BUSINESS PASSED ON

of the World Science Fiction Society,

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E.1 Ethics Ombuds Office

Moved, to amend the WSFS Constitution as follows:

> **Section 1.9: Ethics Ombuds Office.**
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> **1.9.1:** There shall be an Ethics Ombuds Office of WSFS, constituted as an advisory board to the Mark Protection Committee/Worldcon Intellectual Property (MPC). The Ethics Ombuds Office shall receive, investigate, and advise the MPC on reports of potential breaches of the WSFS Code of Ethics, in accordance with the Whistleblower Policy adopted by the Business Meeting.
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> **1.9.2:** The Ethics Ombuds Office shall consist of at least three members appointed by the MPC in accordance with such application process as the Business Meeting may from time to time determine. Only one member of the Mark Protection Committee can serve on this committee and cannot serve as chair. Chairs, division heads, and leadership of currently seated Worldcon Committees, the immediate past Worldcon Committee, or active bids for future Worldcons are ineligible to serve.
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> **1.9.3:** The Ethics Ombuds Office shall make an annual report to each Business Meeting stating the number of reports received, the number determined to fall within its purview, and the number referred to the MPC and resulting in further action.
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> **1.9.4:** The MPC shall make provision for the Ethics Ombuds Office to be covered by Worldcon Intellectual Property's officer liability insurance.

E.2 There's No Business Like Virtual Business

Moved, to amend the WSFS Constitution as follows:

1.5.3: The rights of WSFS members who have an attending supplement of a Worldcon include the rights of WSFS members plus the right of general attendance at said Worldcon and at the WSFS Business Meeting held ~~thereat~~ by that Worldcon.

1.7.2: The Mark Protection Committee shall submit to the Business Meeting ~~at~~ held by each Worldcon a report of its activities since the previous Worldcon, including a statement of income and expense.

1.7.3: The Mark Protection Committee shall hold a meeting at each Worldcon after the end of the Business Meeting, at a time and place announced ~~at~~ during the course of the Business Meeting.

2.9.2: Each selected convention Committee shall submit a report on its cumulative surplus/loss ~~at~~ to the next Business Meeting after its convention.

2.9.4: In the event of a surplus, the selected convention Committee, or any alternative organizational entity established to oversee and disburse that surplus, shall file annual financial reports regarding the disbursement of that surplus ~~at~~ to each year's Business Meeting, until the surplus is totally expended or an amount equal to the original surplus has been disbursed.

5.1.1: Business Meetings of WSFS shall be held at advertised times ~~at~~ by each Worldcon. However, if such a Business Meeting is not held, then any reports to be submitted to that Business Meeting shall be submitted to the next subsequent Business Meeting and the ratification vote on any constitutional amendment shall be similarly postponed.

5.1.3: Standing Rules for the Governance of the Business Meeting and related activities may be adopted or amended by a majority vote ~~at~~ by any Business Meeting. Amendments to Standing Rules shall take effect at the close of the Worldcon where they are adopted; this rule may be suspended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote.

5.1.5: The quorum for the Business Meeting shall be twelve members of the Society ~~physically~~ present at the Meeting, either physically or via such communications technology as allows for the execution of the Society's business, at the discretion of the current Worldcon Committee. A Business Meeting that is not quorate may nevertheless receive reports, but the ratification vote on any constitutional amendment shall be postponed until the next subsequent Business Meeting.

Section 6.3: Electronic Voting. Nothing in this Constitution shall be interpreted to prohibit conducting Hugo Awards nominating and voting and Site Selection voting

by electronic means, except that conducting Site Selection by electronic means shall require the unanimous agreement of the current Worldcon committee and all bidding committees who have filed before the ballot deadline. Valid paper ballots delivered by any means shall always be acceptable. This section shall not be interpreted to require that such elections be conducted electronically, nor shall it be interpreted to allow ~~remote participation or~~ proxy voting at the Business Meeting.

Section 6.6: Amendment. The WSFS Constitution may be amended by a motion passed by a simple majority ~~at~~ by any Business Meeting but only to the extent that such motion is ratified by a simple majority ~~at~~ by the Business Meeting of the next subsequent Worldcon at which ratification is not postponed as per subsection 5.1.1 or 5.1.5.

Section 6.7: Commencement. Any change to the Constitution of WSFS shall take effect at the end of the Worldcon ~~at which such change is ratified~~ which ratified said change, except that no change imposing additional costs or financial obligations upon Worldcon Committees shall be binding upon any Committee already selected at the time when it takes effect.

E.3 Purposeful Proportionality

Moved, to amend the WSFS Constitution as follows:

Section 6.4: Tallying of Votes.

6.4.1: In an election to determine a single winner, unless the Constitution defines an alternative mechanism for that specific election, v~~V~~otes shall first be tallied by the voter's first choices. If no majority is then obtained, the candidate who places last in the initial tallying shall be eliminated and the ballots listing it as first choice shall be redistributed on the basis of those ballots' second choices. This process shall be repeated until a majority-vote winner is obtained. If two or more candidates are tied for elimination during this process, the candidate that received fewer first-place votes shall be eliminated. If they are still tied, all the tied candidates shall be eliminated together.

6.4.2: In an election to determine multiple winners, unless the Constitution defines an alternative mechanism for that specific election, the following process shall apply:

1. Votes shall first be tallied by the voter's first preferences.

2. The quota is set as the next third decimal place above the number of ballots expressing a preference, divided by one greater than the number of winners to be selected.
3. Each ballot is assigned an initial weight of one.
4. The score of each unselected, un-eliminated candidate is computed as the sum of the weights of ballots for which the candidate is the highest ranked unselected, un-eliminated candidate.
5. If the number of remaining candidates is equal to the remaining number of winners to be selected, all remaining candidates shall be selected and declared winners. Otherwise, all candidates whose score is greater than or equal to the quota shall be selected and declared winners.
6. If the total number of winners is equal to the number of winners to be selected, the process ends.
7. For each candidate selected in step (5), individually:
    a. Compute their surplus by subtracting the quota from their score as computed in step (4).
    b. Compute their set of transferable ballots as any ballots that selected the candidate as the winning candidate in step (5), and that have one or more un-selected, un-eliminated candidates ranked lower than that winning candidate.
    c. For each ballot in the set of transferable ballots, set their new weight as their current weight, times the surplus computed in step (7a), divided by the total of the current weights of the set of transferable ballots computed in step (7b), rounded down to the third decimal place.
    d. Each ballot in the set of transferable ballots is transferred to the next un-selected, un-eliminated candidate.
8. This process is repeated from step (4) until no further winners can be determined.
9. When no further winners can be determined by the initial process, the un-eliminated, unselected candidate with the lowest score, as

calculated in step (4), shall be eliminated, and each of their votes transferred to the next un-eliminated, unselected candidate at their current weight.

If two or more candidates are tied for elimination during this process, the candidate that received fewer first-place votes shall be eliminated, with further ties broken by comparing second place votes and so forth.

If they are still tied, all the tied candidates shall be eliminated together.

10. This process shall then return to step (4).

If the order of selection of two or more winners matters, it is determined by the order in which they were selected in step (5). If they were declared winners in the same step, the order of their selection is determined by comparing their final vote tallies in that step, and if a tie still remains, by applying the process for determining the final winner between tied candidates.

3.12.1: In each category, tallying shall be as described in Section 6.4.1. "No Award" shall be treated as a finalist. If all remaining finalists are tied, no tie-breaking shall be done and the finalists excluding "No Award" shall be declared joint winners.

4.1.2: Voting shall be by written ballot cast either by mail or at the current Worldcon with tallying as described in Section 6.4.1.

4.5.4: All ballots shall be initially tallied by their first preferences, even if cast for a bid that the administering Committee has ruled ineligible. If no eligible bid achieves a majority on the first round of tallying, then on the second round all ballots for ineligible bids shall be redistributed to their first eligible choices, and tallying shall proceed according to Section 6.4.1.

Further moved, to amend the Standing Rules such that the below change goes into effect upon the ratification of the above constitutional change:

Rule 6.2: Elections. Elections to the Mark Protection Committee shall be a special order of business at a designated Main Business Meeting. Voting shall be by written preferential ballot with write-in votes allowed. Votes for write-in candidates who do not submit written consent to nomination to the

Presiding Officer before the close of balloting shall be ignored. The ballot shall list each nominee's name. The ~~first~~ seats shall be filled by the ~~filled shall be by normal preferential~~ ballot procedures ~~as~~ defined in Section 6.4.2 of the WSFS Constitution. ~~There shall be no runoff candidate. After a seat is filled, votes for the elected member shall be eliminated before conducting the next ballot. This procedure shall continue until all seats are filled. In the event of a first-place tie for any seat, the tie shall be broken unless all tied candidates can be elected simultaneously.~~ Should there be any partial-term vacancies on the committee, the partial-term seat(s) shall be filled after the full-term seats have been filled.

E.4 The Tie that Doesn't Bind

Moved, to amend the WSFS Constitution as follows:

> **3.9.4:** After the initial Award ballot is generated, if any finalist(s) are removed for any reason, and their removal would take the number of finalists below the number specified in Subsection 3.8.1, they will be replaced by other works in reverse order of elimination.