

Business Meeting Minutes of Pemmi-Con, the 15th North American Science Fiction Convention

A. Call to Order

The Business Meeting of Pemmi-Con, the 15th North American Science Fiction Convention, was called to order at 10:02 a.m. on Saturday, 22 July 2023, in the Charleswood B Conference Room at Delta Hotels Winnipeg in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. The meeting officers were Kevin Standlee, Chair; Martin Pyne, Secretary; and Lisa Hayes, Videographer.

The meeting was recorded under WSFS Business Meeting Standing Rule 1.6, and live-streamed via Zoom. The motion to stop or start recording under Standing Rule 5.10 was in order and would have required a simple majority vote.

The meeting was held pursuant to subsection 4.8.5 of the WSFS Constitution, which provides:

In the case the administering convention [of a NASFiC site selection vote] is a NASFiC, it shall hold a Business Meeting to receive the results of the site selection voting and to handle any other business pertaining directly, and only, to the selection of the future NASFiC convention. This meeting shall have no other powers or duties.

The quorum for this meeting, per subsection 5.1.5 of the Constitution, is twelve members of the Society physically present. The Chair ruled that, for the purposes of this meeting, “members of the Society” were members of the administering convention who had a membership that included the right to be present at the site and participate in WSFS affairs on the day. That included everybody present who had a membership badge except stuffies.

Standing Rule 1.2, regarding the Preliminary Business Meeting, was not required, as the only business that this meeting was allowed to consider was Site Selection and any business directly arising therefrom. Furthermore, this was designated as the Site-Selection Meeting for purposes of Standing Rule 1.3.

While online members could not make motions or vote, if time permitted, it would have been in order for them to ask questions of the winning bid under Question Time as provided for by Standing Rule 7.1, which immediately followed the Site Selection report. (No questions were asked by online members.)

B. 2024 NASFiC Site Selection

The results of the voting for the 2024 NASFiC were provided by Site Selection Administrator, Sharon Sbarsky.

142 ballots were paid for; a total of 139 valid votes were cast, of which 135 expressed a preference. In the table below, “Precon” includes mailed ballots, eballots cast in advance of the convention, and hand-carried ballots.

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Precon</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>At-con eballots</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Buffalo in 2024</i>	16	38	70	5	129
<i>Write-ins</i>	1	2	1	1	5
<i>None of the Above</i>			1		1
<i>Total with preference</i>					135
<i>Needed to Elect (Majority)</i>					68
<i>No preference</i>	2			2	4
<i>Total votes cast</i>	19	40	72	8	139

Write-ins receiving votes:

- Grantville, WV
- Kendall Park, NJ
- Minneapolis in '73
- Reno, NV
- A bathroom full of boxes containing either top secret documents or Hugo Award voting results

Buffalo won on the first ballot, with 129 votes. The Chair assumed a motion to thank the Site Selection Administrator and destroy the ballots, which was seconded and passed without objection.

Buffalo NASFiC 2024 will be chaired by Wayne Brown. The Guests of Honor will be Alan Dean Foster (author), Phil and Kaja Foglio (artists), Suford and Tony Lewis (fans), and Nilah Magruder (YA). The convention will be at the Hyatt Regency Buffalo and Buffalo Niagara Convention Center, which are connected by a walkway, 18–21 July 2024. Membership conversions were available at the Buffalo NASFiC 2024 fan table through the end of the convention. The rate to convert to attending, valid through 1 November, is 35 USD for pre-supporters and 45 USD for non-pre-supporters; for those who did not vote in site selection, the membership rate is 75 USD. The convention appointed David Ennis to serve on the Mark Protection Committee.

The convention would like to have a nickname other than “Buffalo NASFiC 2024,” but hasn’t thought of one yet.

C. Adjournment

The Pemmi-Con Business Meeting adjourned *sine die* at 10:17 a.m.

The following members of Pemmi-Con attended the Business Meeting: Kent Bloom, Lyndie Bright, Wayne Brown, Darcy Conaty, Linda Deneroff, David Ennis, Edward Finerran, Lisa Hayes, Melissa Kocias, Tommy Kucea, Kathy Lehman, Paul Lehman, Jerry Lohr, Thomas MacLaney, Derwin Mak, Chris Marble, Bonita Misener, Martin Pyne, Linda Robinett, Marah Searle-Kovacenic, Kevin Standlee, Albert Sousa, Jesper Stage, Allen Tipper, Becky Veal, Eva Whitley, Clark Wierda, and Lew Wolkoff.

Martin Pyne
Business Meeting Secretary