



P.S.F.S. News

The Newsletter of the Philadelphia Science Fiction Society

October 1991

Lloyd Eschbach

& David Kyle

Announcements

The October Meeting program will be authors Lloyd Eschbach and David Kyle, speaking together regarding their planned "Lensman" book and about the early days of fandom and fanzines.

There will be a ratification vote at the October meeting to confirm the appointment of Anne Norton as Chair of the Philcon '92 Committee.

Please sign the sign-in book yourself. We want your signature, not someone else's in your space. This will help us to verify that you are who you say you are.

The October meeting is the last one in the current membership determination period. If your mailing label indicates that you have attended 4 meetings, attending this meeting is your last chance to attain Active Membership status this year, enabling you to vote in the January elections. As always, if you don't sign in, *you weren't present*.

Robin's Bookstore has agreed to give all members of the Society a 15% discount on all regularly-priced merchandise through December of 1991. Bring in a copy of this newsletter, and show them this announcement, to receive your discount. Robin's Bookstores are located at 1837 Chestnut St., and at 108 South 13th St.

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Membership Status

New Members: Dennis Brown
Nominees: Roman Ranieri
Members at September Meeting: 52

P.S.F.S. Birthdays

If you don't see your name here and you would like to, please send your name and birth date (year not necessary) to: P.S.F.S. Birthday List, Philadelphia S.F. Society, P. O. Box 8303, Philadelphia, PA 19101.

Oct 1 Rosemarie Freeman
Oct 6 Saul Snitkin
Oct 10 John Betancourt
Oct 11 Sandy Pomerantz
Oct 16 Walter Amos
Oct 25 Henry Lazarus
Oct 28 Sylvia de Lombardi
Nov 4 Becky Kaplowitz

Nov 5 Julia Malik
Nov 7 John Syms
Nov 10 Gene Olmsted
Nov 10 Donna M. Smith
Nov 11 Diane Weinstein
Nov 17 Michael S. Knepper
Nov 21 Chuck Whitney
Nov 30 Milton Rothman

Minutes

September General Meeting

Minutes of the general meeting, held on September 13, 1991, 8:00 p.m., in the South America room at International House, 37th & Chestnut Sts., Philadelphia, PA. The meeting was called to order at 8:10 p.m.

Corrections to the Minutes

Oz gave the following corrections to the minutes: Board meeting was Monday, August 11, not Sunday August 9. The Philcon meeting was Sunday, August 10, not Sunday, August 11. Carol pointed out that Sunday was August 11, because her Birthday was Monday, August 12. Joni checked her calendar and concurred with Carol.

The announcement section on page one where it says "You must attend five meetings per year" should be changed to "You must attend five meetings per fifteen month overlapping determination phase". (The actual line read "...which requires that you attend five meetings this year" — CK)

Strike the word "system" from the Vice-President's report given at the August General meeting.

Under Philcon '91 where it says Julian May has never been a guest at a convention before, it should say Julian May has never been a principal guest at a convention before. (Here is what Oz actually said in August: "Julian May advised me that she has never accepted any of the other previous invitations she's been issued to be a guest of any convention. This is the first time she has ever accepted one." — CK)

The guest speakers for October should be Lloyd Eschbach and David Kyle, not Lloyd Alexander and David Kyle. (The names listed in the Meeting Notices list came from Oz's Vice-President report at the June Board Meeting and recorded in the July 1991 Newsletter. This report was not corrected at the following meeting. — CK)

Under New Business where it says that [Oz] made a motion to table the creation of the Philcon committee for '92, until this month as a special order of business, it should say [Oz] made a motion to table it generally with the normal rules applying to tabling.

Carol tried to tell Oz that what he said was printed in the Newsletter was not what was in the newsletter. Oz ignored her. Joni said it was mentioned that it would be a special order of business when it was brought back up. Oz said that after he made the motion John Syms asked if it would be a special order of business and Oz replied that he'd just made the standard motion to table.

John said that Janis said that it would be coming up this month.

Under the Board of Directors new business there is a statement that Pete made a motion and that there was no second: Oz said that Pete withdrew the motion, but the discussion of the motion was not listed in the newsletter. John Syms pointed out that the discussion did not have to be in the newsletter. Oz was upset that the discussion of Mark Roth's comments were listed and not the ones for Pete's motion.

Yoel moved, (unknown) second, to approve minutes as corrected. Carol disputed the corrections that Oz made. Carol said first of all she did not report that Oz was going to make his motion to table a special order of business, but that he made it a motion to table until next month. Oz asked for recollections of the motion he made at the August General meeting. Joni said that what Carol reported was correct. Oz said that there are two points to be decided: Was [Oz's motion] a special order of business and 2nd was it tabled till this meeting.

The Society voted that its recollection of what occurred at the prior meeting (re. Oz's motion) was: The vote on "tabled till this meeting": 13 - 0. The vote on "a special order of business": 5 - 4 - many.

Approved as corrected, Many - 1 with the Secretary abstaining.

Officers' Reports

President: Oz reported that Janis is still recovering from her back injury.

Vice-President: Pam and George are our guest speakers tonight.

Secretary: "I would like it to be known that there is no possible way I can mis-remember anything said at a meeting since I record every meeting." Oz said that wasn't true, that Carol has been wrong in the past. Oz said he would leave it to the Society's recollection. Carol said she was willing to give the tape of last

month's meeting to the Oversight Committee to determine what was correct.

Oz was reminded by Laura Syms that he went straight to the President's Report after the two votes and never took the vote on approving the minutes. Oz then asked for the vote.

Treasurer: As of 9-13-91:

Vanguard.....	65,093.69
First Pennsylvania Checking.....	1,236.05
First Pennsylvania Savings.....	680.28
Meridian Checking.....	1,871.27
Total.....	68,881.29

We got another request to donate to TV12 and several misc. pieces of junk mail from the bank. Todd is accepting money for Philcon pre-regs and the Den.

Two Year Director, Anne Norton: No report.

Two Year Director, Donna Smith: (Referred to by Oz as a One Year Director) No report.

One Year Director, Pete Radatti: (Referred to by Oz as a Two Year Director) There was an article about Philip K. Dick in the newspaper. He purchased a collection of used books and found "The Story of the Stone" which he said was excellent.

Committee Reports

Book and Movie Discussions: See "Upcoming Events" for current list of events.

Special Events: See "Upcoming Events" for current list of events.

Philcon '91: We received a letter from Julian May. She has received the plane tickets. She and her husband are looking forward to Philcon. She has declined being guest of honor at 14 conventions because the hassle was more than she could put up with. Our offer of Special Guest status and the reputation of Philcon as an event that takes SF writers more seriously than media types and gamers leads her to hope that she will enjoy herself very much in Philadelphia.

Annual Banquet: The banquet was changed in date and location. It will be held at the Adams' Mark Hotel on Saturday, October 12. The cost is \$27.81 per person. The main course would be chicken. Times: Open cash bar - 6:00pm, Dinner 7 - 8:30, Program 8:30 - 9, Dancing 9 - 1am.

Publicity: Pete said we're sending letters to the local newspapers and getting good response.

No Fund: John thanked John Desmond who donated stuff tonight. He had two bags tonight.

Proxies

Gene Olmsted to Sara Paul

Special Order of Business

Creating the Philcon 1992 Committee.

Joni spoke in favor of opening the committee so we could look like reasonable adults again and put out a flyer at Philcon. She said, "Last year we managed to look like a reasonably functioning community of adults by having a flyer out on the table announcing our Philcon '91 guests. I think we should continue that precedent, especially since our closest competitors Lunacon, Balticon, Disclave, and Boskone can do the same." She said that if we only voted to form a committee to pick the Principal guests she was in favor of it.

Oz asked if John wanted to amend his proposal of last month and Joni said she did not propose changing it until worst came to worst. John said he didn't want to change it.

John said, "The reason why I've been trying to do this [because] it makes us look more professional as a Society to have everything ready and in place for the next year at that year's convention. Also, it allows whoever is appointed to the Chairmanship of the next convention a chance to evaluate those people who are in the positions that year. [To see who might be better qualified to run the departments.] To get more new blood into the Society." He also pointed out that this was the second year that the President of the Society and the Chair of Philcon were not the same person. He thought that handling both jobs would be too much strain for one person.

Anne said, "It seems to me the basic difficulty here is the Chairman of Philcon would like to be able to choose the Guest of Honor and the guests, and the President of the Society nominates the Chair of Philcon, either themselves or someone else. If you really want, and it makes sense to me to have the guests picked over a year in advance, we either need to elect the Chair separately of Philcon, irregardless of who's President, and take that away from the new President as a nomination and perhaps hold an election for the Chair - or - we need to elect the President earlier. Maybe we can change the P.S.F.S.'s year so that the President is elected in September so that then they can appoint the chair of Philcon

and have a guest."

Oz relinquished the chair to Carol and said, "Let's have a history lesson, folks. It's been 56 years now the Society's been in existence."

Todd called for a point of information, and reminded everyone that it was 15 minutes till 9.

Oz resumed, "We've had a Society in existence for 56 years. For that period of time we have had the person who is elected President appoint the Chair of Philcon either directly or with the ratification for all of those years. There have been two instances in which the person who was President of the Society chose, for reasons of their own, not to be Chair of Philcon. There have been various arguments as to why we need to depart from 56 years of tradition. Let's consider those real carefully and see if they make any sense to us. One reason is the person who is going to be Chair of Philcon in the future, can examine what the people who are in Philcon currently are doing. Well, the reality of the situation is no one is going to come out from on Chestnut Street tonight and become Chair of Philcon in 1992. The people who are going to be Chair of Philcon next year are people who are currently involved in the Philcon committee. There is no one who is going to be Chair of Philcon who isn't already in a position to see what it is that people are doing. Secondly, the ancient argument is raised, you need three years, two years, six years, ten years to get guests of honor for Philcon. That argument is flatly false. Julian May who has accepted no invitations in her 25 year history was confirmed as a special guest of Philcon in the first week of August of 1991. That was due to special circumstances this year which hopefully will never be repeated. Remember what happened last year; the Society voted to depart from tradition so far as to have a committee that would pick, not start the Philcon committee, but would pick the Principal Speaker of Philcon and the Artist Guest of Philcon. What happened is there was a meeting in which people voted upon who those people would be. The meeting took a vote in which they voted for a person, who was at that time, the guest of honor at Lunacon, David Brin and also Mobius. Both of these people were in Paris at that time, although their residences later changed. The net result of it was, within normal financial terms, the current Chair of Philcon, the person who actually became Chair of Philcon a few months down the road, could not for financial reasons appoint any single person who was actually, in my case, my own choice, until we managed to go down to a convoluted process of actually getting the money freed for a variety of reasons, which I've explained to people as they've developed. The real point of the matter is that you need to know who's going to be interested in running Philcon. You need to know which people will be available to help run the Society. Traditionally, you look to see how Philcon does — Philcon has done real well recently — but you look to see how Philcon does and you make decisions based upon the people who are involved in running it at that time. To make a decision before the convention is held, flies in the face of what we've always done. It also flies in the face of what, when we set this thing up, we intended. So, I don't really see there's any reason, any justification, for doing it. If people think — as Julian May has pointed out, we have an extraordinary high reputation throughout the professional world. If people think that's important to us to have guests before Philcon for other reasons and you would note that our attendance over the years that we have been doing it the old way has increased without exception, but if we have to have guests for some reason we can have those guests by doing some kind of arrangement similar to what we did last year. There is no reason to start the Philcon committee early and try and find someone who's going to try and chair Philcon 1992 before we know what the final picture is going to be at the beginning of next year."

Carol gave Oz back the chair of the meeting and the list of people waiting in queue to speak. Oz said that since he was now chair he could pick the order of those who wished to speak regardless of the order their names appeared on paper.

Laura said, "I wanted to point out just a couple things to people. I know it's been discussed back and forth about the President having the right, many Presidents since time began at Philcon (she meant to say P.S.F.S. — CK) have decided they wanted to run for — that they wanted to be Chairman of Philcon, too. It was one of the perks that the President got for all the troubles of being President of P.S.F.S. and in exchange got to have the fun of being Chairman of Philcon and inviting the guests that he wanted. As Ozzie pointed out just last year since this committee that chose guests didn't necessarily choose who he wanted; he got the chance to invite the special guests. As he pointed out to you he had to wait till he had financial constraints. I do remind you, Ozzie, that you are the one who agreed to those financial constraints, they weren't forced upon you. In the past two or three years when we've had the guests

invited before we had the chairman we've left the position of special guests to the chairman to invite who he wanted. I'd like to point out to our esteemed Chairman that, yes, he did get Julian May to come and, yes, it is a great coup, and how many people did our esteemed Chairman go through before he came down to Julian May. How many people did he try to invite who said, 'gee, I'm sorry, I'm committed to too many cons already.'

Oz said, "I'd love to answer that."

Laura said, "So, if we get our guests coming early that's great. You're right, we could do with just a Committee of Guests. We had a committee this year that let everyone on it? I know two people who volunteered and weren't appointed to that committee."

Oz said, "There was no one who raised their hand who was not appointed."

John Syms said, "I did."

Oz said, "There were several people who were appointed who didn't show up."

John Syms said, "I wasn't."

Laura said, "If the President feels that he, or she, wants to be Chairman of Philcon, I have the perfect answer. The President of the Society, no matter when he or she is elected, appoints the Chairman of Philcon. If we establish the Philcon 1992 committee right now the President of the Society may appoint the Philcon 1992 chairperson. If she, since our President right now is a woman, wants to be Chairman in '92, she may appoint herself. If next year's President gets upset that he or she did not get the chance to be Chairman in '92 he or she may appoint himself to Chairman of '93. You do not give up your perk of Chairman of Philcon you just give up the aggravation of being Chairman of Philcon and President of the Society in the same year."

Oz said, "Let me just answer a point of information. There was a question raised in the course of that speech as to how many people the esteemed Chair of Philcon contacted to be special guest who turned me down because they were committed to other conventions. The answer to that is zero. Let me tell you what happened in exacting detail so the Society will know."

Gary told Oz that he couldn't go into details. That he had answered the point of information and to go further would be debate.

Todd said, "First of all, having done this this year of accepting memberships at the prior convention Philcon made a great deal of money. This is good for the Society. Whatever we do, we should try and do this again. Secondly, there is no reason why we cannot select the guests in advance. No one is saying that it is difficult to get a guest a week, a day, the morning of the convention, the point being, it is a hell of a lot easier to get them the earlier you pick them. So there is nothing against picking the guest a year or whatever in advance. Thirdly, if the President at the current time, or whenever we get this thing in here, ends up having to pick a Chair for the following year, all we've done is give one lucky person a shot at two Chairmanship picks and everybody else moves down a year. I don't think anybody is being cheated out being run for the chairmanship of Philcon. And I do think that this does reflect badly on the Society if we cannot manage to get a committee running to pick an entire set of guests. We're not even necessarily going to have to go through the whole committee although it's probably a good idea to get everything. All we really need is a guest and a hotel and a day [and membership prices], everything else can be done later, admittedly that's the thing that people like to argue over, but if we can't get that done in advance when everybody else is managing to do that then we look like very bad Science Fiction Fans."

John Prenis said, "I'm just wondering, if Lunacon and Boskone can manage this, how do they do it?"

Oz said, "They have a different way of doing it. They have a different way of selecting chairs."

Yoel said, "There is one other thing we have to consider. If we go with our normal route that's been tradition, the Chair does not get picked until February or March or as late as April. For us, depending which President picks the one. And to leave the decisions about the committee until January, February or March when a good percentage of the major conventions start taking place in February, March and April means we lose a lot of our publicity time. And starting in April for a convention in November, or even in February, that's a little too long [to wait] given the size of the convention we're doing. We're not dealing with conventions as we were [when our attendance was] a 1,000 or less."

Michele said, "We are a much bigger convention than we were. Getting started earlier means we get finished earlier. There is no excuse for leaving the final plans for a month before the convention. That's terrible. I feel that since it is so big and it's such a responsible job that I don't think that the President of the Society be allowed to chair Philcon during the same year. I think they're two separate jobs and there's too much responsibility doing both at the same time."

Donna moved, many second, to extend business 15 minutes. Passed 13 - 1.

Donna said, "Tradition is good as long as it works. Things were a lot different 56 years ago about inviting guests and doing conventions and there weren't thousands of people involved in it."

Barb said, "I am in favor of opening this committee. I am in favor of having a chair. Very simply, I think that one of these years, the way we can maneuver this is, one of our Presidents picks the Philcon Chair for that year and for the next year. This will be a one time prerogative. This will get us a year ahead. Which is where I think we ought to be for the size con that we are running. It will give us the chance to pick the guests. It will get us time to get our flyers together, get everything together, so that we can have everything ready for this Philcon. We can publicize next Philcon at this Philcon. This is a good thing, because we have our captive audience here and we can really suck them in early. Plus we can get the good guests, too. I agree that tradition is fine when it works; I don't think it works anymore. Fandom has made a point of flaunting tradition, that's kinda what we live for, guys, that's why we're here."

Joyce said, "As a past Philcon Chairman who was appointed LATE, let me tell you the hassles of trying to get a guest when you are appointed two months after normal chairmen take office. It was a real pain trying to get a Principal Speaker. I had four people turn me down, because they had previous commitments and I ended up having to steal a guest who was going to come and speak at P.S.F.S. so that they could be Principal Speaker at Philcon. The later you wait, the tougher it gets. And in the past we have opened what's called an Anniversary Committee for publicity and starting things up way back in '84 for '86 and that worked pretty well. So I think we should open it up early and appoint a Chairman."

Pete said, "I have to admit both sides of this argument has convinced me I'd like to vote both ways. I'd also like to suggest that we pick a champion from each side, lock them in the little closet over there and whoever emerges wins. Since none of this seems likely to happen, I'd like to call the question."

Todd yelled, "Second!" with Gary close behind.

Oz said, "There's a prior motion for trial by combat, but I rule that out of order." Gary reminded Oz of our standing rules. Oz continued, "The motion to call the question is in fact seconded. Now under our standing rules we're required to determine how many other individuals present here wish to speak on this issue. Please so signify by raising your hands."

No one raised their hands so Oz said there was no need to call the question. Gary told him to state the question. Oz said, "Shall the membership create the Philcon 1992 committee at this time under the terms and provisions of the bylaws which would require the President of the Society to determine an appointee to be Chair and the membership later to vote after the President had made her choice. By the way, the President is present in the room. Do you wish to resume the chairmanship?"

Janis replied, "I would just prefer to sit here quietly."

Oz asked for a show of hands. The motion passed 32 + 1 proxy to 1.

Todd moved, John second, to close business. Passed 30 - 0.

Adjournment

The meeting recessed at 9:08, reconvened at 9:17, and adjourned approximately 10:30.

Board Meeting Minutes

September Board Meeting

The Board Meeting scheduled for Monday, September 16, at the Fontecchio's. Meeting was called to order at 8:15 p.m. Present: Oz & Janis Fontecchio, Carol & Rich Kabakjian, Todd Dashoff, Donna Smith, Anne Norton, Pete Radatti, John Syms, Hank Smith

Officers' Reports

President's Report: "Thank you for coming."

Vice-President's Report: (See below.)

Secretary's Report: None.

Treasurer's Report: "Same. I gave it yesterday."

2 year Director-Anne: "Hi."

2 year Director-Donna: "Hello."

1 year Director-Pete: "I brought donuts."

Committee Reports

Philcon: Oz spoke to Mike Jittlov. He will have a two hour spot on the program on Sunday. Everything has worked out.

Old Business

None.

New Business:

We received three standing rule proposals.

Re #1: Oz spoke to Gary about whether you could change the membership requirements and Gary was of the opinion that it would take a bylaws amendment to change what it means to be a member of the Society; that it changes what it means to attend a meeting. Discussion began. Oz reminded everyone that Pennsylvania Corporate Law defines a business meeting as being until adjournment and that we don't adjourn until after the entertainment. There was more discussion. Most people present thought it unfair that some people, who constantly arrive at the meetings around 9 o'clock and miss the business portion, should be able to have the voting rights as those who arrived by 8:00 and sat through all the boring drek and details. Most thought that a person couldn't know enough about what's going on in the Society if they only attended the program portion of the meetings. Todd said that another reason he signed the proposal was to get the sign-in book off his table in order to finish the accounts and hear what was going on at the meeting. Janis directed Oz to arrange to have the book placed on another table near the main entrance and to make sure that would be off-limits to any and all dealers. Oz doesn't want to see the requirements for membership become even more strict than they are. (The majority present agreed with him.)

Janis moved, Oz second, to remand the motion to the people who proposed the standing rule and to Gary, and re-write it into a Bylaws amendment. Janis withdrew her motion. Pete took up the same motion. Passed 4 - 3.

Re #2: There was lively discussion. Carol was asked how many Standing Rules we currently have and she said there are four. Pete called the question. The Board's consensus was to change proposal number two to a bylaws amendment. Todd wrote the below listed bylaws amendment as the replacement. Every member of the Board signed it and voted to recommend it to the Society. Passed unanimously.

Re #3: After sufficient discussion the Board decided that proposal number three didn't have to be a standing rule. It was suggested that the wording be changed to: Whenever possible the Secretary will provide written copies of any oral or written motions, etc., she has to the Board members. Carol said she would do this without any motion. It was pointed out that although Carol was willing to do this, but other Secretaries might not. Carol said she could include such instructions in the Secretary's Duties paper in her possession. The Board agreed to have her do so.

Standing Rules Proposals:

We the undersigned hereby move that the following standing rules be established:

- (1) That the membership book be closed at the end of the business meeting and no one who is not present by that time be permitted to sign it;
- (2) That all standing rules must be printed and distributed with any and all editions of the by-laws; and
- (3) That copies of any motions, by-laws amendments or standing rules motions that are to be discussed by the board be made available to all board members at the board meeting immediately following the general meeting at which they were proposed.

Signed by: Laura Paskman Syms, Joyce L. Carroll, Barbara Lynn Higgins, John Syms, Sara Paul, Donna M. Smith, Joni Brill Dashoff, Todd Dashoff

Bylaws Amendment:

Article 7, Section 4: (Original)

Every active and general member, and any other member who so requests shall be provided with an up-to-date copy of the Bylaws and the Articles of Incorporation. Every new member shall be informed of this right upon their admission to membership.

Moved, to amend Article 7, Section 4 by adding:

" , Standing Rules," following the word "Bylaws".

Signed by Todd Dashoff, Donna M. Smith, Ozzie Fontecchio, Anne Norton, Janis Fontecchio, Pete Radatti, Carol Kabakjian

Next Meeting: See Meeting Announcements

Upcoming Events

Film Discussions:

Saturday, October 26 — "Doña Flores and Her Two Husbands". 8pm, at Oz & Janis Fontecchio's, 652 Van Kirk St., Philadelphia, (215) 342-1672.

Book Discussions:

Sunday, October 27 — "The Time Machine" by H. G. Wells. 2pm, at Oz & Janis Fontecchio, 652 Van Kirk St., Philadelphia, (215) 342-1672.

Meeting Notices

Unless otherwise specified, General Meetings of the Society will be held on the second Friday of each month in the South America room at International House, 37th & Chestnut Sts., Philadelphia, PA. Business meeting starts at 8:00 p.m. Program starts at 9:00 p.m.

October General Meeting will be held Friday, October 11, 1991. The speakers will be Lloyd Eschbach and David Kyle. A vote will be taken to ratify the appointment of Anne Norton as Chair of the Philcon '92 Committee.

November General Meeting will be held Friday, November 15, 1991. The speaker will be David Brin. (This meeting will be held during Philcon in the Ballroom at the Adam's Mark Hotel, and does not count toward membership determination.)

Board of Directors: next meeting will be held on Monday, October 14, 8:00 p.m. at Donna M. Smith's, 3262 Teesdale St. 1st Fl., Philadelphia, (215) 335-1216

Philcon '91 Committee: next meeting will be held on Sunday, October 13, 2:00 p.m. at Todd & Joni Dashoff's, 830 Barlow St., Philadelphia, (215) 676-4194. The subject for this meeting is the Program Book proofing.

Philcon '91 Committee: the second October meeting will be held on Saturday, October 26, 2:00 p.m. at Anne Norton's, 609 Cleveland Ave., Riverside, NJ, (609) 764-8294. This is the meeting for the entire committee.

About the Society

The Philadelphia Science Fiction Society is a non-profit organization that meets monthly to discuss and promote science fiction and fantasy in literature, the arts and popular culture. Meetings are held the second Friday of each month, at the International House, 37th & Chestnut Sts., Philadelphia. Meetings consist of business proceedings, from 8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., followed by a guest speaker involved in some area of science fiction or fantasy, such as writers, editors, artists, publishers, etc...

In addition, P.S.F.S. sponsors an annual science fiction conference, Philcon, and has many special interest subgroups, such as the Book Discussion Group, which meets monthly to discuss a work of science fiction or fantasy, and the Special Events Group, which attends science fiction and fantasy movies and other events.

Membership in the Society is open to everyone. Becoming a member is easy: attend 1 meeting (we'll say, "Hello"). At your second meeting, you can nominate yourself for membership (or ask someone else to nominate you). At the next meeting you attend following your nomination, you're eligible to be voted in as a General Member. Our current dues are \$3.00/meeting, or \$15.00 for a full year's membership, and attendance at 5 meetings each year maintains the status of Active Member.



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