

MEETING OF MARK PROTECTION COMMITTEE

August 8, 2024

MEMBERSHIP AND STRUCTURE

The final meeting of the 2023-2024 Mark Protection Committee (“MPC”), jointly with the Board of Directors of Worldcon Intellectual Property (“WIP”), was called to order in the Meeting Academy M4 Room of the Scottish Convention Center in Glasgow, Scotland (and on Zoom) on Thursday, August 8, 2024, at 2:31 p.m., British Summer Time. The MPC is the only permanent body of the World Science Fiction Society (“WSFS”), created by authority of the WSFS Constitution. Membership in the MPC also constitutes membership in the board of directors of WIP, a California nonprofit corporation.

Present were Alan Bond (appointed by Seattle in 2025 until 2027), Judy Bemis (elected until 2026), Joni Dashoff (elected until 2026), Linda Deneroff (elected until 2024), Donald E. Eastlake III (elected until 2024), Bruce Farr (appointed to replace Dave McCarty who was elected until 2024), Chris Rose (appointed by Chicon 8 until 2024), Linda Ross-Mansfield (appointed by Pemmi-Con until 2025), Kevin Standlee (elected until 2025), Alissa Wales (appointed by Glasgow until 2026), Nicholas Whyte (elected until 2025), and Mike Willmoth (elected until 2026). Attending via Zoom was Ben Yalow (elected until 2025). Glasgow 2024 members also attending were Sam Chen, Gregory Cherhan, Jill Eastlake, Daniel Krag, Jerry Lohr, Perry Middlemass, Ronald Oakes, Olav Rokne, John Springer, and James Joseph Styles. (The meeting was open to all Glasgow 2024 Worldcon members.) Jill Eastlake acted as floor manager.

NEW BUSINESS

The MPC/WIP was asked to approve a license for five years to Cliff Dunn to produce teeshirts saying “I Survived the Glasgow WSFS Business Meeting” (or words to that effect.) There was a discussion as to whether it should be for five years or ten, but the final decision was to approve it for five years.

Ron Oakes asked permission to change the private rights he had previously assigned to WIP for the software he wrote for managing the Hugo Awards to the GNU 3.0 Open Source License. Before he could do that, however, he needed the permission from MPC/WIP. Nicholas Whyte felt we should do this as WIP should not be in the business of owning software. Without objection, the change was approved.

At the conclusion of this meeting, the terms of Linda Deneroff, Don Eastlake, and Bruce Farr expired. Additionally, Chris Rose’s appointment by Chicon 8 ended. If Bruce Farr is not elected to the next Mark Protection Committee, he will be reappointed as the nonvoting member from California as Treasurer for WIP.

Sara Chen (of Science Fiction World) asked the MPC for a license to do a fanzine called Hugo News to introduce the Hugo Awards to Chinese science fiction fandom. She wanted to know what the procedure would be. It was suggested she wait to bring this up until the new MPC committee met later that weekend. Don Eastlake noted that if the term “Hugo” was being used simply to identify winners of the award as listed by WSFS, she didn’t need approval to do that as long as no official status is being claimed by the fanzine or trying to call something else a Hugo Award. Linda Deneroff pointed out that technically it should be “The Hugo Awards News” due to our agreement with Hugo Boss. Joni Dashoff suggested that we should do a license and specify the wording as to what they can and cannot do. Alan Bond asked if Scifi World should partner with the WSFS Marketing Committee so that the committee could approve material before it is published. Kevin Standlee suggested this discussion be postponed to the Monday meeting of the newly constituted MPC. Alyssa Wales suggested calling it Hugo News Fandom. Sara will send more information to mpc@wsfs.org.

The meeting adjourned at 2:48 p.m. British Summer Time.

MEETING OF WORLDCON INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

August 8, 2024

MEMBERSHIP AND STRUCTURE

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NEW BUSINESS

Alan Bond asked for approval to spend \$30 not previously budgeted for. This money would be spent on a Legal Referral Service to find a California arts organization pro bono attorney to consult with us regarding some pending bylaw amendments to WIP, which is a California corporation. Without objections, the funds were approved.

The meeting adjourned at 2:51 p.m. British Summer Time.