

WORLD SCIENCE FICTION CONVENTION -- NOLA CON II

MAIN BUSINESS MEETING -- 10:00 A.M. SATURDAY, 3 SEPT. 1988

AGENDA

- 1) Financial Reports of Worldcon Committees
- 2) Business Carried Forward (pp.158-160, NOLA CON II P.B.)
  - A. Item 1: Business Meeting Quorum (1 minute)
  - B. Item 2: Question Time (6 minutes)
  - C. Item 3: Broaden Hugo Nominations (6 minutes)
  - D. Item 4: NASFiC Selection Amendment (6 minutes)
  - E. Item 5: Availability of Supporting Membership (10 minutes)

3. Report of Special Committee to Codify Business Meeting Resolutions

Move to rescind Resolution BM 78-01.

4. Election of Mark Registration & Protection Committee Members

5. WSFS Membership

MOVED, to amend the WSFS Constitution as follows:

- (1) substitute the following for Article I, Section 4:

The Membership of WSFS shall consist of all persons for whom timely payment of membership dues has been made to any Worldcon. Membership under this provision may be resigned. Only natural persons who hold attending memberships in the current Worldcon have the right to attend or vote at the Business Meeting at said Worldcon.

- (2) substitute "member of the administering Worldcon" and "members of the administering Worldcon" for "WSFS member" and "WSFS members" in Articles II and III.

1 minute.

6) Separation of the NASFiC from the WSFS Constitution

Copies as distributed. 6 minutes.

7) No Double Skipping of Regions

Move to add the following to Article III, Section 6, Sentence 1:

"...unless the North American region which would be skipped was skipped in its last turn in the rotation."

10 minutes.

8) Mark Registration Committee Term of Office

Moved, to insert in Article IV, Section 5, the following:

Newly appointed members take their seats, and the term of office ends for elected and appointed members whose terms expire that year, at the end of the Business Meeting.

9) Mark Registration Committee Election Procedure

Moved, to replace Standing Rule 3 with the following:

[(a) and (b) as distributed]

~~(c) No nominations for persons residing in ineligible zones will be accepted.~~

~~(c)~~ The first seat filled will be filled by normal preferential ballot procedures. That person's votes, as well as votes for any other nominee who has now become ineligible (because a zone's quota is filled) will be eliminated, and the procedures will be restarted from the beginning. This continues until all places are filled.

10) Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Solving The Problem

Resolved: that the Business Meeting endorses the proposal that a Worldcon Procedures Guide be created, as discussed in THE MAD 3 PARTY.

11) Question Time: 1989, 1990

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11) A motion may be presented for a suspension of Standing Rule 19 to allow bidders for 1992 to make their presentations at this meeting rather than at the Site Selection Meeting.

5. WSFS Membership

MOVED, to amend the WSFS Constitution as follows:

(1) substitute the following for Article I, Section 4:

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The Membership of WSFS shall consist of all persons for whom timely payment of membership dues has been made to any Worldcon. Only natural persons who hold attending memberships in the current Worldcon have the right to attend or vote at the Business Meeting at said Worldcon.

(2) substitute "member of the administering Worldcon" and "members of the administering Worldcon" for "WSFS member" and "WSFS members" in Articles II and III.

Moved by Donald E. Eastlake III, Seconded by Rick Katze

Default is 6 minutes.

6min 6) Separation of the NASFiC from the WSFS Constitution

Copies as distributed.

Moved and Seconded by Robert E. Sacks and Bruce Farr

Default is 20 minutes.

6mins 7) No Double Skipping of Regions

move to add the following to Article III, Section 6, Sentence 1:

"...unless the North American region which would be skipped was skipped in its last turn in the rotation."

Moved by Bill Trojan, Seconded by Kij Johnson.

Default is 6 minutes.

~~8) World-Wide Four Zone Rotation Plan~~

~~Copies as distributed.~~

~~Moved by Erwin S. Strauss, Seconded by Lloyd Fenney~~

~~Default is 20 minutes.~~

WORLD SCIENCE FICTION CONVENTION -- NOLACON II

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS MEETING -- 10:00 A.M. FRIDAY, 2 SEPT. 1988

AGENDA

1) Censure of Conspiracy '87

Whereas Conspiracy '87 did not conduct the site selection for the 1990 Worldcon in a manner consistent with the Constitution in that the mail ballot option was not available to voters outside of Britain,

Resolved: That they be censured

Signed: Robert E. Sacks  
Lance C. Oszko  
Andre Lieven  
Glen A. Boettcher  
Mike Resnick  
Michael Glyer

2) Financial Reports of Worldcon Committees

3) Business Carried Forward (pp.158-160, NOLACON II P.B.)

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- A. Item 1: Business Meeting Quorum (~~default = 4~~ minutes)
  - B. Item 2: Question Time (~~default = 6:20~~ minutes)
  - C. Item 3: Broaden Hugo Nominations (~~default = 6~~ minutes)
  - D. Item 4: NASFiC Selection Amendment (~~default = 6~~ minutes)
  - E. Item 5: Availability of Supporting Membership (~~default = 10~~ minutes)
  - F. Item 6: Report of the WSFS Mark Registration & Protection Committee
  - G. Item 7: Report of Special Committee to Codify Business Meeting Resolutions

4. Nominations for Election to Mark Registration & Protection Committee

Financial Report to  
the membership of the WSFS

Mark Registration and Protection Committee

Bank Account balance  
at the end of ConSpIracY  
640.68

ContributIons received:  
from ConFederation 1000.00  
from Nolacon II 1683.00

Payments made:  
to Marks & Clerk  
re British trademark  
filing 1432.42

To Jim Gilpatrick  
expenses reimbursement  
10.92

Bank Account Balance  
at the beginning of Nolacon  
2071.26

Contribution received,  
not yet deposited:  
ConFiction 1375.00

Available Funds,  
3 September 1988 3446.26

-- Scott C. Dennis

## Report to the 1988 WSFS Business Meeting of the Mark Registration and Protection Committee

### 1. Contributions

The Committee wishes to express its appreciation to Nolacon II for a contribution of \$1,800, to ConFiction for a contribution of \$1,375, and to ConFederation for an additional contribution of \$1,000. The contributions of Nolacon and ConFiction continue the tradition of contributing \$1 per vote in the site selection by which that Worldcon was chosen. The total ConFederation contributions have been what they consider to be an appropriate amount, which has been significantly above this guideline. ConFiction's contribution is under protest due to Conspiracy's problems in getting the site selection voting fees to them.

### 2. Activities

During the past year, the application for registration of WORLDCON in the United Kingdom has been refiled due to an error in the original filing and WORLD SCIENCE FICTION CONVENTION has been registered in the Benelux contries. The registration of our marks in the United Kingdom is still in process. If registration is achieved in the United Kingdom, changes in law to be effective in 1992 may give protection throughout the European Economic Community.

In addition, the committee has contacted "World SF, The International Association of Science Fiction Professionals" and has requested that they include a disclaimer in their publications to the effect that they are not associated with the World Science Fiction Society or the World Science Fiction Convention.

### 3. World SF Resolution

To reciprocate the above mentioned request to World SF, the committee requests that the following resolution be adopted by the Business Meeting:

*passed*  
RESOLVED, that every Worldcon Committee is requested to include the following additional notice in each of its publications:

The World Science Fiction Society and the World Science Fiction Convention are not related to "World SF, The International Association of Science Fiction Professionals."

### 4. WSFS Constitutional Amendment

To clarify when new members take their seats on the committee, a matter about which some controversy arose last year, the committee recommends the adoption of the following amendment to the WSFS Constitution:

*1 min*  
MOVED, to insert in Article IV, Section 5, the following:

Newly elected members take their seats, and the term of office ends for elected and appointed members expiring that year, at the end of the Business Meeting.

### 5. WSFS Standing Rules Amendment

The current Standing Rules for the Governance of the WSFS Business Meeting give procedures for handling nominations and election to the Mark Registration and Protection Committee that are incorrect because they ignore the zonal restrictions on elected membership now in the Constitution. The committee suggests that the following be adopted to rectify this situation. It is complicated, but that is because the zonal restrictions in the Constitution are complicated to enforce, particularly when you take into account situations that will occur when there are nominees from outside North America, extra vacancies on the Committee due to resignation, death, etc. Since the required procedures are inherently complicated, in the general case, it seems best to figure out something that will work and write it down once rather than have each Business Meeting staff have to figure it out each year.

MOVED, to replace Standing Rule 3 with the following:

(a) Nominations from the floor for election to the Mark Registration and Protection Committee shall be allowed at each Preliminary Business Meeting. To be listed on the ballot, a nominee must, before the end of the last Preliminary Business Meeting, submit to the Presiding Officer, in writing, their consent and place of residence.

(b) Elections to the Committee shall be a special order of business at a Main Business Meeting. Voting shall be by preferential ballot with write-ins allowed. Write-in candidates who do not submit their written consent and place of residence before the ballots are collected shall be ignored. The ballot shall list, with each nominee, their place of residence and shall omit all nominees who can not be elected due to the zonal residence restrictions in the Constitution. In interpreting said zonal residence restrictions, a member of the Committee shall represent their zone of residence at the time of their election for their entire 3 year term, i.e., the phrase "at the time of election" in the Constitution means "at the time at which they were elected."

(c) All vacancies for elected memberships in the Committee shall be filled by one sequence of preferential eliminations divided into two stages. During the first stage the ballots shall be grouped into four categories based on the highest remaining candidate on each ballot, one category for each zone and one for outside North America; within each category, those with fewer votes shall be eliminated until there are as many candidates left who reside in each zone as the maximum number that could be elected from that zone and no more candidates left residing outside of North America than the total number of vacancies. If the number of candidates remaining after this first stage exceeds the number of vacancies, the elimination process shall proceed to the second stage, where the remaining candidates with fewest votes shall be successively eliminated regardless of residence until the number of candidates remaining is reduced to the number of vacancies. During both stages, invalid candidates shall be automatically eliminated and, of tied candidates, the candidate most recently having fewer votes during earlier eliminations shall be eliminated or, if the tie has existed at all earlier eliminations, one of the tied candidates shall be eliminated by lot.

#### **6. Finances**

The financial report of the committee will be submitted as a supplement to this report.

#### **7. Membership**

A list of the committee membership for the past year is attached.

*Donald E. Eastlake, III*  
*Chairman, Mark Registration and Protection Committee*

- ① All candidates are listed on one ballot w/ the usual pref. votes.
- ② Each seat is assigned to a zone
- ③ The seats in a given zone are treated as a group & the ballots are counted as usual, only candidates eligible in for those seats are counted.
- ④ This is done for each zone



# World Science Fiction Society

## Mark Registration and Protection Committee

Post Office Box 1270, Kendall Square Station, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02142, United States of America

### Membership 1987-1988

**87/88 Chairman: +1 (617) 244-2679**

**Donald Eastlake, III (appointed by Noreascon 3 through 1991)**  
**925 Dedham Street, Newton Centre, MA 02159, USA**

**87/88 Secretary-Treasurer: +1 (606) 987-0054**

**Scott Dennis (appointed by Nolacon 2 through 1990)**  
**347 West 2nd Street, Paris, KY 40361, USA**

#### Other Members:

— Kent Bloom (elected through 1988):

1802 Sanford Road, Silver Spring, MD 20902, USA

Colin Fine (appointed by Conspiracy '87 through 1989):

28 Abbey Road, Cambridge, CB5 3HQ, UNITED KINGDOM

Penny Frierson (appointed by Confederation through 1988):

3705 Woodvale Road, Birmingham, AL 35223, USA

— Jim Gilpatrick (elected through 1988)

3828 River Walk Drive, Duluth, GA 30136, USA

Liz Gross (elected through 1990)

376 Colonial Avenue, Worthington, OH 43085, USA

Bob Hillis (elected through 1990)

376 Colonial Avenue, Worthington, OH 43085, USA

Morris Keesan (appointed by ConFiction through 1992)

9 Surry Road, Arlington, MA 02174, USA

Sean M. McCoy (appointed by ConDiego through 1992)

PO Box 15471, San Diego, CA 92115, USA

Craig Miller (elected through 1989)

9027 Larke Ellen Circle, Los Angeles, CA 90035-4222, USA

Bruce Pelz (elected through 1989)

15931 Kalisher Street, Granada Hills, CA 91344, USA

Fran Skene (elected through 1989)

6-3957 Bond Street, Burnaby, BC, V5H 1E7, CANADA

Leslie Turek (elected through 1990):

6 Malden Street, Watertown, MA 02172, USA

— Benjamin Yalow (elected through 1988):

3242 Tibbett Avenue, Bronx, NY 10463, USA

[It is our understanding that Cactuscon has chosen not to exercise its authority to appoint a member.]

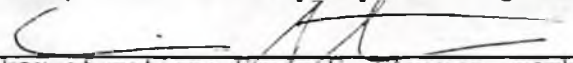
PROPOSAL TO ASSIGN ALL AVAILABLE SITES TO ONE OF FOUR REGION-BIDDING REGIONS (see reverse for maps of current bidding regions ("NOW"), and regions proposed below ("PROP"))  
SHORT TITLE: WORLDWIDE FOUR-ZONE ROTATION PLAN  
MOVED, to amend Article III of the WSFS Constitution by:

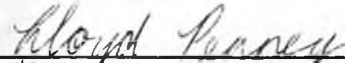
- o Deleting the first sentence of Section 6 (allowing any non-North-American site to bid in any year); and
- o Replacing the present Section 5 with the following:

To promote the accessibility of the WorldCon to all fans, and to encourage bids by reducing the element of chance, sites are divided into four (4) regions, as follows (islands, ocean areas and Antarctic sites are in the same region as the continental sites with which they are most naturally associated):

- (1) Pacific: Baja California, Arizona and New Mexico, and states, provinces and territorial districts to their north and west, Australasia, and Asia excluding the Middle East.
- (2) Central: Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama and states, provinces and territorial districts to their north; and Mexico (except for Baja California) and Central and South America.
- (3) Atlantic: Europe, Africa, the Middle East, and sites not in any other region.
- (4) Eastern: Florida, and states, provinces and territorial districts to its north and east.

The WorldCon shall be held in the first region above (Pacific) in 1993, and shall rotate sequentially through the regions in the order listed; PROVIDED THAT the WorldCon may be held in any year at any site, if there has been no WorldCon within five thousand (5000) kilometers of that site in the preceding ten (10) years; and PROVIDED THAT the following bids active at the time this amendment was enacted shall be permitted to bid in their declared years, as if they were in the appropriate regions for those years: Perth in 1994.

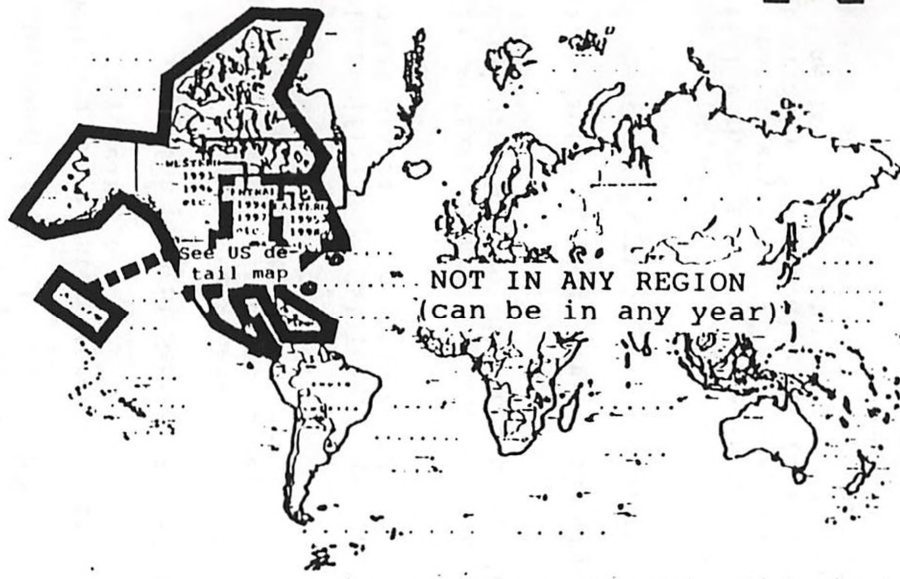
  
Maker of motion: Erwin S. Strauss, memb. #33A

  
Seconded: Lloyd Penney, memb. #557A

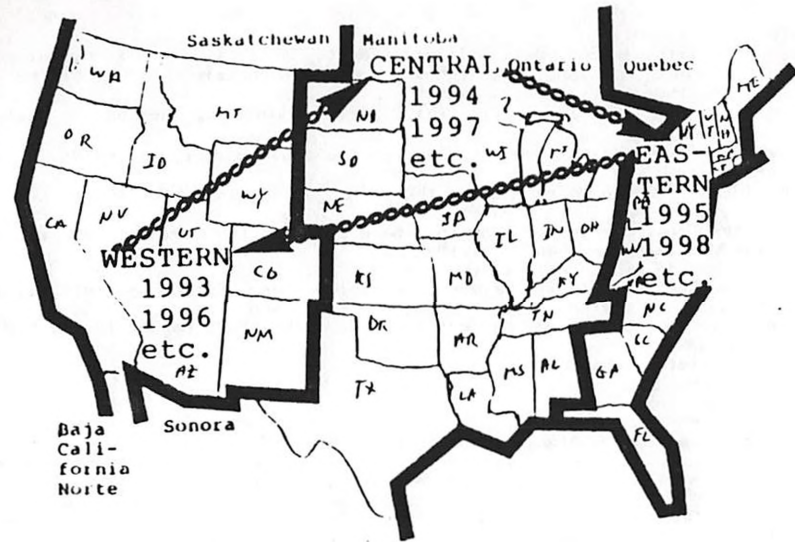
EXACT SPECIFICATION OF REGIONS

- (1) Pacific: The smaller of the two regions into which the Earth is divided by the line consisting of:
  - The border between:
    - . Baja California Sur, Baja California Norte, Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, Saskatchewan and the Mackenzie District of the Northwest Territories; and
    - . States, Provinces and Territorial Districts bordering them on the east; and
  - The meridian from the westernmost point of the above border, to the North Pole; and
  - The meridian from the North Pole to the point 76 degrees North, 70 degrees East; and
  - The shorter Great Circle arc from the above point to the northern end of the Ural Mountain continental divide; and
  - The above divide (which ends at the Caspian Sea); and
  - The shorter Great Circle arc between the southern end of the above divide, and the point 40 degrees North, 52 degrees East; and
  - The meridian due south from the southern end of the above border to the border between:
    - . The Soviet Union; and
    - . Iran; and
  - The border between:
    - . Iran; and
    - . The Soviet Union, Afghanistan and Pakistan; and
  - The shorter Great Circle arc from the southernmost point of the above border to the point 35 degrees South, 80 degrees East; and
  - The shorter Great Circle arc from the above point to the South Pole; and
  - The shorter Great Circle arc from the South Pole to the southernmost point of the first border above.
- (2) Central: the smaller of the two regions into which the Earth is divided by the line consisting of:
  - The eastern boundary of the Pacific region; and
  - The meridian to the South Pole from the southernmost point of the border between:
    - . Baja California Sur; and
    - . Sinaloa; and
  - The meridian from the South Pole to the point 20 degrees East on the Equator; and
  - The shorter Great Circle arc from the above point to the easternmost point of Brazil; and
  - The northern border of the countries of South and Central America, from the above point to the northernmost point of the Yucatan Peninsula; and
  - The shorter Great Circle arc from the above point to the southernmost point of the border between:
    - . Florida; and
    - . Alabama; and
  - The border between:
    - . Alabama, Tennessee, Kentucky, Ohio, Ontario and the Keewat in District of the Northwest Territories; and
    - . States, Provinces and Territorial Districts bordering them on the east; and
  - The limit of Canadian waters from the easternmost point of the above border, to the northernmost point of that limit; and
  - The meridian from the above point to the North Pole.
- (3) Atlantic: all sites not included in any of the other three regions.
- (4) Eastern: the smaller of the two regions into which the Earth is divided by the line consisting of:
  - The eastern boundary of the Central region; and
  - The meridian from the North Pole to the point 75 North on the Prime Meridian.
  - The shorter Great Circle arc from the above point to the point 60 North, 35 West; and
  - The meridian from the above point to the point 37 North, 35 West; and
  - The shorter Great Circle arc from the above point to the point 20 degrees West on the Equator.

# NOW



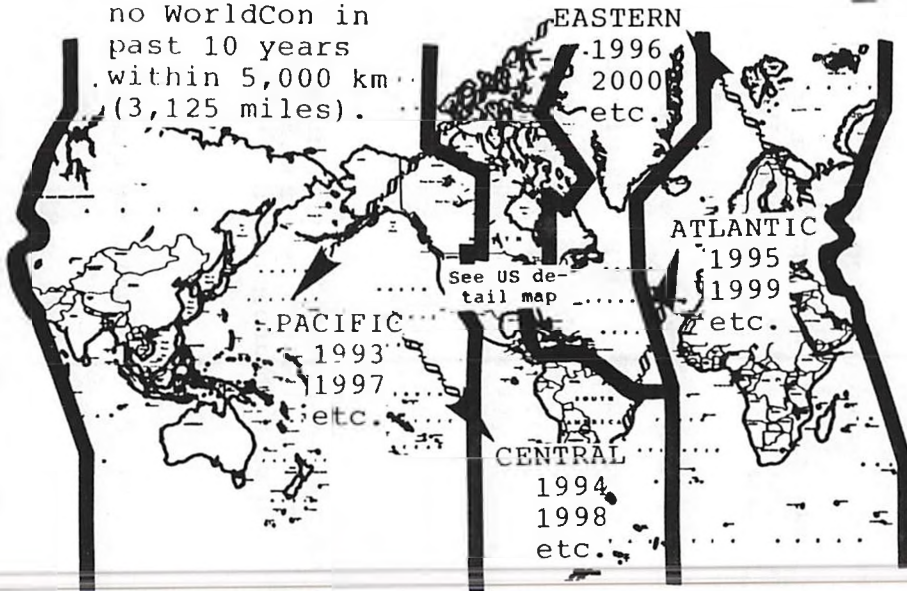
Mercator Projection World Map



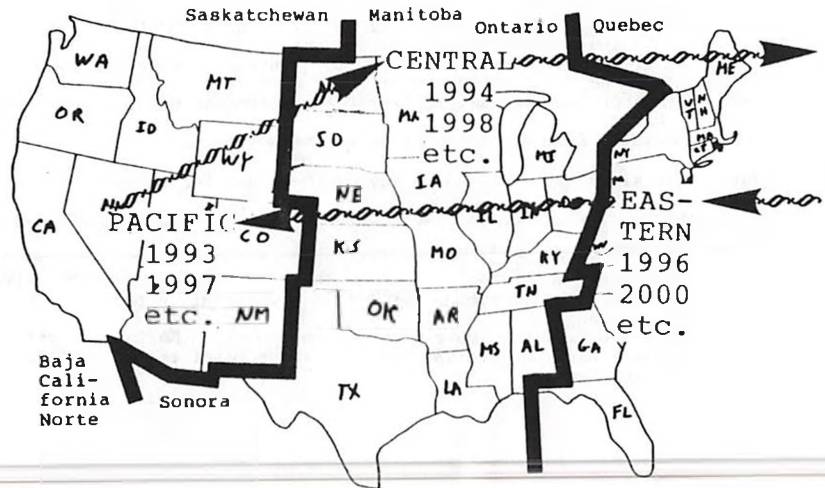
United States Detail Map

# PROP

Any site can be in any year, if no WorldCon in past 10 years within 5,000 km (3,125 miles).



Mercator Projection World Map



United States Detail Map

Separation of the NASFiC from the WSFS Constitution

Whereas the presence of the North American Science Fiction Convention or NASFiC in the WSFS Constitution is a source of controversy, and

Whereas no other local, regional, national, or continental convention is regulated in the WSFS Constitution,

Therefore, be it resolved

6 mins

TO AMEND THE WSFS CONSTITUTION by adding two sections to Article IV:

"Upon the adoption and ratification of a separate set of governing documents for the NASFiC, all references to the North American Science Fiction Convention or NASFiC shall be removed from the WSFS Constitution, and the NASFiC mark shall be transferred to the new organization. The governing documents shall be adopted by any Business Meeting for a NASFiC or a Worldcon in North America, and ratified by a Business Meeting for the next NASFiC or the next Worldcon in North America."

"There shall be a NASFiC Separation and Drafting Committee which shall propose a set of governing documents for the NASFiC, together with any other necessary plans to implement the separation of the NASFiC from the WSFS. The Committee shall consist of one (1) member appointed to serve at the pleasure of each future selected NASFiC or Worldcon Committee in North America and each of the NASFiC or Worldcon Committees in North America for the preceding three (3) years, and between three (3) and six (6) selected from time to time by the Business Meeting of Worldcons in North America. Of the three to six selected members, at least one and at most two may be residing, at the time of selection, in any single North American region, as defined in Article III, Section 5, and at least one shall be a citizen or resident of Canada. If vacancies occur in selected memberships in the committee, the Committee may temporarily fill the vacancies. The Committee shall determine and elect its own officers."

Robert C. Sacks

Bruce Tom

# World Science Fiction Society®

## Resolutions and Rulings of Continuing Effect

### 1987 Business Meeting, Brighton, England.

Tim Stannard, Presiding Officer  
Tim Illingworth, Secretary  
Ben Yalow, Parliamentarian

CH-87-1 The chair ruled that a quorum need not be present to hear reports.

### 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 in this case.
- 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;
- c. PBS, NPR, and their local affiliates, for the production and/or sponsorship of science fiction programming; and
- d. 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*

tee 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 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 also continued a WSFS Constitution Drafting Committee that had been set up even earlier. This committee existed for a number of years, 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 permanent Standing Rules for the Governance of the WSFS Business Meeting, as provided in the Constitution, were adopted.*

### 1977 Business Meeting, Miami Beach, Florida.

Bob Hillis, Presiding Officer  
Larry Smith, Secretary

**CH-77-1** The Convention Chairman asserted a right to co-preside at the Business Meeting without replacing the Presiding Officer.

**CH-77-2** The chair ruled that an Objection to Consideration could not be made unless good reasons for the objection were given. The ruling of the chair was appealed and the chair was overruled.

**NOTE :** *Minutes are not available for the 1977 Business Meeting. The above is based on notes made by Bob Hillis after consultation with Larry Smith.*



## 1976 Business Meeting, Kansas City, Arizona.

Bob Hillis, Presiding Officer  
Larry Smith, Secretary  
George Scithers, Parliamentarian

**CH-76-1** Immediately after calling the meeting to order, the Presiding Officer asked for an received a unanimous vote to the effect that the Constitution printed in the program book was invalid and that a document distributed to the Business Meeting was the valid current Constitution with a set of pending amendments as passed at AussieCon. (A minor correction was later made, after researching the original language passed in 1972 at LACon I, in the wording of the separate eligibility of the English language translation of a work originally published in a language other than English.)

**NOTE :** *Previous practice was to incorporate all changes in the text with the understanding that the change was not binding on the next WorldCon unless it wished to observe this. Considerable confusion resulted. In addition there had been attempts to adopte major changes at DisCon II in 1974 and AussieCon in 1975 while bypassing the one year delay. Bill Brown had ruled that changes made at Discon II needed to be ratified but changes at AussieCon went into effect immediatley.*

**CH-76-2** The chair ruled that amendments could be offered to constitutional amendments pending ratification provided that the proposed change would constitute a lesser change from the existing Constitution than the original language passed the previous year.

**NOTE :** *This Business Meeting adopted a set of Standing Rules, asserting its authority over its own procedures, but these were not yet provided for in the Constitution.*

**NOTE :** *Minutes are not available for the 1976 Business Meeting. The above is baed on notes made by Bob Hillis after consultation with Larry Smith.*

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