## Fenzance Factsheet

### Bolume 3, Number 2, Bhole Number 4

Spring, 1995

Hello and welcome to the fourth issue of Fenzance Factsheet, the newsletter of the "Pirates of Fenzance," the Baltimore in '98 Worldcon' Bid Committee. We plan to publish one final issue this year, to be distributed prior to the 1998 Site Selection at Intersection. Fenzance Factsheet is distributed free of charge to all presupporters of the Baltimore in '98 Worldcon bid.

#### Pirates Invade the Web

The Pirates of Fenzance are pleased (and somewhat astonished) to announce the opening of a World Wide Web Home Page of our very own. It can be found at http://www.access.digex.net/~balt98

It's full of pointers to information about science fiction, Baltimore, the bid, Worldcons, site selection voting, Gilbert and Sullivan, and, of course, pirates. An electronic version of this newsletter is also available. If any of you net.surfers out there have suggestions for additional on-line resources on any of these topics, please let us know.

## Pitates Follow Abmital Pavlat to 1998 Borldcon

At the February meeting of the Baltimore in 1998 Worldcon Bid Committee (the "Pirates of Fenzance") Peggy Rae Pavlat was elected to serve as the 1998 Worldcon Chair-

person if Baltimore is chosen to be the 1998 Worldcon site. Peggy Rae beat out a relieved Covert Beach (who admits to having voted for Peggy Rae) in the election.

#### Bho is Peggn Rae?

Peggy Rae is a second generation fan. Her mother, father and step-mother were active in the Philadelphia Science Fiction Society (PSFS) and her stepfather was active in the Washington Science Fiction Association (WSFA) and was the Treasurer for Discon I in 1963 and Discon II in 1974. Her father machined the first Hugo Awards in 1953.

When she was twelve, Peggy Rae convinced her parents to take her with them to Philcon. She had a great time. They had a great time also.

During the late 1950s, Peggy Rae served as Secretary and Vice President of PSFS. Peggy Rae began publishing her own amateur magazine, *Etwas*, in 1960. She met Washington-area fan Bob Pavlat at her first Worldcon, Pittcon, in 1960. They were married in College Park, Maryland and attended the 1964 Midwest-con during their honeymoon.

Peggy Rae earned a BS in economics from Goddard College in Plainfield, Vermont, and then lived in Pasadena, California for nearly a year. There were fans everywhere.

Peggy Rae helped at many conventions through the years. She filled out the Noreascon II (the 1980 Worldcon in Boston) questionnaire and checked off that she'd be willing to help. Some weeks later a letter arrived asking her to do Press Relations for the 1980 Worldcon! She soon discovered that this was a lot of fun as well as a lot of work!

Peggy Rae has run programming and registration for numerous Disclaves (the local Washington, DC, SF convention). She chaired the 1991 Disclave and published and edited *The Edges Of Things*, the GOH book by Lewis Shiner and Alicia Austin.

Peggy Rae agreed to do Press Relations for Chicon IV (the 1982 Worldcon in Chicago). She was re-

cruited to do Programming and Special Events for the 1983 Worldcon, ConStellation in Baltimore. Several months before this Worldcon, her husband of nineteen years, Bob Pavlat died suddenly. Wonderful staff and pre-planning allowed her to continue with the Worldcon.

Peggy Rae developed Programming for ConFederation, the 1986 Worldcon held in Atlanta, Georgia. Noreascon III (the 1989 Worldcon in Boston) asked Peggy Rae and Fred Isaacs to develop and manage the "Second Floor" Division. The ConCourse with all the wonderful exhibits and comfortable couches was their response to the challenge of "do something to make the fans want to spend there time in this large, ugly hall rather than in the hotel's lobby".



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Peggy Rae coordinated the historical exhibits at all of the Worldcons from the 50th Anniversary Worldcon through the 50th Worldcon. The exhibits were also displayed at ConFrancisco in 1993 in San Francisco and ConAdian in 1994 in Winnipeg.

Peggy Rae was recruited to be the Vice Chair of Con-Francisco, the 51st World Science Fiction Convention. Her plea that she lived 3000 miles away from the rest of the committee fell on deaf ears. She spent three years commuting to San Francisco, and got to work with a lot of wonderful people.

The Baltimore Pirates cleverly waited until four months after ConFrancisco before recruiting her to their cause. Apparently she still hasn't learned that friends don't let friends run Worldcons!

When she's not working on science fiction conventions, Peggy Rae can be found providing computer support and training for 300 unix computer systems for the Department of Labor, creating an annual Index for the Fantasy Amateur Press Association, or developing special science fiction programs and seminars for the Smithsonian Institution. She's also taken two classes in sign language at Gallaudet College.

#### Borldcon Site Selection Q & A

Kevin Standlee

Among the papers included with this newsletter is a four-page document labelled "1998 Worldcon Site Selection Ballot." If you are an attending or supporting member of Intersection, you may cast this ballot to help determine the site of the 1998 World Science Fiction Convention. Read this article and the instructions on the ballot to learn how to cast your ballot. If you have other questions about site selection, contact Kevin Standlee, the site selection administrator. Write to Kevin at PO Box 95, Sutter,CA 95982-0095 USA, or by electronic mail at k.standlee@genie.geis.com.

Even if you are familiar with site selection, please read this article and the instructions on the ballot. Some procedures followed in past years have changed. You must follow the new rules or we will not be able to count your ballot. In particular, there are new rules regarding ballots delivered to Intersection by someone other than the voter, sometimes called "hand-carried ballots" or "absentee ballots."

#### Q. How are Worldcon sites selected?

A. Members of the current Worldcon vote to decide where to hold the Worldcon three years from now. If you are a supporting or an attending member of Intersection, you are eligible to vote on the site of the 1998 World Science Fiction Convention.

#### Q. Do I have to pay to vote?

A. Yes. There is a voting fee of GBP 18 / USD \$25. You must include the voting fee with your ballot. Each ballot must include a separate payment for the voting fee. If you do not include the voting fee payment, we will not count your ballot.

## Q. Why do I have to pay? I am already a member of Intersection.

A. You must pay the voting fee because the rules of the World Science Fiction Society require it. The voting fee is at least a supporting membership in the 1998 Worldcon, regardless of which bid wins the election. Intersection does not receive any of the voting fee money. Intersection holds the voting fees in trust until after the election. After the election, the winning Worldcon bid receives the voting fees.

## Q. Do | get my money back if the site for which | voted does not win?

A. No. After we "validate" your ballot by checking it against the list of eligible voters, we separate your name and address information from the ballot itself. We do not know how you vote.

## Q. I am not yet a member of Intersection, but I want to vote. Can I buy an Intersection membership when I vote?

A. Yes. There is space on the voter information portion of the ballot for buying an Intersection supporting or attending membership. If you buy your Intersection membership at the same time you vote, be sure to include two separate payments. Make your membership payment payable to "Intersection." Make your voting fee payment payable to "The 56th World Science Fiction Convention" for the voting fee.

#### Q. Can I pay my voting fee with a credit card?

A. No. Because the voting fee money belongs to the 1998 Worldcon, not to Intersection, we cannot accept credit card

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■ THE SCOTTISH WORLDCON is your chance to celebrate SF in a very special atmosphere - with fans from across the globe on the banks of the Clyde. We can promise you there'll be something to your taste, with everything from small fannish events to extravaganzas like the Hugo Awards and Masquerade (not forgetting whisky, the Highlands and Nessie too).

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■ THE PROGRAM will debate intersections in space and time: crucial points of convergence and divergence in

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history, cultures and fandom.

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E-Mail: intersection@smof.demon.co.uk

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#### **USE THIS FORM TO JOIN INTERSECTION TODAY (BLOCK CAPITALS PLEASE)**

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Supporting	15	25	. 30		
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Child (Born 24/Aug/88 or later)	5	10	10		
Rates valid from 1st October 1994					

CHECKS PAYABLE TO 'INTERSECTION'. I AGREE TO MY DETAILS BEING HELD ON A COMPUTER.

# 1998 Worldcon Site-Selection Ballot

Please Read
All Four Pages
Before Voting

New rules apply to "hand-delivered" Ballots—see page 4

#### 1998 Worldcon Site-Selection Ballot • Page 2 of 4 • Read all four pages before voting. OFFICIAL RULES AND INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. You must be an attending or supporting member of Intersection to be eligible to vote for the site of the 1998 World Science Fiction Convention (Worldcon 56). If you are not yet a member of Intersection, enclose a separate payment for a supporting or attending membership to Intersection with this ballot. Other classes of Intersection memberships, including children and single-day admissions, are not eligible to vote. You can vote by mail, in person at Intersection, or you can authorize someone else to deliver your ballot to Intersection for you.
- 2. If you vote in person at Intersection, the administrators will give you a validated ballot after confirming your eligibility and collecting the voting fee; after marking your ballot, deposit it in the ballot box. The polls are scheduled to be be open at Intersection Thursday, August 24 14.00-18.00, Friday 10.00-20.00, and Saturday 10.00-18.00. (Hours are subject to change; check for notices at the convention.)
- 3. If you vote by mail, after marking the voting area below the solid line, fold the bottom half on the dashed line up to meet the solid line and seal the ballot by using a small piece of clear tape. Please do not staple your ballot. To vote by mail, send your ballot and voting fee to one of the two addresses below:

UK £: US \$ and all credit card charges: Intersection Intersection

Site-Selection Voting Site-Selection Voting

PO Box 314 63 Drake Rd Annapolis Junction MD 20701

Chessington USA

Surrey KT9 1LQ

**GREAT BRITAIN** 

- 4. If you cannot vote by mail or in person, you can authorize someone else to deliver your absentee (often called "hand-delivered") ballot to Intersection for you. Follow the special absentee voting rules on page 4. Absentee voting rules have changed significantly since previous years! Even if you have voted this way in the past, read the new rules. If you do not follow these rules, we will not count your ballot.
- 5. Complete the personal information requested on page 3 of this ballot. The information you give will be how the winning bid records you in its files, so please print carefully.
- 6. You must pay the voting fee (GB£18 or US\$25). Make your cheque payable to "The 56th World Science Fiction Convention." Do not make your cheque payable to Intersection or any bid committees. Payment of this fee entitles you to vote and makes you a supporting member of the 1998 Worldcon, no matter who wins the election. If you do not

- pay the voting fee, you may not vote. Voting fees are not refundable. If you attempt to combine your voting fee payment with a membership to Intersection, your ballot will be rejected and returned to you.
- 7. You may convert your supporting membership in the 1998 Worldcon to an attending membership by paying a conversion fee to the winning Worldcon committee after the election. For at least 90 days after Intersection, the conversion fee will not be more than GB£36 or US\$50. The committee that wins the election is responsible for contacting you. If you do not hear from them by the end of 1995, you should contact them.
- 8. The bid committees that filed acceptable qualification papers by February 24, 1995 appear on the ballot. Also listed are "No Preference," "None of the Above," and space for a write-in vote. "No Preference" is the same as an abstention and is counted as if it were a blank ballot. "None of the Above" is treated as a candidate. If "None of the Above" wins, the site of the 1998 Worldcon will be decided at the World Science Fiction Society business meeting held on Sunday, August 26, 1995 at Intersection. Write-in votes will be counted, but a write-in committee can win only if it files acceptable qualification papers by the close of balloting at Intersection. If an ineligible bid polls a majority or causes a firstplace tie, we will eliminate it from consideration.
- 9. Voting is by the "preferential ballot" system. Place a"1" besides your first choice, a "2" beside your second choice, and so on. You do not have to indicate any preference besides your first preference. If you mark an "X" with no further marks, it will count as a first-place vote with no further preferences. If the administrators are unable to determine your preferences, your ballot will be counted as "illegal/illegible."
- 10. Voters who are not "natural persons" (for example, "guest of" memberships or memberships in the name of clubs, companies, inanimate objects, or animals) may vote only for "No Preference." The administrators will change any ballot voted by a non-natural person to "No Preference" if necessary.
- 11. If you have more than one membership in your name, you must vote any ballot you cast (other than the first one) as "No Preference." The administrators will change the second and successive ballots cast by the same person to "No Preference" if necessary.
- 12. Each supporting and attending membership in Intersection may vote only once. If you have an Intersection membership which somebody else transferred to you, you may not vote if the original owner of the membership has already voted using that membership.

#### 1998 Worldcon Site-Selection Ballot • Page 3 of 4 • Read all four pages before voting. **VOTER ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION** Name: Badge Name: Address: Telephone: E-mail: Signature: Date: (Unsigned ballots will be rejected. My signature certifies: 1. I have read all four pages of the ballot before voting. 2. I agree to this information being stored on a computer. 3. If I supplied credit card information below, I authorize credit card charges to such card(s).) **Voting Eligibility (check one): Voting Fee (check one):** I am a supporting or attending member of Intersection. I enclose GB£18/US\$25, payable to "The 56th World My membership number (if known) is Science Fiction Convention," for a supporting member-I enclose GB£90/US\$145 (payable to "Intersection") for ship in the 1998 Worldcon. (Note: the exchange rate for the an attending membership in Intersection. voting fee is not the same as that for Intersection memberships.) I enclose GB£15/US\$25 (payable to "Intersection") for I authorize a credit card charge of US\$25 for a supporta supporting membership in Intersection. ing membership in the 1998 Worldcon. To pay for a membership in Intersection by credit card, please To pay your voting fee by credit card, please provide the followprovide the following information: ing information: Visa \_\_\_ MasterCard \_\_\_ American Express \_\_ Visa \_\_\_ MasterCard \_\_\_ American Express Card Number Card Number

#### Keep voter information for winning bid

#### INTERSECTION MEMBERSHIP RATES:

Supporting (receives publications and can vote, but can not attend): Through close of voting,

Saturday, August 26, 1995: GB£15 US\$25

Attending (receives publications, can vote, and can attend Intersection):

Through July 27, 1995: GB£90 US\$145 At the door GB£100 N/A

To join Intersection, include a cheque for one of the amounts above payable to "Intersection". (Or you can charge your Intersection membership to your credit card.)

To pay the voting fee, include a cheque for the correct amount payable to "The 56th World Science Fiction Convention." (Or you can charge your voting fee to your credit card; note that ballots with voting fee payment by credit card must go to the US address below, and that the voting fee charge will appear separately from your Intersection membership charge if you pay both amounts by credit card.)

Send ballots with payments in GB£ to:

Intersection

Expiration Date \_\_\_

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Surrey KT9 1LQ GREAT BRITAIN

Send ballots with payments in US\$ or credit card charges to:

Intersection

Site-Selection Voting

PO Box 314

Annapolis Junction MD 20701

USA

We must receive your ballot by August 1, 1995 to ensure it will be counted. Intersection is not responsible for delayed mail.

Expiration Date

You may authorize another member to deliver your ballot to Intersection for you. To authorize someone else to deliver your ballot for you, fill out the "absentee voter authorization" on the top part of page 4 of this ballot. After preparing your ballot for delivery, seal your ballot and payment in an envelope and give it to the person you authorized to deliver it for you.

We prefer that you include a separate payment for each ballot cast and that you place each ballot in its own envelope. However, members of the same household may pay with a consolidated payment if necessary. (You still must pay your voting fee separately from your Intersection membership.)

To keep your ballot secret, please fold the bottom half on the dashed line on the other side of this page and seal it with clear tape (no staples).

UNAUTHORIZED MARKINGS WILL INVALIDATE THIS BALLOT. GROUPS REPRODUCING THIS BALLOT MAY INSERT THEIR NAME HERE:

## 1998 Worldcon Site-Selection Ballot • Page 4 of 4 • Read all four pages before voting. ABSENTEE VOTING ("HAND-DELIVERED" BALLOTS)

If you cannot vote by mail or in person at Intersection, you may authorize someone else to deliver your absentee (often called "hand-delivered") ballot to Intersection for you. Follow these steps:

1. Fill out and sign the voter information on page 3.

3). Ballots which have been mechanically pre-marked will be rejected.

- 2. Fill out the ballot below.
- 3. Sign the absentee voter authorization below.
- 4. Seal this ballot and your payment in an envelope and give it to the person whom you authorize to deliver it to Intersection.

**IMPORTANT**: To improve handling of ballots, we ask that you include a separate payment for each ballot and that you place each ballot in a separate envelope. However, if absolutely necessary, members of the same household may pay with a consolidated payment and forward their ballots in the same envelope.

ABSENTEE VOTER AUTHORIZATION							
I authorize to deliver this site-selection ballot to Intersection for me.							
Voter Signature  [My signature certifies that I have read the rules on this ballot regarding absentee voting. Absentee ballots without an authorized voter signature will be rejected.)  Fold on dashed line so that bottom of ballot meets solid line and seal with clear tape — no staples							
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Organization: Chair:	Westin Atlanta Consortium for Multi- Genre Education, Inc. (ACME) Bill Ritch		Organization: Chair:	Boston Park Plaza, other hotels Boston Convention Engineer- ing Corporation, Inc. (BCEC) Donald Eastlake III, Jill Eastlake			
Committee: Location: Dates: Facilities:	Baltimore in '98 Baltimore, Maryland, USA 6-10 August 1998 Baltimore Convention Center, Omni, Marriott, Radisson, Holiday Inn Hotels		Committee: Location: Dates: Facilities:	Niagara Falls in '98 Niagara Falls, New York, USA 3-7 September 1998 Niagara Falls Convention and Civic Center and surrounding hotels			
Organization: Chair:	Baltimore Worldcon 1998, Inc. Peggy Rae Pavlat		Organization: Chair:	Niagara Falls Science Fiction Association (NFSFA) Joe Maraglino			
Committee: Location:	(Write In)		Committee:	None of the Above ("I don't like any of these choices")			
(Write-in bid committees must file acceptable qualification papers with the Intersection committee by the close of site-selection balloting in Glasgow, 18.00(6:00 pm) local time, Saturday, August 26, 1995. Votes for ineligible bids will be counted, but will be eliminated if they poll a majority or cause a first-place tie.)  Reproduction and distribution of this ballot is permitted and encouraged, provided that all four pages of it are reproduced verbatim, including the				As determined by the World Science Fiction Society business meeting, Sunday, Aug 27, 1995. No Preference ("I don't care who wins") Anywhere			
voting instructions, with no additional material other than the name of the person or publication responsible for the reproduction (see bottom of page  (This is not the same as a vote for "None of the Above." A vote for "No Preference" is equivalent to an abstention or blank ballot, and any choices							

you list after "No Preference" will not be counted.)

payments for the voting fee. You must pay by cheque, money order, or (when voting in person only please) cash.

#### Q. Then why is there a space for credit card information on the ballot?

A. You can buy an Intersection membership using your credit card when you vote. The credit card information applies only to your Intersection membership, not to the voting fee.

## Q. I have more than one Intersection membership in my name. Can I cast a ballot for each membership?

A. Yes, but you must mark every ballot except the first one you cast "No Preference." When we process the ballots, if we determine that you have cast more than one ballot, we will mark the second and successive ballots "No Preference" if you did not do so.

# Q. I have some Intersection memberships in the name of "Guest of (name)." Can I cast a ballot for them?

A. Yes, but you must mark them all "No Preference." When we process the ballots, we will mark ballots from "Guest of" members as "No Preference" if you do not do so.

# Q. Our club owns an Intersection membership in the name of the club. Can we cast a ballot in the club's name?

A. Yes, but you must mark the ballot "No Preference." When we process the ballots, we will mark ballots from clubs, corporations, and other "non-natural persons" as "No Preference" if they are not already marked that way.

## Q. We have a children's membership for our child. Can our child vote?

A. No. Only attending and supporting members of Intersection can vote. Other classes of membership, including single-day admissions to the convention, are ineligible to vote. If we receive a ballot cast on a children's membership or other ineligible membership class, we will not count that ballot. Note, however, that there are no age restrictions on attending or supporting memberships. If your child has an attending or supporting membership (not a children's membership), she or he may vote it.

#### Q. Do I have to attend Intersection to vote?

A. No. If you cannot attend Intersection, but still want to vote, you can vote by mail or you can give your ballot to someone else to deliver to Intersection for you. Please note that there are special rules about "absentee ballots." These rules are different from those used in past years. Even if you have sent your ballot with someone else in the past, you should read these new rules and make sure you follow them. If you do not follow the new rules, we will not count your ballot.

## Q. I do not want to mail my ballot, but I cannot attend Intersection. How can I vote?

A. You can give your ballot to someone else who is going to Intersection, and that person can deliver your ballot for you. To cast your "absentee ballot," fill out the portion of the ballot authorizing that person to deliver your ballot for you. The absentee-voting portion of the ballot is on page three of the ballot, right below

your name, address, and eligibility information. After filling out your ballot, put the ballot and your payment in an envelope and seal it. Every "hand-delivered" ballot must be individually paid for and sealed in an envelope. If you send us an envelope with multiple ballots or payments, we will not count any of the ballots

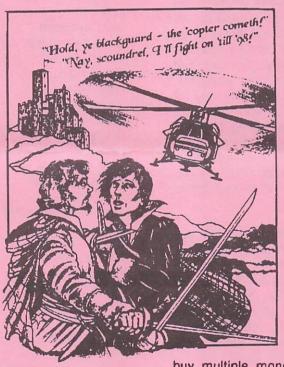
Q. I want to pay for my ballot and my friends/companion/ spouse with the same cheque or money order. Why do I have to send separate payments? I never had to do this before.

A. The Intersection Committee recognises that requiring separate payments for each ballot may be inconvenient, especially if you pay a per-cheque bank charge or must

buy multiple money orders. After negotiating procedures with the bidders, we concluded that we needed to impose these restrictions to improve the security of the hand-delivered ("absentee") ballot system. We regret the inconvenience.

## Q. I do not understand this stuff about numbering my choices on the ballot. Don't I just mark an X by my choice?

A. Well, you can do that, but we do not recommend doing so. WSFS uses the "preferential ballot" voting system. On a preferential ballot, you mark a 1 by the site you want to win the election, then a 2 by the site you like second-best, a 3 by your next-most-favorite site, and so forth. We count the ballots by counting all the first-place ballots first. If nobody polls a majority of



first-place votes, we take the site with the fewest votes and redistribute those ballots among the other sites based on those ballots' next-highest preferences. We continue this process until a site gets a majority of the remaining ballots.

By marking your second and successive choice, you make sure your ballot still affects the election even if your favourite site does not win. If you only mark an X by a single candidate, we will count it as a first-place vote for that candidate, but if your choice is eliminated, your ballot will also be eliminated.

## Q. What is the difference between "None of the Above" and "No Preference"?

A. If you vote for "None of the Above," it means that you do not like any of the other choices on the ballot and you would prefer that the site be selected by the World Science Fiction Society Business Meeting on Sunday, August 27, 1995. We treat a vote for "None of the Above" as if it were a vote for any other site, and therefore it can be eliminated like votes for those sites. Voting for "None of the Above" is similar to voting for "No Award" in the Hugo Awards. You can rank sites lower than "None of the Above" when voting. If "None of the Above" is eliminated, we will count your lower preferences. When you mark sites with preferences after "None of the Above," you are saying "I do not like any of the sites, but if it must be one of them, I prefer xxx."

By contrast, a vote for "No Preference" means that you do not care which site wins the election. When we count the votes, we do not include "No Preference" votes in the total number of ballots cast when we determine a majority. Unlike votes for "None of the Above," votes for "No Preference" cannot be eliminated. We will not count any of your choices numbered lower than "No Preference." Voting "No Preference" is the same as leaving your ballot blank.

## Q. I see a space for write-in votes. How do they work?

The bids listed on the ballot are those who filed the required papers with the Intersection committee on or before February 24, 1995. You may write in any other site on your ballot. We will count all votes, including write-in votes. However, even write-in bids must file the required papers by the close of voting (Saturday, August 26, 1995, 18:00 (6:00 PM) local time in Glasgow). If an ineligible site gets a majority of votes or creates a first-place tie in the balloting, we will eliminate that site from consideration.

An amendment to the WSFS Constitution that mandates this procedure for handling write-in votes is currently pending ratification. Even though we are not yet required to do so, intersection will follow this procedure under our existing authority under the constitution.

#### Lost At Sea

The following members of our Pirate Crew have been misplaced by the United States Postal Service. If you know how to reach any of them, please let us know or ask them to send us their new addresses. (Cities listed are the last address we have.)

Glen Acord Johnny Anderson Bruce Bagdigian Dennis Bonke **David Bouwens** Thomas R. Craan Lori Dell Jay Denebeim Donald Eastlake, 3rd Patrick Foley David Haskins Hugh Henry Courtney Hester Barbara Higgins Diana Koivunen Robert Emmett Murphy John Perreault Thomas Peters Joseph Reed John P. Roberts, 3rd Sandy Shultz Carol J. Smith Allen Steele Kenneth Van Wey Henry Vanderbilt Gypsy Williams Robin Wulff Paul Zrimsek

Brooklyn, NY Alexandria, VA Orlando, FL Justice, IL Plantation, FL Baltimore, MD New York, NY Carv. NC Newton, MA Blacksburg, VA Atlanta, GA Dayton, MD Charlotte, NC Phildelphia, PA San Francisco, CA Brooklyn, NY Amherst, MA Fairfield, CT Virginia Beach, VA Manchester, MD Huntington Beach, CA Sunnyvale, CA St. Louis, MO Arlington, VA Alameda, CA Washington, DC Denville, NJ Malden, MA

If you move, please send us your new address. Otherwise, you may find yourself on the *next* list!

#### Dow to contact the Virates

We can be reached by mail at:

Baltimore Worldcon 1998, Inc.



P.O. Box 1376 Baltimore, Maryland 21233

We are also available on-line:



World Wide Web Home Page (URL): http://www.access.digex.net/~balt98 Internet: baltimore98@access.digex.net GEnie: SFRT3, CAT 25, TOP 24 or GE-mail P.LURIE

#### **Pirates of Fenzance Painting Raffles**

We are sponsoring two raffles to raise money for our Worldcon bidding effort.

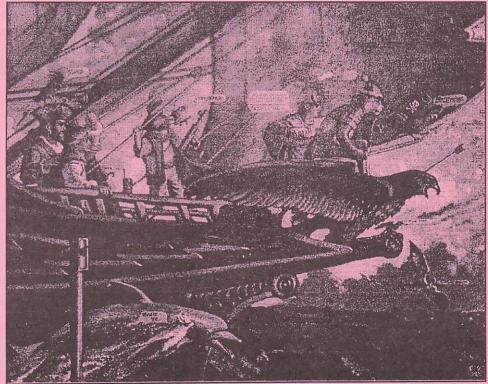
Mark Rogers has done an original oil (not acrylic) painting featuring Samurai Cat and several of our committee members as pirates aboard a pirate ship.

Ric Frane has also given us an original painting entitled *The Pirate Queen* that he did especially for our bid.

The illustrations on this page are poor reproductions of these two painting. We will be displaying the original paintings in the Disclave Art Show and in the art shows at several other conventions and the Scottish Worldcon. There will be photographs of the paintings at our bid tables.

The raffle tickets are one US dollar (65 pence) each. We urge you to take a chance to own these excellent paintings. The raffle ticket drawings will be held at our Pirates of Fenzance bid party sometime during the Scottish Worldcon. You do not need to be present to win.





#### **Enter Our Contests**

#### **Pirate Costume Contest:**

Create a pirate costume and send photographs by August 1st to:

Lisa Ashton 101 Crystal Spring Drive Ashton, MD 20861

#### **Pirate Short Story Contest:**

Send an original science fiction or fantasy short story about pirates postmarked by Aug. 1 to:

Baltimore in 1998 Pirate Short Story Contest P.O. Box 1376 Baltimore, MD 21203

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