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Agenda for the Preliminary Business Meeting at Conspiracy '87

Friday August 28th at 9.00 am.

- 1. Statement by Bidders for the 1990 Worldcon.

/ Make to Commend bidders on deciding to leave results alone

- 2. Nominations for Election to the Mark Registration and Protection Committee

The current membership is Craig Miller (Western), Bruce Peltz (Western), Fran Skene (Western), Kent Bloom (Eastern), Jim Gilpatrick (Central), Ben Yalow (Eastern), Penny Frierson (Confederation), Colin Fine (Conspiracy), Scott Dennis (Nolacon II), Donald Eastlake (Noreascon III). Retiring members are Jack Herman (Aussiecon II), Rick Kates (Eastern), Willie Siros (Central), Ross Pavlac (Central). Three members are to be elected, no more than one from the Eastern zone or two from the Central zone.

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- 3. Short Title: NASFiC Representation

MOVED, to amend Article IV, Section 5, of the WSFS Constitution by adding the following at the end of the first sentence:

2 min

non-voting

"one(1) voting member appointed to serve at the pleasure of each future selected NASFiC Committee and for each Committee of a NASFiC held in the previous two years."

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*This would provide voting representation on the Mark Registration and Protection Committee for any NASFiC Committees that exist for years in which that year's Worldcon has representation*

- 4. Short Title: ConCom Financial Reporting Act

MOVED, to amend Article I, Section 8, of the WSFS Constitution by striking the second sentence and inserting the following in its place:

3 min

Each Worldcon Committee shall submit an annual financial report, including a statement of income and expenses, to each WSFS Business Meeting after the Committee's selection through the first or second Business Meeting after its Worldcon, at its option, to which it will also submit a cumulative final financial report.

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*This would have the following effects: (1) It replaces the current requirement on Worldcons to produce a financial report 90 days after their con and a final financial report within a year with a more realistic requirement that they report one and, at their option, two years after their convention. (2) With the recent expansion of Worldcon lead time to three years, it adds some pre-con financial reporting. (3) It eliminates the independant-accountant requirement.*

- 5. Short Title: Rotation Zone Refinement

MOVED, to amend Article III, Section 5, of the WSFS Constitution by striking the first sentence and inserting the following:

2 min

To ensure equitable distribution of sites, North America is divided into three (3) regions as follows: Western: Baja California, New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, Saskatchewan, and all states and provinces westward including Hawaii, Alaska, the Yukon, and the Northwest Territories; Central: Central America. the islands of the Caribbean. St. → Eastern

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Pierre et Miquelon, Mexico (except as above), and all states and provinces between the Western and Eastern regions; and Eastern: Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, New York, Quebec, and all states and provinces eastward including the District of Columbia, Bermuda and the Bahamas

*This motion makes the definitions of the "North American" Worldcon site-selection rotation zones more precise by specifying how Hawaii, Alaska, the Yukon, the Northwest Territories, the District of Columbia, Bermuda, the Bahamas, St. Pierre et Miquelon, and the Caribbean islands are to be treated.*

6. **Short Title: Best Non-Fiction Book**

MOVED, to amend Article II, Section 6, of the WSFS Constitution by striking out "relating to" and inserting in its place "whose subject is", and by inserting "or fandom" after "fantasy" 2 min  
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*This motion makes some minor changes in the definition of the Best Non-Fiction Book Hugo category. It adds "fandom" to the list of permitted topics, which currently are "science fiction" and "fantasy".*

7. **Short Title: Notification of Hugo Nominees**

MOVED, to amend Article II of the WSFS Constitution by inserting the following new Section between Sections 18 and 19: 1 min

"Notification and Acceptance: Worldcon Committees shall use reasonable efforts to notify the nominees, or in the case of deceased or incapacitated persons, their heirs, assigns, or legal guardians, in each category prior to the release of such information. Each nominee shall be asked at that time to either accept or decline the nomination." 450

*This motion would require Worldcon Committees to try to contact those nominated for a Hugo before the final ballot is announced and not to list them if they decline.*

8. **Short Title: Rules Distribution Amendment**

MOVED, to amend Article IV, Section 9, of the WSFS Constitution by striking the words "printed in the Worldcon Program Book, if there is one" and inserting in their place the words "distributed to all WSFS members in attendance at the Worldcon upon registration". 450  
2 min

*The current rules only require a Worldcon Committee to distribute the Constitution and rules at their Worldcon by including them in their Program Book if they have one. This motion would continue to permit that, but would require them to get the rules to their attendees in some other way if they don't have a Program Book or do not distribute their Program Book at their Worldcon.*

9. **Report of the WSFS Mark Registration and Protection Committee**

10. **Report of the Special Committee to Codify Business Meeting Resolutions**

New Business

2 min

11. Short Title: Business Meeting Quorum

MOVED, to amend the WSFS Constitution and the Standing Rules for the Governance of the WSFS Business Meeting as follows:

1. Add the following to Article IV, Section 4:

The quorum for the Business Meeting shall be twelve members of the Society physically present.

*except that no quorum shall be required for the report of site selection or to interview winning or bidding committees*

2. At the time the above amendment to the Constitution takes effect, delete the first two sentences of Standing Rule 18.

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← amendment  
fail

Moved by Donald E Eastlake, III and seconded by Gary Keith Feldbaum

This motion regularizes the quorum requirement for WSFS Business Meetings by placing it in the Constitution as recommended by Roberts Rules. The Standing Rule it replaces is just a stopgap to get round the current absence of any quorum in the Constitution.

A relatively small quorum is stated since, paradoxically, this is the best way to encourage attendance. People will know tht there will almost certainly be a quorum and they had better be there if they want to influence the outcome. Large quorum requirements lead to difficulty in holding valid meetings and occasional attempts to block action by boycott. It should be noted that (as of 1969) the quorum in the British House of Lords was 3 out of a membership of 1022 and in the House of Commons 40 out of a membership of 630.

The quorum given is, in fact, believed to be the smallest number of members that have actually been present at a WSFS Business Meeting. For much of the Aussiecon I WSFS Business Meeting there were only twelve members present.

*Chair ruling: <sup>Receiving</sup> Report of site selection results do not require a quorum*

12. Short Title: Question Time

5 min

MOVED. to amend the WSFS Constitution and the Standing Rules for the Governance of the WSFS Business Meeting as follows:

1. Insert the following new Section in Article IV of the <sup>designate</sup> Constitution:  
Each future selected Worldcon Committee shall ~~send~~ an official representative to the Business Meeting to answer questions about their Worldcon.

2. At the time the above amendment to the Constitution takes effect, add the following to Standing Rule 19:

At the Site Selection Meeting fifteen (15) minutes shall be allotted to each of the three future selected Worldcons. During the first five (5) minutes their representative may make such presentations as they may wish. The remaining time shall be available for questions to be asked about the representative's Worldcon. Questions may be submitted in writing at any previous session of the Business Meeting and if so submitted shall have priority (if the submitter is present at Question Time and still wishes to ask the question) except that <sup>under</sup> no circumstances may a person ask a second question as long as any person wishes to ask their<sup>a</sup> first question. Questions are limited to fifteen seconds and answers to two minutes. Any of these time limits may be adjusted for any presentation or question by majority vote.

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Moved by Leslie J Turek and seconded by Neil Rest

*By tradition, although this is not provided for in the current Rules, the Site Selection winner is given a few minutes to make a presentation at the Site Selection session of the Business Meeting and sometimes takes questions from the assembly. Anticipating this, bidders normally have a pre-designated representative present, frequently the Chairman of their committee. But there is no officially designated representative or official way to get any information (except financial reports) after that time or from any other future Worldcon. With the increased Worldcon selection lead time there is an increased possibility of problems arising with plans, facilities, etc. Some committees may not be responsive to letters or other inquiries.*

*The proposed mechanism is patterned after Question Time in Parliament. It would provide an official framework for the current practice of a presentation and questions for the Site Selection winner and extend this practice to the two other future selected Worldcon Committees. It should improve communication and responsiveness and provide a safety valve for any frustrations felt by members of WSFS concerning future selected Worldcons.*

*Although the time limits may seem short, fifteen seconds is long enough for two or three sentences and should be enough for most questions. Similarly, a complete answer could be given to most questions in two minutes or less if the speaker is prepared. In any case the amount of time available at the Business Meeting is very limited and this is probably the best that can be done. Should a matter of particular importance and interest arise, the assembly can easily extend the time limits as necessary.*

13. Short Title: Worldcon Processes Protection Amendment  
MOVED, to amend the WSFS Constitution as follows:

*Object to consideration 30-11*

Replace the words "Worldcon Committee" with "Mark Registration and Protection Committee" in the following Sections:-  
II.2, II.17, II.18, II.20, II.21, III.1, III.4 (first occurrence only).

Replace III.6(1) with "voting shall be by written ballot administered by the Mark Registration and Protection Committee at the then current Worldcon, if there is no NASFiC following the Worldcon that year, or at the NASFiC, if there is one following the Worldcon, with ballots cast either by mail or at the appropriate convention, and with only members of the appropriate convention allowed to vote."  
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Add the following Section to Article IV as a new Section after Section 7:  
The Business Meeting shall by resolution provide for the funding of these processes. It shall require a  $\frac{3}{4}$  (three-quarters) vote of the Business Meeting to provide more than two US dollars (\$2) per member of the Worldcon for these processes.

*Unresolved Questions*

1. It is unclear from the original motion if the Mark Registration and Protection Committee shall be responsible for choosing the site if "None of the Above" wins and the Business Meeting is unable to select a winner. If that is desired, the words "Committee for the following Worldcon" and "Worldcon Committee" should be replaced by "Mark Registration and Protection Committee" in III.3
2. It is unclear which Business Meeting has the duty to provide funding.

Moved by Elizabeth L Gross and seconded by Victoria A Smith, Beverly L Brandt, Robert L Hillis and Robert E Sachs.

*This motion was originally submitted with the following text:-*

*To amend the WSFS Constitution:*

*The Mark Registration and Protection Committee shall be responsible for the complete Hugo nomination and balloting process and the Site Selection process.*

*The Business Meeting shall by resolution provide for the funding of these processes. It shall require a  $\frac{3}{4}$  vote of the Business Meeting to provide more than two US dollars per member of the Worldcon for these processes.*

14. Short Title: Broadened Hugo Nominations *6 min*  
Moved by Mike Glycer and seconded by Don Eastlake, Scott Dennis *<50*  
A copy of this motion is attached.

15. Short Title: NASFiC Selection Amendment *6 min*  
Moved by Scott Dennis and seconded by Mike Glycer, Don Eastlake *<50*  
A copy of this motion is attached.

16. Short Title: Availability of Supporting Membership *5 min*  
Moved by Don Eastlake and seconded by Scott Dennis, Mike Glycer *>50*  
A copy of this motion is attached.

*Next session at 9<sup>30</sup> AM*

# Report of the WSFS® Resolution Compilation Committee: Resolutions and Rulings of Continuing Effect

## Background

This is a first attempt at compiling the resolutions and rulings of continuing effect that have been adopted at WSFS Business Meetings.

The WSFS Mark Registration and Protection Committee (then called the Standing Committee), at a meeting held at the 1984 Worldcon voted unanimously to produce such a compilation. However, nothing was done to implement this. When the matter was brought up the following year at the 1985 WSFS Business Meeting, the assembly voted to give this task to special committee consisting of a named individual who was not present and was never formally notified. At the 1986 WSFS Business Meeting, the assembly voted to give this task to the Mark Registration and Protection Committee but this action was reconsidered and the assembly later voted to give the task to a special committee appointed by the chair to report back to the 1987 Business Meeting. This document is the report of this special committee.

It is not clear that these resolutions and rulings are of any binding effect outside of the Business Meeting at which they are adopted. The Constitution provides in Article IV, Section 3, that "The conduct of the affairs of WSFS shall be determined by this Constitution together with all ratified amendments hereto and such Standing Rules as the Business Meeting shall adopt for its own governance." However, the matter is not completely clear as the Business Meetings and their chairmen who adopted or issued these resolutions and rulings are provided for in the Constitution. In any case, they may serve as useful precedents or indications of the sentiments of the Society.

## Contents

This compilation consists of resolutions adopted by the WSFS Business Meeting that declare some policy or rule and are of indefinite effect along with rulings and directives by the chair that are either similar to such resolutions or seem as if they might be useful precedents. Business Meeting actions are indicated by the letters **BM** and rulings or directives of the chair by **CH**.

The following were excluded:

- 1) Anything which has become incorporated in an amendment to the WSFS Constitution or the Standing Rules for the Governance of the WSFS Business Meeting.
- 2) Any resolutions of praise or censure.
- 3) Anything which has subsequently been reversed, repealed, or annulled by the adoption of a contrary resolution or ruling.
- 4) Any resolution which, although initially of indefinite effect, has been fully executed or otherwise expired or become inoperative.

In addition, the text of the resolutions and ruling has been updated to reflect changes in the Constitution and Standing Rules, such as the change in the name of the Standing Committee to the Mark Registration and Protection Committee. Rulings by the chair have in some cases been generalized to avoid naming particular individuals or organizations. In some cases parts of resolutions have been excluded so that the material remaining is all, at least nominally, in effect.

## Sources

This material was compiled from the written minutes of the 1978 through 1986 WSFS Business Meetings (excluding 1979 for which minutes are not available). These minutes vary considerably in style and com-

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pleteness which influences the amount and type of material for each year in this compilation.

A minor attempt was made to obtain minutes of additional meetings. It is hoped that, if this compilation task continues, this report will act to spur those with minutes of other Business Meeting to make them available.

## Recommendations

(1) In going over these minutes the committee noted that it appears to have been the practice to modify the Standing Rules to reflect changes made to the Constitution, although this is not indicated by the relevant Standing Rule. Therefore, as a housekeeping measure, the following change is submitted:

MOVED,

To amend Rule 16 of the Standing Rules for the Governance of the WSFS Business Meeting by striking the sentence "The Secretary will also adjust any other Section of the Constitution equally affected by an amendment unless otherwise ordered by the Business Meeting." and inserting in its place the following: "Unless otherwise ordered by the Business Meeting, the Secretary will adjust any other section of the Constitution and Standing Rules equally affected by an amendment to the Constitution and will adjust any other section of the Standing Rules equally affected by an amendment to the Standing Rules. Resolutions and rulings of continuing effect may be repealed or amended at subsequent Business Meetings by majority vote without notice and shall be automatically repealed or amended by applicable amendments to the Constitution or Standing Rules and by conflicting resolutions and ruling subsequently adopted or made." 250  
passed

(2) The committee believes that this compilation task should continue so as to include material from this 1987 Business Meeting and from Business Meetings before 1978, if only as a compendium of the expressed sentiments of the Society. As a potentially continuing task of indefinite duration, it seems most sensible to assign this duty to a continuing body. The only continuing body provided for in the Constitution is the Mark Registration and Protection committee and, in fact, the Constitution currently prohibits any other continuing body. While its name speaks the primary duty of the Mark Registration and Protection committee and this primary duty would override any other assignments, should there be a conflict, the committee is quite large and typically only 2 or 3 of its members are actually involved in its primary duty. Therefore the committee recommends the following:

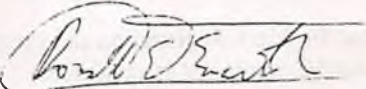
MOVED, That the Standing Rules be amended to provide that

The Mark Registration and Protection Committee is directed to continue the compilation of WSFS Resolutions and Rulings of Continuing Effect and annually submit updates to the Business Meeting. 250

As an alternative, if the Society feels it inadvisable to so direct the Mark Registration and Protection Committee or is not ready at this time to make this a continuing task of indefinite duration, the following is proposed as an alternative: preferred

MOVED, To amend the motion immediately above by replacement with the following:

RESOLVED, That the committee to compile WSFS Resolutions and Rulings of Continuing Effect created at the 1986 Business Meeting is continued and directed to report to the 1988 Business Meeting. 250  
passed

  
Donald E. Eastlake, III

# World Science Fiction Society®

## Resolutions and Rulings of Continuing Effect

### 1986 Business Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia.

Bruce E. Pelz, Presiding Officer  
Elayne F. Pelz, Secretary  
Ben Yalow, Parliamentarian

BM-86-01

The Mark Registration and Protection Committee is authorized to appoint a representative to engage in discussion with "World SF, The International Organization of Science Fiction Professionals", aimed at minimizing name conflicts.

BM-86-02

All Worldcon and NASFiC Committees are encouraged to financially support the Mark Registration and Protection Committee.

### 1985 Business Meeting, Melbourne, Victoria.

Jack Herman, Presiding Officer  
Ken Bloom, Secretary  
Donald Eastlake, Parliamentarian

BM-85-01

It is the sense of the Business Meeting that the name of "World SF, The International Association of Science Fiction Professionals", does not infringe on any proper trademark of WSFS.

CH-85-01 The chair directed that the Mark Registration and Protection Committee should respond to requests for lists of Hugo winners provided that the use of service marks is noted.

### 1984 Business Meeting, Anaheim, California.

Ross Pavlac, Presiding Officer  
George Flynn, Secretary  
George Scithers, Parliamentarian  
Bob Hillis, Timekeeper

BM-84-01

The Mark Registration and Protection Committee should be directed concerning pursuit of registration for particular marks only by resolution of the Business Meeting.

NOTE: *BM-84-01 was passed after CH-84-01 and CH-84-02 were made.*

BM-84-02

(a) The current Worldcon Committee should be neutral between committees bidding for future Worldcons. It should not request or accept money or supplies from any one bidding committee without making equivalent opportunity available to any competing committee(s).

(b) This resolution shall not preclude any individual member of a Worldcon Committee from offering his or her services, funds, or supplies to a bidding committee.

(c) This resolution shall not preclude the current Worldcon Committee from accepting the services of a bidding committee or its members, nor shall it preclude a bidding committee from offering services or merchandise to members of a Worldcon.

CH-84-01 The chair directed that if the present appeal of the refusal of the US Patent and Trademark Office to register "Science Fiction Achievement Award" fails, no further attempts should be made to register that mark.

CH-84-02 The chair directed that the Mark Registration and Protection Committee should pursue registration of the mark "NASFiC" if the NASFiC continues in existence.



CH-84-03 A motion to refer a site selection rotation zone plan to the United Nations was ruled out of order.

CH-84-04 The chair ruled that the convention where the voting would take place should be taken as the deadline for the presentation of documents by write-in site selection bidders.

### 1983 Business Meeting, Baltimore, Maryland.

Kent Bloom, Presiding Officer  
Mary Morman, Secretary

CH-83-01 A Constitutional amendment was up for ratification which divided a Hugo category into two new categories. A motion was made to delete one of the new categories. The chair ruled that this was permissible at the ratification stage and that further ratification the following year would not be needed if the change were adopted. The ruling of the chair was appealed and the assembly overruled the chair, deciding that such a deletion was out of order at the ratification stage.

CH-83-02 A Constitutional amendment up for ratification was reworded with more neutral language but with no change in meaning. A point of order was raised that this would require it to be ratified again in changed form the following year. The chair ruled this point of order was not well taken.

### 1982 Business Meeting, Chicago, Illinois.

Donald Eastlake, Presiding Officer  
George Flynn, Secretary  
Rick Katze, Counsel  
Leslie Turek, Timekeeper  
Paula Lieberman, Sergeant-at-Arms

BM-82-01

Whereas recent Worldcons have had, and future Worldcons can expect to have, significant excess funds following the close of the convention;

And whereas there has been considerable debate and discussion in the past about the appropriate uses for these funds;

And whereas there are many organizations that would be worthy recipients of such funds;

And whereas it is difficult to choose which of the many worth organizations should receive said funds;

Be it resolved that the following organizations are considered by the World Science Fiction Society to be among those worthy to receive donations:

a. recognized fan charities, such as TAFF, DUFF, GUFF, TOFF and the FAAn Awards;

b. Established national fan organizations, such as the NFFF and the Fantasy Artists Network;

d. PBS, NPR, and their local affiliates, for the production and/or sponsorship of science fiction programming.

e. Future Worldcon committees.

NOTE : *The above motion as originally proposed also listed "Small, established regional conventions;" , "Established local fan organizations, especially IRS code 501(c)3-recognized not-for-profit organizations;" , and "Local public libraries, for improvements to their science fiction collections;" . These were specifically deleted from the list of acceptable recipients by vote of the Business Meeting.*

CH-82-01 The chair ruled that an amendment up for ratification may be changed so as to decrease the scope of the amendment and such a change does not require further ratification at the next Business Meeting.

CH-82-02 The chair ruled that when the procedure of filling a blank is used to determine debate time limits at a Business Meeting, voting should start with the longest time period and proceed to shorter time periods until one obtains a majority.

CH-82-03 The chair ruled that the opinions of the Business Meeting chair as to the meaning of Hugo category definitions are not binding on Worldcons.

CH-82-04 A motion was introduced that would direct future Worldcons supervising site selection to disqualify any bid that used hotels from a particular chain as the main convention hotel until certain conditions were met. The chair

ruled the motion out of order on the grounds that requirements for bidding are specified in the WSFS Constitution and additional criteria cannot be imposed without amending the Constitution.

- CH-82-05 A motion to amend the Standing Rules to impose additional criteria for NASFiC bidders to appear on the ballot was ruled out of order by the chair on the grounds that bidding criteria are specified by the Constitution and any additional criteria can only be imposed by Constitutional amendment. (The ruling of the chair was appealed and the chair was sustained by vote of the assembly.)
- CH-82-06 The chair ruled that actual personal signatures are not required on motions submitted in writing as long as the makers of the motion are identified.
- CH-82-07 The chair ruled that "generally available" means you can get it if you want it, not that there have to be copies for everyone who might want it.

### 1981 Business Meeting, Denver, Colorado.

Donald Eastlake, Presiding Officer  
George Flynn, Secretary  
Rick Katze, Sergeant-at-Arms  
Bob Hillis, Timekeeper

- CH-81-01 The chair ruled that the term "publications" includes everything sent to all members, and also flyers, etc.

### 1980 Business Meeting, Boston, Massachusetts.

Donald Eastlake, Presiding Officer  
George Flynn, Secretary  
Mike Lalor, Sergeant-at-Arms  
Bob Hillis, Timekeeper

- CH-80-01 The chair ruled that in the Standing Rules the phrase "the same Business Meeting" includes all sessions at a given Worldcon.
- CH-80-02 The chair ruled that in the case of the adoption of an entire new Constitution for WSFS, general amendments would be in order at the time of ratification.
- CH-80-03 The chair ruled that Section 18, Article II, of the WSFS Constitution requires that at least three nominees in each Hugo category appear on the final ballot provided that there are at least three nominees. (The ruling of the chair was appealed and the chair was sustained by a vote of 19-3.)
- CH-80-04 A motion was introduced to authorize a named individual to select and publish a series of "retrospective Hugos" for the years 1926 through 1951. A point of order was raised that, in light of the WSFS Constitution provisions prohibiting extending the name to any award other than that awarded by the mechanism provided in the Constitution, this would require a Constitutional amendment. The chair ruled that this point of order was well taken.
- CH-80-05 The chair ruled that allegations of misconduct involving a non-Hugo award administered by a Worldcon are not WSFS Business. (The ruling of the chair was appealed and the chair was sustained by a vote of 20-1.)

NOTE : *1980 was the first Business Meeting at which a special committee to register and protect the WSFS marks was created. This committee was continued from year to year until a constitutional amendment was adopted in 1982 and ratified in 1983 giving these duties to the Standing Committee. The composition of the Standing Committee was identical to that of the Board of Directors in a new Constitution being considered in those years (see note after BM-78-01). A further constitutional amendment passed in 1985 and ratified in 1986 changed the name of the committee to the Mark Registration and Protection Committee.*

**1979 Business Meeting, Brighton, England.**

**Donald Eastlake, Presiding Officer  
Rick Katze, Secretary**

**NOTE :** *The written notes of the Secretary and a tape recording of the Business meeting were both destroyed in an apartment fire before they could be transcribed or distributed. Thus no minutes exist for this Business Meeting.*

**1978 Business Meeting, Phoenix, Arizona.**

**Bob Hillis, Presiding Officer  
Donald Eastlake, Secretary  
Jack Speer, Parliamentarian  
Mike Lalor, Timekeeper**

**BM - 78 - 01**

A permanent body, the World Science Fiction Society, Incorporated (WSFS, Inc.) should be established, independent of any Worldcon Committee, whose members will be the members of the current and upcoming Worldcons. The Board of Directors of WSFS, Inc. should be selected by the members of the Society and by current and recent Worldcon Committees.

WSFS, Inc. should be responsible for the administering of voting for selection of the Hugos and the sites of future Worldcons. No change should be made in either Hugos or site selection as a result of the establishment of the establishment of WSFS, Inc. except as necessary to administer the voting.

In cases of a Worldcon Committee becoming unable to properly manage its designated Convention, either because of internal collapse or misconduct, then, after investigations and due process, the Board of Directors should have the right to remove the name "World Science Fiction Convention" and the awarding of the Hugos, site selection and the holding of the Society's Business Meeting from the control of the guilty Committee and to award them to another responsible group.

**NOTE :** *As initially passed, this resolution continued a WSFS Constitution Drafting Committee that had been set up even earlier. This committee existed for a number of year, being chaired by various fans at various times. Ultimately it came up with a full Draft Constitution a large part of which were debated and perfect at a WSFS Business Meeting. Finally, at the 1983 WSFS Business Meeting, a report of the committee was received and the committee dismissed with thanks but no further steps were taken to perfect or adopt the new Constitution. While no steps are being taken to put the above resolution into effect, nothing has ever been done to repeal or contradict it either.*

**NOTE :** *The 1978 Business Meeting was the one at which the first set of Standing Rules for the Governance of the WSFS Business Meeting were adopted.*

"World Science Fiction Society", "WSFS", "World Science Fiction Convention", "Worldcon", "NASFiC", "Science Fiction Achievement Award", and "Hugo Award" are service marks of the World Science Fiction Society, an unincorporated literary society.

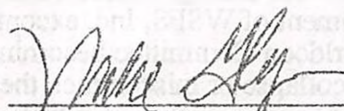
Short Title: Broadened Hugo Nominations


MOVED, to amend the WSFS Constitution as follows:

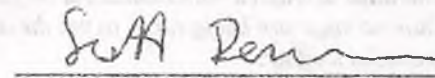
- 1. In Article II, Section 18, strike "WSFS member" and insert in place thereof "member of either the administering or immediately preceding Worldcon".
- 2. Add to Article I, Section 4, the following:

Within ninety (90) days after a Worldcon, the administering committee shall, *except where prohibited by local laws,* forward its best information as to the names and postal addresses of all of its *Worldcon* members to the committee of the next Worldcon.

*except where prohibited by local laws*

  
 Moved by Mike Glycer

  
 Seconded by Donald E. Eastlake, III

  
 Seconded by Scott Dennis

*This amendment revives the practice of allowing Hugo Nominations (but not final Hugo Award voting) to be made by those who are members of the previous Worldcon as well as by members of the upcoming Worldcon. The intent is to encourage more widespread participation in the Hugo Award process.*

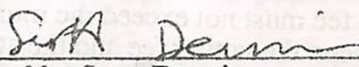
*The requirement that each Worldcon pass on its membership list, which is normal practice anyway, is necessary so that the eligibility of nominators can be determined.*

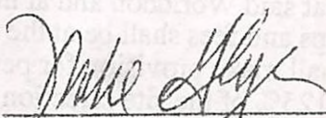
*It is anticipated that most Worldcons will implement this by sending out a mailing to the members of the previous Worldcon, soliciting Hugo nominations and their membership. The income produced by these additional members would normally cover the costs of such a mailing.*

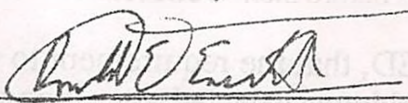
Short Title: NASFiC Selection Amendment

MOVED, to amend the WSFS Constitution as follows:

1. In Article III, Section 4, strike "no later than the end of the calendar year before voting" and insert in place thereof "as set by the administering convention but no earlier than the close of the corresponding Worldcon voting".
2. In Article III, Section 6, strike the words "either by mail or" and the words "before the calendar year in which selection occurs".

  
 Moved by Scott Dennis

  
 Seconded by Mike Glyer

  
 Seconded by Donald E. Eastlake, III

*The purpose of this motion is to rationalize the Constitutional provisions for NASFiC bid fillings and voting with the selection lead times adopted at Aussiecon II, as explained below.*

*When the voting lead time for the Worldcon was changed to three years, the initial intent was to leave the NASFiC selection lead time at two years. Under that proposed arrangement, when a bid outside of North America won the Worldcon there would have been (1) several months before the end-of-calendar-year deadline for filing NASFiC bids, (2) plenty of time for a mail ballot to occur after it was known there would be a NASFiC, and (3) no problems in having a NASFiC always administer the site selection if there were a NASFiC in the year when the choice was being made (if there is no NASFiC that year, it's done by the Worldcon).*

*However, at Aussiecon II, when the selection lead time extension for Worldcons was being ratified, the lead time for NASFiC's was also made three years. Some related adjustments were made in the wording so that the NASFiC choice was to be made at a NASFiC only if there were one the same year, after the Worldcon where the outside North America bid was chosen. But other provisions were not adjusted.*

*Thus the present rules require a NASFiC bid to file by the end of the previous calendar year to appear on the ballot, long before it is known whether or not there will have to be a NASFiC selection at all. This forces a North American Worldcon bid to choose between (a) filing for the NASFiC and possibly losing the Worldcon because it becomes official that they would take the NASFiC if they lost the Worldcon or (b) not filing for the NASFiC and losing the NASFiC because they are not on the NASFiC ballot while some other NASFiC bidder, who filed a speculative bid early, is on the ballot.*

*Furthermore, the present rules call for a mail ballot even though the NASFiC decision is most commonly made at the Worldcon where the outside North America Worldcon is selected. Even if there is a later NASFiC the same year, there is probably only a one-week gap. Thus there is insufficient time after the Worldcon decision to have a NASFiC mail ballot. Having a mail ballot before the necessity of it is known would be a mess with people sending in voting fees that might have to be refunded and the like.*

*This amendment simplifies the Constitution and eliminates these problems by eliminating the mail ballot for NASFiC and by providing that the deadline for NASFiC filings be after the close of Worldcon voting.*

5 minutes

Short Title: Availability of Supporting Membership

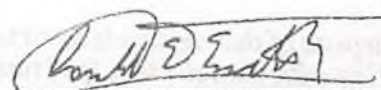
MOVED, to amend the WSFS Constitution by substituting the following for Article I, Section 5:

The rights of supporting members include of a Worldcon

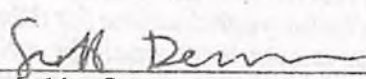
The rights of Attending members of a Worldcon include

Members of WSFS who cast a site-selection ballot with the required fee shall be supporting members of the selected Worldcon. ~~Supporting members of a Worldcon~~ have the right to receive all of its generally distributed publications. Voters have the right to convert to attending membership in the selected Worldcon within ninety (90) days of its selection for an additional fee set by its committee. This fee must not exceed the minimum voting fee and not exceed the difference between the voting fee and the attending fee for new members. ~~Attending members of a Worldcon have the rights~~ of supporting members plus the right of general attendance at said Worldcon and at the WSFS Business Meeting held thereat. Other memberships and fees shall be at the discretion of the Worldcon committee except that they shall make provision for persons to become supporting members for no more than 125% of the site selection fee, or such higher amount as has been approved by the Business Meeting, until a cut off date no earlier than ninety (90) days before their Worldcon.

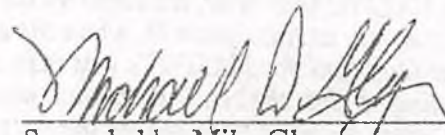
PROVIDED, that the requirement to provide supporting memberships shall only affect Worldcons selected after it goes into effect.



Moved by Donald E. Eastlake, III



Seconded by Scott Dennis



Seconded by Mike Glyer

*Most of the text of this amendment is a rewording of the present provisions to try and make them clearer. The meat of the change is all in the last sentence.*

*The purpose of the change is to encourage more widespread participation in the Hugo Award and Worldcon site selection processes and to encourage greater continuity and geographic diversity in the membership of the Society.*

*Currently, after the site selection voting for a Worldcon, they are under no obligation to make supporting memberships available at all. If they do there are no restrictions on what they can charge. When site selection was only one year in advance, it may have been reasonable to require those who wanted to participate in WSFS for a limited fee to just plan ahead. But with the expansion to a three year lead time, someone unable to attend a Worldcon who wishes to participate in the Hugo or site selection voting must plan three years in advance to have assured access for a limited fee.*

*The rule would provide that supporting membership continue to be available for not more than one and a quarter times the site selection voting fee (or a higher amount if approved by a Business Meeting). Worldcon Committees would continue to be free to charge whatever they want*

for new attending memberships, which typically constitute over 80% of their members. They can also charge whatever they want for conversions from supporting to attending, except for the already existing cap on the cost of conversions for voters who convert within 90 days after the site selection.

This amendment is, in effect, a policy statement that supporting memberships should be available and should not be priced significantly above the cost of servicing such a member.

It is hoped that it will interact synergistically with the proposed amendment to allow members of a Worldcon to participate in Hugo nominations for the following Worldcon. Members who do so will be sure of being able to participate in the Hugo voting for which they have nominated by becoming supporting members. This will diminish any tendency, with site selection occurring in the same zone as the selected Worldcon, towards three pools of Worldcon membership with geographically distinguishable membership.

This motion may also head off those who have advocated a "Hugo Awards" only class of membership by making sure that participation in the World Science Fiction Society is available for a reasonable rate.

Experience indicates that the voting fee has traditionally been enough to cover the cost of servicing a supporting membership. Although the exact numbers you come out with depends on how overhead items are allocated between supporting and attending memberships, it appears that the cost to service a supporting member of Noreascon II in 1980 was about \$8 at a time when the voting fee was \$10. Projections indicate that the cost of servicing a supporting member of Noreascon III will be under the \$20 voting fee despite going to seven Progress Reports due to the increased site selection lead time. In any case, these costs are controllable by Worldcon committees who choose the size and method of distribution of their Progress Reports, etc. This motion provides a 25% cushion, and if costs should rise uncontrollably provision is made for relief by the Business Meeting authorizing higher fees.

Agenda for the Main Business Meeting at Conspiracy '87  
Saturday August 29th at 9.30 am.

*passed acclamation*

1. Election to the Mark Registration and Protection Committee  
Nominations received are Leslie Turek (Eastern), Robert Hillis (Central) and Elisabeth Grose (Central). A nomination was received and withdrawn for Rick Katze.

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2. Short Title: NASFiC Representation (2 minutes)  
MOVED, to amend Article IV, Section 5, of the WSFS Constitution by adding the following at the end of the first sentence:  
"one(1) non-voting member appointed to serve at the pleasure of each future selected NASFiC Committee and for each Committee of a NASFiC held in the previous two years."

*passed*

*This would provide voting representation on the Mark Registration and Protection Committee for any NASFiC Committees that exist for years in which that year's Worldcon has representation*

3. Short Title: ConCom Financial Reporting Act (3 minutes)  
This item appears at Item 4 on the Agenda of the Preliminary Meeting.

*passed*

4. Short Title: Rotation Zone Refinement (2 minutes)  
This item appears at Item 5 on the Agenda of the Preliminary Meeting, except that St. Pierre et Miquelon is restored to the Eastern Zone.

*passed*

5. Short Title: Best Non-Fiction Book (2 minutes)  
This item appears at Item 6 on the Agenda of the Preliminary Meeting.

*passed*

6. Short Title: Notification of Hugo Nominees (1 minute)  
This item appears at Item 7 on the Agenda of the Preliminary Meeting.

*passed*

7. Short Title: Rules Distribution Amendment (2 minutes)  
This item appears at Item 8 on the Agenda of the Preliminary Meeting.

*passed*

New Business

8. Short Title: Business Meeting Quorum (2 minutes)  
This item appears at Item 11 on the Agenda of the Preliminary Meeting.

*passed*

9. Short Title: Question Time (5 minutes)  
This item appears at Item 12 on the Agenda of the Preliminary Meeting.

*passed - changes in preliminary agenda*

10. Short Title: Broadened Hugo Nominations (6 minutes)  
This item appears at Item 14 on the Agenda of the Preliminary Meeting.

*passed*

11. Short Title: NASFiC Selection Amendment (6 minutes)  
This item appears at Item 15 on the Agenda of the Preliminary Meeting.

*passed*

12. Short Title: Availability of Supporting Membership (5 minutes)  
This item appears at Item 16 on the Agenda of the Preliminary Meeting, except that the first six words of the second sentence are replaced by "The rights of supporting members of a Worldcon include".

*changes in preliminary agenda also*



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27 August 1987

Report of the WSFS Mark Registration and Protection Committee  
to the 1987 WSFS Business Meeting

1. Activities during the past year

The Mark "NASFiC" was registered in the United States of America.

A law firm in the United Kingdom has been selected and applications have been filed for registration of all the WSFS Marks except for "NASFiC" (which seems inappropriate for the UK) and "Science Fiction Achievement Award" (which was rejected for registration in the United States).

Four requests were received by the committee for lists of the Hugo Award winners. These and other correspondence received has been responded to.

2. Initial meeting at Conspiracy '87

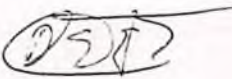
A meeting of the committee was held Thursday night, 27 August 1987. A resolution was unanimously passed requesting the Conspiracy committee print a notice in its daily newspaper noting that "World SF, The International Association of Science Fiction Professionals" is not connected with the World Science Fiction Convention or the World Science Fiction Society.

3. Financial Report

During the past year the committee received \$700 in donations and expended \$190.73 in postage and other exxpenses leaving \$680.11 cash on hand. Total cost of UK Mark registration is estimated to be between \$2,000 and \$3,000 and sources for these funds have been located.

For a full copy of the 1986-1987 Financial Report, a copy of the WSFS Mark Usage Guide, or to report apparent infringements on WSFS Marks, write to the Committee at

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## Worldcon Processes Protection Amendment

To amend the WSFS Constitution:

"The Mark Registration and Protection Committee shall be responsible for the complete Hugo Nomination and Ballotting Process and the Site Selection Process.

The Business Meeting shall by resolution provide for the funding of these processes. It shall require a  $3/4$  vote of those attending the Business Meeting to provide more than Two United States Dollars per member of the Worldcon for these processes."

Elizabeth L. Stone  
Victoria A. Smith  
Beverly L. Brandt  
Robert L. Kelly  
Robert E. Locks