

MINUTES OF MARK PROTECTION MEETING

January 30, 2024

A special meeting of the Mark Protection Committee (“MPC”) was called to order at 7:26 p.m. PST, with Chair Kevin Standlee presiding and Secretary Linda Deneroff recording. In attendance were Judy Bemis, Alan Bond, Joni Dashoff, Linda Deneroff, Don Eastlake, David Ennis, Bruce Farr, Dave McCarty, Chris Rose, Linda Ross Mansfield, Kevin Standlee, Alissa Wales, Nicholas Whyte, Mike Willmoth, Ben Yalow, and Joe Yao (filling in for Raistlin Chen).

Dave McCarty has resigned from the MPC and WIP. Since Mr. McCarty’s position was elective (not appointed), his seat became vacant and will be up for election at the at the 2024 Worldcon Business Meeting. In the interim, Bruce Farr was nominated to fill the position, and there were no other nominations. Bruce accepted the nomination and without objection Mr. Farr was elected to fill the seat vacated by Mr. McCarty.

Kevin Standlee has resigned as president of WIP and was resigning his position as president of the MPC upon the selection of his successor. Don Eastlake was nominated, and there were no other nominations. Without objection, Don accepted the nomination. Without objection Mr. Eastlake was elected as chair of the MPC, and the resignation of Kevin Standlee from that position became effective. Mr. Standlee remains a member of the MPC.

Don Eastlake then presided over the meeting.

The final order of business was to dissolve the Hugo Awards Marketing Committee and transfer its functions to WIP’s WSFS Marketing Committee (“WSFSMC”). Ms. Deneroff had been appointed chair of the WSFSMC by the WIP Board of Directors when it created this committee. Mr. Standlee was appointed as a member of this committee in order to continue to maintain our websites. Other members of the committee will be appointed by the Chair of the WSFSMC at a later time.

The meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m. Pacific Time.

These minutes were approved on February 25, 2024.