

World Science Fiction Society

Business Passed on from Glasgow 2024 to Seattle 2025

Missing in Action

Moved, to amend Section 1.5.2 of the WSFS Constitution as follows:

WSFS memberships held by natural persons may not be transferred, except [in the following circumstances: \(a\) when a person purchases a WSFS membership for someone without providing a name or purchases a duplicate membership. That membership may be transferred only prior to the opening of Hugo Award nominations in the winning convention, and \(b\) ~~that, in the case of death of a~~ if a natural person holding a WSFS membership \[dies, ~~is~~ the WSFS membership\]\(#\) may be transferred to the estate of the decedent.](#)

Passed by the 2024 WSFS Business Meeting and referred to the 2025 WSFS Business Meeting for ratification.

The Way We Were

Moved, to amend the WSFS Constitution as follows:

Replace ~~WSFS Membership~~ with [Supporting Membership](#) wherever it appears in the Constitution, and to replace ~~Attending Supplement~~ with [Attending Membership](#), including all similar variations of the words (e.g., WSFS Memberships, WSFS members, attending supplement) to their grammatically correct replacements.

Passed by the 2024 WSFS Business Meeting and referred to the 2025 WSFS Business Meeting for ratification.

Required License Agreement

Moved, to amend the WSFS Constitution as follows:

4.6.1 Bid Eligibility

[\(4\) an executed copy, binding the bidding and prospective convention operating committee, of the most recent WSFS Mark Licensing Agreement that has been approved by a two-thirds vote of the Mark Protection 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 [except that the selected committee must execute the required WSFS Mark Licensing Agreement.](#)

Passed by the 2024 WSFS Business Meeting and referred to the 2025 WSFS Business Meeting for ratification.

MPC Procedures

Moved, to amend the WSFS Constitution as follows:

Section 1.7: The Mark Protection Committee

1.7.4: The Mark Protection Committee shall determine and elect its own officers, which shall include a Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer. Officers need not be elected or appointed members of the Mark Protection Committee, which may provide that the holder of an Office who was not so elected or appointed be a non-voting *ex officio* member of the Committee.

1.7.X: Meetings of the Mark Protection Committee shall be held with at least 3 days' notice either on the initiative of the Chair or within 7 days of a request by five members. The meeting shall be called by the Chair or, in their absence, the Secretary or, in the absence of both the Chair and the Secretary, any member may call a meeting.

1.7.Y: A quorum of the Mark Protection Committee shall be a majority of its members. Members may attend through the use of any means of communication by which all members participating may simultaneously hear each other during the meeting, including in person, internet video meeting or by telephonic conference call.

Section 1.8: Membership of the Mark Protection Committee

1.8.X: Members of the Mark Protection Committee may be removed by a two-thirds vote of that committee.

Passed by the 2024 WSFS Business Meeting and referred to the 2025 WSFS Business Meeting for ratification.

Hugo Administration and Site Selection Monitoring

Moved, to amend the WSFS Constitution as follows:

Section 3.13: Subcommittee and 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~~ Each Worldcon Committee shall 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.~~ No member of this Subcommittee, including the members elected by the Business Meeting, or any publications or works closely connected with them, shall be eligible for an Award.

Section 5.X: Hugo Administration and Site Selection Monitoring. The Business Meeting shall elect, as follows, four (4) different persons, two (2) each year, who have submitted their written consent to such election and a statement that they are not affiliated with either of the next two Worldcons committees and will not become so affiliated during their term of office:

(1) two (2) persons, one (1) each year, to two-year staggered terms who shall serve as special members of each required Worldcon Committee Hugo Award Subcommittee; and

(2) two (2) persons, one (1) each year, to two-year staggered terms who shall serve as special site selection tellers on the same basis as the site selection tellers provided by convention bid committees.

These persons shall report to the Business Meeting and to the Mark Protection Committee as to the propriety of the procedures followed by the Hugo Award administrations and site selection that they monitor and describing any circumstances that made such monitoring difficult or impractical. Should a vacancy occur in this set of four persons, the remainder of their term may be filled by the Business Meeting and until Business Meeting so acts, temporarily filled by the Mark Protection Committee.

Provided that, at the first election of the special site selection tellers and special Hugo Award Subcommittee members, four persons shall be elected with the first elected of each pair elected to a two-year term while the second shall be elected to an initial one-year term to establish the staggering of the terms in office.

Passed by the 2024 WSFS Business Meeting and referred to the 2025 WSFS Business Meeting for ratification.

Editorial Alignment

Moved, to amend the WSFS Constitution as follows:

3.3.12: Best Editor Long Form. The editor of at least four (4) novel-length works primarily devoted to science fiction and / or fantasy, at least one of which was published in the previous calendar year, that do not qualify as works under subsection 3.3.11.

Passed by the 2024 WSFS Business Meeting and referred to the 2025 WSFS Business Meeting for ratification.

Cleaning up the Art Categories

Moved, to amend the WSFS constitution as follows:

3.3.13: 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.~~ One or more collaborators on a body of artwork in the field of science fiction or fantasy first displayed during the previous calendar year and created as (i) work for hire, (ii) on paid commission, or (iii) for sale (either directly or via a paywall-like structure).

3.3.17: Best Fan Artist. ~~An artist or cartoonist whose work has appeared through publication in semiprozines or fanzines or through other public, non-professional, display (including at a convention or conventions, posting on the internet, in online or print on-demand shops, or in another setting not requiring a fee to see the image in full resolution) during the previous calendar year.~~ One or more collaborators on a body of artwork in the field of science fiction or fantasy first displayed during the previous calendar year in a fashion that did not qualify for Best Professional Artist - i.e., neither work for hire, nor commissioned for pay, nor for sale, Free copies of a publication in which an artist is published shall not constitute "pay" unless they are supplied with the expectation of resale by the artist.

3.10.2: In the Best Professional Artist ~~category~~ and Best Fan Artist categories, the acceptance should include citations of at least three (3) works that were first displayed in the eligible year.

Passed by the 2024 WSFS Business Meeting and referred to the 2025 WSFS Business Meeting for ratification.

No More Retros

Moved, to amend the WSFS Constitution as follows:

Section 3.14: Retrospective Hugo Awards

~~3.14.1: A Worldcon held in a year that is an exact multiple of 25 years after a year in which no Hugo Awards were awarded may conduct nominations and elections for retrospective year Hugo Awards for that year with procedures as for the current Hugo Awards, provided that year was 1939 or later and that no previous Worldcon has awarded retrospective year Hugo Awards for that year.~~

~~3.14.2:~~ In any listing of Hugo Award winners published by a Worldcon committee or WSFS, Retrospective Hugo Awards presented prior to the 2026 Worldcon shall be distinguished and annotated with the year in which such retrospective Hugo Awards were voted.

Passed by the 2024 WSFS Business Meeting and referred to the 2025 WSFS Business Meeting for ratification.

Belated Finalists

Moved, to amend the WSFS Constitution as follows:

3.4.X: The WSFS Business Meeting may, by a three-fourths vote, determine that a potential nominee for the Hugo Award or another award administered by WSFS was improperly declared ineligible and should have been a finalist on the previous year's ballot and, by such a vote, with their permission, give that potential nominee the status of being a finalist for that previous year.

Provided, that such three-fourths votes passed at the 2024 and 2025 Business Meetings shall be effective if this constitutional amendment is passed in 2024 and ratified in 2025.

Passed by the 2024 WSFS Business Meeting and referred to the 2025 WSFS Business Meeting for ratification.