

World Science Fiction Society

Business Passed on to Worldcon 76

The following items were passed at Worldcon 75 in 2017 and must be ratified by Worldcon 76 in 2018 in order to become part of the Worldcon Constitution.

A.1 Short Title: What Our Marks Really Are

Moved: to replace section 2.2 of the Constitution with:

~~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” “Hugo Award”, the Hugo Award Logo, and the distinctive design of the Hugo Award Trophy Rocket are service marks of the World Science Fiction Society, an unincorporated literary society.~~

Every Worldcon and NASFiC Committee shall include a notice in each of its publications that clearly acknowledges the service marks of the Society. The Mark Protection Committee shall supply each such convention committee with the correct form of such notice.

Proposed by: The Mark Protection Committee

See the 2017 WSFS Business Meeting Minutes for the makers’ commentary on page 6.

A.2 Short Title: The Reasonable Amendment

Moved: to amend 3.8.5 (Nominee Diversity) of the WSFS Constitution by striking “best” and inserting “reasonable” in its place.

The revised 3.8.5 will then read as follows:

3.8.5: If there are more than two works in the same category that are episodes of the same dramatic presentation series or that are written works that have an author for single author works, or two or more authors for co-authored works, in common, only the two works in each category that have the most nominations shall appear on the final ballot. The Worldcon Committee shall make ~~best~~reasonable efforts to notify those who would have been finalists in the absence of this subsection to provide them an opportunity to withdraw. For the purpose of this exclusion, works withdrawn shall be ignored.

Proposed by: The Nitpicking & Flyspecking Committee

See the 2017 WSFS Business Meeting Minutes for the makers' commentary on page 7.

A.3 Short Title: Make Room! Make Room!

Moved: to strike out the words “the lesser of five thousand (5,000) words or” from Article 3.2.8 of the Constitution.

The revised 3.2.8 will then read as follows:

3.2.8: 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.

Proposed by: Nicholas Whyte and Gregory N. Hullender

See the 2016 WSFS Business Meeting Minutes for the makers' commentary on pages 10 and 56-57.

A.4 Short Title: Name That Award: The Second YA Amendment “Young Adult” Award

Moved: to name the award for best young adult book the [Lodestar](#) Award for Best Young Adult book by [inserting](#) words as follows. The revised Young Adult award would then read as follows:

3.7.3: Nominations shall be solicited only for the Hugo Awards, the John W. Campbell Award for Best New Writer, and the [Lodestar](#) Award for Best Young Adult Book.

3.10.2: Final Award ballots shall list only the Hugo Awards, the John W. Campbell Award for Best New Writer, and the [Lodestar](#) Award for Best Young Adult Book.

3.3.18: [Lodestar](#) Award for Best Young Adult Book. The [Lodestar](#) Award for Best Young Adult Book is given for a book published for young adult readers in the field of science fiction or fantasy appearing for the first time during the previous calendar year, with such exceptions as are listed in Section 3.4.

Proposed by: Members of the YA Award Committee

See the 2017 WSFS Business Meeting Minutes for the makers' commentary and report on pages 11 and 74-87.