

World Science Fiction Society

Resolutions and Rulings of Continuing Effect

2009 Business Meeting, Montreal, Quebec.

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CH-2009-01

In response to the question, “How broadly does WSFS define ‘works originally published outside the U.S.’” the Chair replied that this is left to the Hugo Administrators.

CH-2009-02

While an Objection to Consideration was pending, a member asked the Chair a technical question about the effect of a proposal. The Chair declined to answer the technical question because an OTC must be resolved without debate or discussion of any sort on the underlying proposal.

CH-2009-03

In response to a question asking if members could vote in advance or by proxy on an issue, the Chair explained that no proxies or other forms of remote voting are permitted at the Business Meeting. Members must be present in person at the Meeting at the time a motion’s vote is called in order to vote on that issue.

CH-2009-04

A constitutional amendment was proposed that would have postponed the effective date of the amendment until three years following its ratification, but would also require the business meeting three years hence re-ratify the amendment. This was ruled to be in order as it was adding a special provision to the amendment, consistent with other amendments that have special delayed-action provisions or requirements for a subsequent Business Meeting to revisit the proposal. The chair further ruled that if the subsequent Business Meeting wanted to make changes to an amendment with such a “Sword of Damocles” provision, only changes that narrowed the original proposal’s scope would be permissible.

CH-2009-05

A constitutional amendment was adopted that included a provision that it would automatically “sunset” unless re-ratified in a specific future year. The Chair ruled that re-ratification of the amendment would not be automatically on the agenda of that future Business Meeting, although any member could make such a motion.

BM-2009-01

WSFS convention committees (Worldcons and NASFiCs) are encouraged to be more proactive in marketing their conventions, including having a prominent and positive presence at Dragon*Con, Comic-Con International, and other major events of a similar nature such as the Chicago and New York Comic Cons; and for non North American Worldcons, similar events where there is potential to attract new book readers to Worldcon.

WSFS convention committees are encouraged to market their conventions to younger book readers who may not be aware of the existence of their conventions by organizing book giveaways and other targeted marketing within their local area.

BM-2009-02

The Business Meeting recommends that future WSFS conventions sell discounted memberships to younger persons.