and Goods and Services Tax rebate. There are minimal known outstanding trade payables.

Passalong funds of Cdn\$64,296 (US\$43,000) were received by Torcon 3.

Passalong funds of Cdn\$60,231 (US\$46,500) have been paid out by Torcon 3

Reimbursements to volunteers, staff and program participants have not yet been paid out. Calculations of the amounts and persons to be reimbursed are continuing and reimbursements are expected to be paid out as soon as possible after the Members of the Corporation have unfrozen the funds of the Corporation.

Noreacon Four Financial Report Through July 2004

Income

Donation	105.00
Interest	7,434.30
Chairman's Discretionary Practical Joke Fund	262.21
Pass Along Funds	44,503.29
Art Show	21,219.00
Dealers' Room Fees	52,105.00
Miscellaneous	266.13
Publications	22,244.00
Registration	601,215.00
Total Income	749,353.93

Expense

Bank Fees	36.11
Internet	979.00
Fannish Ads	4,093.75
Flyers	1,422.94
Hospitality Fuctions	4,619.70
Marketing Display Banners	49.23
Mundane Ads	260.46
Sales To Members	234.68
Specialized Materials	2,326.88
Table Expenses	205.90
Committee Meetings	1,906.48
Software	1,273.66
Web	607.00
Government Taxes & Fees	1,322.58
Goh Travel	3,940.09
Awards/Statues	4,595.71
Nominee Amenities	921.00
Miscellaneous	310.78
Legal Fees	418.00
Nesfa Clubhouse Donation	8,700.00
Apa-Mcfi	67.88
General Supplies	950.17
Postage	1,476.49
Stationary	1,515.65
Credit Card & Bank Fees	14,944.86
Treasurer Expenses	837.71
Logistics	2,235.79
Sign Shop	3,511.21
Photocopiers, Small	149.98
Den Other Supplies	16.76
Volunteers Mailings	22.20
Friday Pm Stage Decoration	540.70
Masq Half-Time	2,000.00
Opening/Closing Ceremonies	181.16
Art Show Administrative	302.89
Building New Lights	574.37
Communication With Dealers	7.36
Decorations For Concourse	89.18

Facilities	12,100.00
Prof. Day Care Service	5,871.25
Badges	281.33
Installment Plan Postage	332.55
Program Misc Admin	155.74
Restaurant Guide	34.94
Hugo Pin Postcard Printing	390.75
Progress Reports	31,847.32
Retro Hugo Booklet Print	1,250.00
Press Relations	41.98
Other	398.00
Po Box Rental Fee	540.00
Total Expense	120,892.17
Net Income	628,461.76
TOTAL ASSETS - Cash and Equivanent	653,506.17
LIABILITIES	
scooter rental	7,420.00
wheelchair rental	-105.00
site selection voting fee	6,800.00
temporary	404.73
Worldcon shipping cases	3,000.00
N4 paymentplan	2,165.00
Total Liabilities	19684.73
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	633,821.44

Interaction - Worldcon 2005

<http://www.interaction.worldcon.org.uk>

Financial Summary: 1/Aug/2003 - 31/Jul/2004

		<i>GBP</i>	Report by:	
	Balance at 1st Aug 2003 ⁽¹⁾	89,920.67	David Cooper (Finance Manager)	
			Vincent Docherty (Co-Chair & Company Treasurer)	
			chair@interaction.worldcon.org.uk	
<u>Income</u>	Memberships	57,725.23		
	Grants: Subvention ⁽²⁾	44,250.00		
	Grants: Pass-along funds & other ⁽³⁾	16,559.26		
	Bank Interest	1,781.84		
	Merchandise	542.34		
	Miscellaneous	7.68		
	Total Income	120,866.35		
<u>Expense</u>				
Publications:	Progress Report 1	-4,865.47		
	Newsletter 2	-2,539.35		
	Publications Software	-702.20		
	Fasthost web server	-281.88		
	Envelopes	-238.37		
	Progress Report 2	-196.61		
	Bulk Mail Fee	-82.32		
Promotions:	Flyers & Posters	-1,803.88		
	Adverts	-1,444.98		
	Concourse (Eastercon) promotions	-1,208.29		
	Torcon 3 promotions	-926.27		
	Staff weekends/Open meetings	-671.35		
	Merchandise/Badges	-353.51		
	Agents costs	-214.45		
Services:	Auditor/Legal	-3,857.26		
	Currency gain/loss	-2,305.78		
	Credit Card Fees	-2,282.02		
	UK Office costs	-959.27		
	Net VAT (UK sales tax) gain/loss	-774.71		
	Miscellaneous	-610.81		
	US Office costs	-214.38		
	Finance: Bank Fees	-72.50		
Site:	Hire of SECC (first 10%)	-18,917.50		
	Total Expense	-45,523.16		
	TOTAL Balance	165,263.86		
			Disposition of balance:	
				<i>GBP</i>
			Bank accounts	163,856.32
			Cash	375.35
			Credit card pending	850.00
			Debtors	182.19
			TOTAL	165,263.86

(1) As reported to WSFS in 2003. See <http://www.interaction.worldcon.org.uk/bmrep03.htm>

(2) Subvention is a grant provided by Glasgow City Council to support large events.

(3) Also includes other special purpose grants. eg. SFBS Hugo Award Meeting; Minutes Noreascon 4, 2004

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Admin	(\$26,024.24)
Interest	\$357.15
Internet expenses	(\$322.17)
Memberships	\$126,952.32
Pass-a-long funds	\$16,162.21
Publications	(\$4,448.48)
Publicity	(\$1,621.08)
Transfer from SCIFI(L.A.con III)	\$31,144.36
Total:	\$142,200.07

**Profit/Loss Statement
Seattle NASFIC
DBA Cascadiacon
June 2003 to June 30,
2004**

Ordinary Income/Expenses			
Income			
	Presupport		\$887.60
	Membership		\$19,223.32
	Donations		\$780.00
	Pass Along Funds		\$568.99
	Total Income		\$21,459.91
Gross Profit			
Expenses			
	Ads/Publications		\$4,992.03
	Bank Fees		\$195.01
	Hotel		\$10,000.00
	Receptions		\$1,750.00
	Supplies		\$97.50
	Other		\$130.00
	Total Expense		\$17,164.54
Net Income			\$4,295.37

**Balance Sheet
Seattle NASFIC
DBA Cascadiacon
June 2003 to June 30,
2004**

ASSETS			
Current Assets			
	Checking		\$5,601.19
	Credit Card		\$3,142.66
	Pay Pal		
	Total Assets		\$8,743.85

Accounts Receivable	\$-
Fixed Assets	\$-
TOTAL ASSETS	\$8,743.85

LIABILITY & OWNERS EQUITY

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable

\$-

Long Term Liabilities

\$28.10

Total Liabilities

\$28.10

Equity

Retained Earnings

\$4,420.38

Net Income

\$4,295.37

Total Equity

\$8,715.75

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY

\$8,743.85

CONSTITUTION

of the World Science Fiction Society,
September 2004

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)~~ two (2) years in advance, there are at least ~~three~~ two 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.

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 twenty percent (20%) of the new category 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 and any applicable extensions of eligibility under Sections 3.2.3 or 3.4.

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

Section 3.8: 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~~ works 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)~~ two (2) 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.

[A Constitutional Amendment to Section 4.1.1 adopted at Noreascon 4 included the following proviso, which impacts Voter Eligibility for both Interaction in 2005 and L.A.con IV in 2006:]

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.

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, 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.

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.

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.

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. 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.

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:

Donald E Eastlake III, Chair
Pat McMurray, Secretary
2004 Business Meeting

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

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Please note that Item 3.3 of the Business Passed On contain changes to the Standing Rules and was passed at Noreascon 4 for ratification at Interaction. These Standing Rules changes are held to be contingent on the ratification of the Constitutional Amendment and therefore will not apply unless the Constitutional Amendment itself is ratified.

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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PROPOSED AGENDA FOR Interaction Including Business Passed On from Noreascon 4

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: Scott Dennis (Central), Donald Eastlake III (East), Ruth Sachter (West). Due to zone residency restrictions, we can elect at most two people from the Western zone, one 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. Aussiecon Three (1999)

2.1.3. The Millennium Philcon (2001)

2.1.4. ConJosé (2002)

2.1.5 Torcon 3 (2003)

2.1.6 Noreascon 4 (2004)

2.2. Seated Worldcons & NASFiC

2.2.1. Interaction (2005)

2.2.2 L.A.con IV (2006)

2.2.3 CascadiaCon (2005)

2.2.4 Nippon 2007

3. Business Passed On from Noreascon 4

The following Constitutional Amendments were approved at Noreascon 4 and passed on to Interaction for ratification. If ratified, they will become part of the Constitution at the conclusion of Interaction.

3.1 Short Title: BDP: Movies and Television

Moved, To amend portions of section 3.3 of the WSFS Constitution by adding words to clarify the intention of WSFS regarding the Dramatic Presentation Categories, as follows:

3.3.6: Best Dramatic Presentation, Long Form. Any theatrical feature or other 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 television program or other 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.

3.2 Short Title: Keep Movin', Movin', Movin', Though They're Disapprovin'

Moved, to add two new subsections in section 3.8 of the WSFS Constitution to clarify the movement of nominations between categories, as follows:

3.8.x: The Committee shall move a nomination from another category to the work's default category only if the member has made fewer than five (5) nominations in the default category.

3.8.y: If a work receives a nomination in its default category, and if the Committee relocates the work under its authority under subsection 3.2.9 or 3.2.10, the Committee shall count the nomination even if the member already has made five (5) nominations in the more-appropriate category.

3.3 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 excluding no award 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~~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.

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

5.2.1. L.A.con IV (2006)

5.2.2 CascadiaCon (2005 NASFiC)

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

5.2.3 Nippon 2007

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

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