MINUTES OF 1990 WSFS BUSINESS MEETING

The World Science Fiction Society Business Meeting at ConFiction was held in three sessions, scheduled at 10 A.M. from Friday, Aug. 24, through Sunday, Aug. 26, 1990, in the Maris 1 Hall of the Netherlands Congress Centre. The Hague. (A scheduled Monday session was not needed.) The officers for all three sessions were: Bruce Pelz, Presiding Officer; George Flynn, Secretary; Ben Yalow, Parliamentarian; and Richard Katze, Timekeeper.

The texts of those motions that were printed in the ConFiction Souvenir Book will be cited here only by reference.

Friday. Aug. 24, 1990

The meeting was called to order at 10:06 A.M. An attendance list subsequently passed around was signed by 49 people (not including the officers listed above). The meeting began the preliminary consideration of the agenda, which at that time consisted of 15 items.

Business Passed On from Noreascon III t

For these and other proposed amendments to the WSFS Constitution, this session could do no more than set time limits for debate at the Main Business Meeting (Saturday and Sunday).

ITEM 1 (Souvenir Book, p. 137), ratification of amendment to allow skipping a NASFiC if "None of the Above" wins on the first ballot in NASFiC site selection. -- In response to an inquiry, the Chair ruled that if "None of the Above" won on a <u>subsequent</u> ballot, the Business Meeting would decide what to do. The default time limit for debate would be 6 minutes; times of 2 and 10 minutes were also proposed. The proposed debate times were then voted on: 10 minutes, 2 votes; 6 minutes, 9 votes; 2 minutes, many votes.

ITEM 2 (Souvenir Book, p. 137), ratification of amendment to require additional financial reports by Worldcom committees. -- Default time limit, 20 minutes; 5, 3, and 10 minutes also proposed. 20 minutes, 1 vote; 10 minutes, 7 votes; 5 minutes, majority.

ITEM 3 (Souvenir Book, p. 137), ratification of amendment to allow Hugo nominations only by Worldcom members as of December 31. -- Default time limit, 6 minutes; 1, 10, 17, and $33\frac{1}{2}$ minutes also proposed. $33\frac{1}{2}$ minutes, 0 votes; 17 minutes, 2 votes; 10 minutes, 4 votes; 6 minutes, 16 votes; 1 minute, 13 votes.

ITEM 4 (Souvenir Book, p. 137), ratification of amendment to raise the maximum initial conversion fee to attending membership to twice the voting fee. -- Default time limit, 6 minutes; 2 and 10 minutes also proposed. 10 minutes, 1 vote; 6 minutes, 26 votes; 2 minutes, fewer votes.

New Business Submitted to Confiction:

ITEM 5, Four-Year Lead Time Amendment. This item was conflated from two separate motions, only one of which was distributed. The first, by Kevin Standlee and Jeff Canfield, was as follows:

MOVED, to amend the WSFS Constitution as follows:

- 1) In Article III, Section 1, strike out "three (3)" and insert "four (4)".
- 2) In Article III, Section 6, replace subsection (1) with "(1) Voting shall be by written ballot administered by the Worldcom following the one which selected the non-North American site, or the NASFiC held that year, if there is one. Ballots shall be cast at the administering convention or by mail. Only members of the administering convention shall be eligible to vote."

3) In Article III, Section 4, strike out "and as set by the administering convention but no earlier than the close of the corresponding Worldcon voting for a prospective NASFiC bid." and insert "and, for a prospective NASFiC bid, no later than the last day of the calendar year preceding the year in which the administering convention will take place and no earlier than the close of the convention which selected the non-North American site making a NASFiC election necessary."

Provided that:

- a) If ratified, this amendment shall take effect with the site-selection elections of 1993. The 1993 Worldcon shall select the sites of the 1996 and 1997 Worldcons, and prospective bids for both of those years must be filed with the administering convention prior to the close of the 1992 Worldcon. If a non-North American site is chosen for 1996, the 1993 Worldcon (or NASFiC, if applicable) shall select the site of the 1996 NASFiC. If a non-North American site is chosen for 1997, the provisions of section 2) above, if ratified, shall apply.
- b) Insofar as is logically possible, the amendments contained in this motion are severable and may be ratified independently of one another.

The second motion, by Louis Epstein, Mark Blackman, and Bill Burns, was designated "Site Selection Extension" and was as follows:

MOVED, to amend Article III of the WSFS Constitution as follows:

In Section 1, change "three (3)" to "four (4)".

In Section 6, change "the then-current Worldcon" to "the Worldcon following the one at which the overseas Worldcon was selected".

In Section 8, change "three (3)" to "four (4)".

Since the two motions had the same purpose, the Chair combined them into one, adding the last part of the second motion ("In Section 8...") as section 4) of the Standlee/Canfield motion, and submitting the latter as amended to the meeting.

Mr. Sacks objected to consideration; the objection failed by a vote of 14-many. Mr. Standlee accepted the Chair's change in his motion. -- Mr. Epstein moved to amend, to have the amendment take effect in 1992, with 1996 bidders filing by the end of 1991. This amendment was defeated, with only 1 vote in favor. -- Mr. Yalow argued that, if section 1) failed but 2) and 3) were adopted, the NASFiC lead time would be reduced. Mr. Standlee responded that 3) can't pass without 2); 1) and 2) are independent; 4) goes with 1). The meeting agreed with the latter interpretation, and the Chair so ruled. -- Default time limit, 20 minutes; 10 minutes also proposed. 20 minutes, 4 votes; 10 minutes, many.

ITEM 6, Deregulation of Hugos, proposed by Colin Fine and David Elworthy: MOVED, to amend the WSFS Constitution by replacing Article II by the following:

Each Worldcom committee shall arrange for the award and presentation of one or more Science Fiction Achievement Awards (Hugos), in a manner consistent with the tradition and dignity of the award.

Mr. Sacks objected to consideration; the objection carried by a vote of 34-5, and Item 6 was killed.

ITEM 7, Best Original Artwork Hugo, proposed by Rick Katze and Sharon Sbarsky. The language on the agenda was as follows:

MOVED to add the Hugo Category of Best Original Artwork, with language as on the 1990 Hugo Ballot. Exact language to be considered house-keeping.

(This is slightly cleaned up from the text actually submitted.) At this time the makers submitted a revised text as follows:

MOVED to amend Article II by adding a new section:

Any original piece of artwork first published during the previous calendar year. It may have been published as a book cover or interior illustration, or in a prozine, semiprozine, or fanzine which would be eligible for a Hugo. The artist may be either an amateur or a professional.

Default time limit, 6 minutes; 10 and 2 minutes also proposed. 10 minutes, 5 votes; 6 minutes, 20 votes; 2 minutes, fewer votes.

ITEM 8, Lifetime Achievement Hugos, proposed by Donald E. Eastlake, III, and Donald E. Eastlake, IV:

MOVED, to amend the Constitution of the World Science Fiction Society by adding the following to Article II:

Master of Science Fiction and Fantasy: An individual or closely associated team of individuals, for recognition of lifetime professional achievement in the field of science fiction or fantasy. No person shall be eligible for nomination in this category if they have won this award in any of the previous twenty (20) years or if they are being specially honored by the Worldcon administering the awards.

Secret Master of Fandom: An individual or closely associated team of individuals, for recognition of lifetime non-professional achievement in the field of science fiction or fantasy. No person shall be eligible for nomination in this category if they have won this award in any of the previous twenty (20) years or if they are being specially honored by the Worldcon administering the awards.

Mr. Epstein moved to replace the first half of the second sentence in each paragraph by "Winners of this award shall subsequently be ineligible for nomination". After some discussion, the text of the amendment was clarified: to replace the first part of the second sentence by "No person or persons shall be eligible for nomination in this category who have previously won this award or if they are..." The amendment as modified was passed. -- Mr. Dashoff moved to strike the Secret Master of Fandom section: failed 13-many. -- The Chair ruled that the two parts of the motion were separable at any time. A motion to separate them was made and passed, many-few.

ITEM 8A (Master of SF and Fantasy): Default time limit, 20 minutes; 3, 6, 10, 1, and 5 minutes also proposed. 20 minutes, 0 votes; 10 minutes, 6 votes; 6 minutes, 23 votes; 5 and 3 minutes, a few votes each. — ITEM 8B (Secret Master of Fandom): Default time limit, 20 minutes; 10, 5, and 3 minutes also proposed (the Chair declined to hear a proposal of 1.37 minutes). 20 minutes, 2 votes; 10 minutes, 16 votes; 5 minutes, 19 votes; 3 minutes, 4 votes.

√In preparing Saturday's agenda, the Secretary further edited the phrase "who have previously won" to "if they have previously won" in both items.7

ITEM 9, Sunshine Amendment, proposed by Donald E. Eastlake, III, and Jill Eastlake:

MOVED, to amend the Constitution of the World Science Fiction Society

by adding the following to Article I:

Any member of the Society shall have the right, under reasonable conditions, to examine the financial records and books of account of all future selected Worldcon Committees and the two immediately preceding Worldcon Committees.

Mr. Jaffe moved to insert "the current Worldcon Committee," before "all future": passed many-few. -- Default time limit, 6 minutes; 10, 4, and 2 minutes also proposed. 10 minutes, 1 vote; 6 minutes, 19 votes; 4 minutes, 17 votes; 2 minutes, 7 votes.

ITEM 10, One Person = One Vote, proposed by Kevin Standlee, Rick Katze, and David Berry. This appeared on the agenda in the form:

MOVED to amend Article III by adding, as the third sentence of Section 1: "Corporations, Associations, and other non-human entities may vote for Site Selection, but may only cast votes for 'No Preference'."

It should be noted for the historical record that this became informally known as the "Teddy Bear Amendment", for reasons which need not concern us here. The makers submitted the following revised text:

MOVED to add to Article III. Section 2:

Corporations, associations, "Guest of" memberships, and other non-human entities may vote for site selection, but shall be allowed to cast ballots only for "No preference". No person shall cast more than one ballot for anything other than "No preference". However, this shall not prohibit the delivery of other ballots cast by eligible voters. A "Guest of" membership must be transferred to an individual human being before it can be used to vote for anything other than "No preference", and this transfer must be accepted by the administering convention.

 $\angle \overline{I}$ he original text of this version is in my possession: the underlined passages are additions or substitutions (both "shall" phrases originally read "may") in a different handwriting. I believe these changes were made in consultation with the podium staff before the motion was formally submitted to the meeting; at this late date, however, I can't swear to the exact sequence of events. --G.F.

Mr. Bloom proposed that "non-human" be changed to "artificial"; the makers accepted this amendment. A further proposed change to "artificial and/or non-human" was not accepted. -- Mr. Sacks moved that the motion be referred to a committee for a day to produce a clean text. this was passed, and the Chair promptly appointed the makers of the motion as the committee who in turn delegated the job to the long-suffering Secretary.

Committee Reports*

ITEM 11, Report of the WSFS Mark Registration and Protection Committee. A written report was distributed; the text is attached to these minutes.

Nominations were opened for the three seats on the committee being vacated at the end of Confiction. (No more than two members could be elected from the Eastern Zone of North America, two from the Central Zone, or one from the Western Zone. Any number of non-North American members could be elected.) The following were nominated (all nominees subsequently accepted their nominations in writing):

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Kent Bloom (East)

Sasha Miller (West)

Gary Feldbaum (East)

Colin Fine (non-N.A.)

Bob Hillis (Central)

Dalroy Ward (East)

Sue Francis (Central)
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ITEM 12, Report of the Special Committee to Codify Business Meeting Resolutions. A written report was distributed; the text is attached to these minutes, and should be consulted for the following motions:

Rules Compilation Committee Continuation (report, p. 1). -- Resolution passed, nearly unanimously.

Liposuction Amendment (report, p. 2). -- An objection to consideration was made and failed, few-many. -- Mr. Standlee moved to separate the amendment into its four parts: passed. (The four resulting motions, designated as 1 through 4 in the report text, are hereafter referred to as Items 12A through 12D.) -- 12A: Default time limit, 6 minutes; 1 and 3 minutes also proposed. 6 minutes, 3 votes; 3 minutes, many. -- 12B: Default, 6 min; 1 and 3 minutes also proposed. 6 minutes, 2 votes; 3 minutes, 24 votes; 1 minute, 17 votes. (A recount between 3 minuted and 1 minutes, 24 votes; 1 minutes, 5 votes; 4 minutes, 6 votes; 3 minutes, 30 votes; 1 minute, 6 votes. -- 12D: Default, 6 min; 3 and 1 minutes, 30 votes; 1 minutes, 1 vote; 3 minutes, 21 votes; 1 minute, 17 votes.

ITEM 13, Report of the Worldcon Runner's Guide Editorial Committee. -Mr. Sacks, denying that he was the committee chairman (as listed in the
Souvenir Book, p. 138), reported that the committee had decided to publish a newsletter, but that nobody ever got up the energy to do anything. He moved to continue the committee with ________ as chairman.
David Berry first volunteered, then withdrew his name, then /I think/
volunteered again. With or without a name in the blank, the motion
passed. /Because of the uncertainty as to whether this committee actually exists, it was omitted from the list of Business Passed On published in Chicon PR4.

ITEM 14, Report of the Hugo Preservation Committee (omitted from list in Souvenir Book). -- The Chair (Mr. Pelz) reported that the committee was still doing work and contacting people, and needed to send out letters. -- A motion to continue the committee was made and passed. Also omitted from list published by Chicon.

A motion to adjourn was made and passed at 11:16 A.M.

ITEM 15 on the agenda was "Worldcon Reports". Subsequent to Friday's adjournment, the Noreascon Three financial report was turned in:

Noreascon Treasurer's Report as of June 30, 1990

ASSETS

Current Assets	Current Total
Cash im Framingham Savings Bank	8.706.28
Cash in Bulk Mailing account	137.28
Cash im Confiction Mailing account	16.60
Cash in Australian account	182.26 ¹
Cash in Canadian account	$9.722.28\frac{1}{1}$
Cash in Dutch account	88 6. 44 ¹
Cash im Bank of Boston	26,792.21
Cash in Noreascon Cash Bank	2,033.26
Advance accounts (aggregate)	
personal advances +2,988.93	·
NESFA +20,298.94	
Net advances	23,287.87

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ASSETS (cont.)
Capital Equipment
(Depreciation 7,162.23)
Total Assets
77.908.20
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Note 1. Subject to change due to currency conversion.

NET WORTH	Total (since 1986)
General N3 Income Membership Income Art Show Fees Artists' Income and Taxes (remaining undisbursed) Mad 3 Party Income Dealer Income Over/Under Account Program Book Income Donation Income Closed Income (Progress Reports 1 through 7) Brunch Banquet, Party Surplies & Comp'ed Room Income Sales to Members & Taxes	17,918.70 388,835.38 23,229.50 3,319.08 4,310.00 32,012.50 +862.75 8,390.00 1,111.00 4,296.00 32,030.05 37,440.10
Total Income	553,755.06
Administration/General/Officers' Division Expenses General Staff Reimbursements ConFiction Magicon	65,376.05 4,119.98 434.31 0.00
Extravaganzas Division Expenses General Louis Wu's Birthday Party Facilities Division Expenses Hynes 89 Division Expenses Program Division Expenses Services Division Expenses WSFS & Art Show Division Expenses WSFS Administrative Expense Art Show Expense	98,721.59 3,637.25 149,688.45 58,923.98 10,624.89 74,161.28 3,169.48 6,989.60
Total Expenses	475,846.86

Note 2. Income reduced by membership refunds. Note 3. Income reduced by payments to artists.

Saturday, Aug. 25, 1990

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 A.M. Mr. Katze was late, so the Chair appointed Judy Bemis as timekeeper pro tem.

Business Passed On from Noreascon III:

ITEM 1 (see p. 1). -- No discussion. The question was called, and the amendment was <u>ratified</u> many-few.

ITEM 2 (see p. 1). -- Mr. Standlee moved to strike the second half ("In the event of a surplus..." to the end). Over Mr. Sacks' point of order, the Parliamentarian ruled that this would create a lesser change, and was thus a permissible amendment. Mr. Standlee's amendment failed, few-many. -- The word "filled" (Souvenir Book, p. 137) was corrected to "filed". -- (At 10:12 Mr. Katze arrived.) The amendment was ratified many-few.

ITEM 3 (see p. 1). -- An amendment was proposed to change "December 31st of the previous calendar year" to "January 31st of the same calendar year". This was ruled to be a lesser change, and was passed. -- The

amendment as amended was <u>ratified</u> many-few. The Secretary subsequently changed "same calendar year" to "current calendar year" for clarity. ITEM 4 (see p. 1). -- Mr. Berry moved to change the default voting fee from \$20 to \$15; this was ruled out of order, as constituting a greater change. -- The amendment was <u>ratified</u> many-few.

/Items 1 through 4, having been passed by two consecutive Business Meetings, are now part of the WSFS Constitution.

Committee Report (out of order): .

Mr. Hillis orally delivered a supplement to the Mark Registration and Protection Committee report (q.v.): Work is also being done on Canadian registration; this involves a problem as to whether WSFS is a "society" or an "association" under Canadian law. -- He also promised that Mr. Dennis would file a financial report; this was done, and the report is included here:

Financial Report -- Mark Registration Committee

Balance close of Noreascon III, 1989

Check to Don Eastlake, office expenses

Check to Attorneys, US filing expenses

Balance opening of Confiction, 1990

All amounts are in US\$.

The committee will soon be paying \$980.00 to our British Patent Attorneys for UK filings. We anticipate contributions will be received this year from Noreascon III. We hope to limit expenses in Canada by doing some of the filings ourselves.

--submitted by Scott Dennis, 25 August 1990

New Business Submitted to Confiction:

ITEM 5 (see pp. 1-2). -- Mr. Standlee moved to extend debate time by 5 minutes; defeated. -- The four-year lead time amendment <u>failed</u>, 23-26. -- Mr. Sacks proposed a committee to study the site-selection lead-time problem; the Chair expressed his belief that a committee wouldn't help.

ITEM 7 (see pp. 2-3). -- Mr. Katze (1990 Hugo Administrator) read letters of endorsement from Don Maitz, David Cherry, and David Lee Anderson. He reported that the best-artwork category received the lowest number of votes on the nominating ballots, but was somewhere in the middle on the final ballot. -- It was ruled that a new cover on a previously published boook would be eligible. -- Mr. Russell moved to strike the last two sentences (beginning "It may have..."): passed many-few. -- A change of "piece of artwork" to "piece of science fiction or fantasy artwork" was accepted by all. -- Mr. Sacks proposed inserting "and distributed" after "published". This was ruled out of order, time having expired; Mr. Sacks appealed, then withdrew his appeal; a motion to extend debate time by 5 minutes was then passed. Mr. Sacks attempted to change his amendment's wording to "distributed in a literary form", but this was not accepted by the seconders. Mr. Katze pointed out that "published and distributed" would exclude 3-D art. Mr. Sacks' amendment failed.

At this point the Chair requested 3 minutes to informally explore the meeting's wishes. He thereby ascertained that the meeting wished to have such an award; that they did not want it limited to 2-D art; and they did not want to restrict the manner of the art's appearance. -- Mr. Sacks objected forcefully to the manner in which the Chair stated these questions. The Chair threatened to eject Mr. Sacks. Mr. Sacks accused the podium staff of being biased. The Chair apologized to Mr. Sacks for his threat. The Secretary was requested to summarize these statements in the minutes.

The motion as amended was then passed, 40-10, with the proposed

new section as follows:

Best Original Artwork: Any original piece of science fiction or fantasy artwork first published during the previous calendar year.

ITEM 8A (Master of SF and Fantasy, see p. 3). -- Mr. Russell moved to strike "or if they are ... awards.": failed overwhelmingly. -- Ms. Bemis moved to delete "or closely associated team of individuals": failed. -- Someone moved to strike "professional": failed. -- It was ruled that the award would not be limited to living people. -- The amendment failed, 21-29.

ITEM 8B (Secret Master of Fandom, see p. 3). -- Mr. Dashoff moved the previous question, which passed. The amendment <u>failed</u>, 9-many.

ITEM 9 (see pp. 3-4). -- It was ruled that all costs of such an examination would have to be paid by the inquirer. -- Mr. Fine moved the previous question, which passed. The amendment <u>passed</u>, 30-20.

ITEM 10 (see p. 4). -- The committee submitted the following new text: MOVED, to insert a new section in Article III:

Only human beings shall be allowed to cast site-selection ballots for other than "No preference", and no individual shall cast more than one such ballot. (This shall not be interpreted to prohibit delivery of ballots cast by other eligible voters.) "No preference" ballots may be cast by corporations, associations, and other non-human or artificial entities. "Guest of" memberships must be transferred to individual human beings before being cast for other than "No preference", with such transfers accepted by the administering convention.

It was ruled that the amendment would apply only to site selection, not to Hugo voting. -- Mr. Russell moved to postpone consideration: failed. -- Default time limit, 20 minutes; no other value was proposed. -- Mr. Bloom proposed replacing both appearances of "human beings" by "natural persons": accepted. -- Mr. Hoare noted that British law requires that corporations have full voting rights; it was ruled that the provisions of the amendment would apply (as always) to the extent permitted by civil law. -- The question was called, and the amendment, as amended, passed 41-10.

Mr. Standlee moved to adjourn: passed overwhelmingly at 11:47 A.M. -- 47 people other than the officers signed Saturday's attendance list.

Sunday. Aug. 26, 1990

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 A.M. -- 74 people other than the officers signed Sunday's attendance list.

SITE SELECTION (special order of business). -- Roelof Goudriaan reported the results of the site-selection voting for the 1993 Worldcon:

Total mail-in ballots: 329
Total at-con ballots: 759
Total ballots cast: 1088

	Mail	ls† Con	t Total	Mail	2nd Con	i Total	Mail	3rd Com	i Total	
Phoenix	50	97	147	50	97	147				
San Francisco	174	262	436	175	264	439	204	316	520	
Zagreb	30	145	175	30	145	175	35	158	193	
Hawaii	67	232	29 9	68	233	301	82	242	324	
Other Write-ins	2	0	2							
None of the Above No (further) Pref	. 6	3 20	26 26	6	20	26	8	43	51	(cont.)

Total Votes	lst	2nd	3rd
(No Pref. excluded)	1062	1062	1037
Needed to Elect	532	532	519

San Francisco was thus the winner. The committee distributed Progress Report 0, and Terry Biffel gave a brief report, listing the Guests of Honor. -- Of the losing bids: Zagreb had no statement. Hawaii released balloons ("The bid is dead; long live the bid!"). For Phoenix, Mr. Berry stated that they would not protest the pink ballots the ballots distributed by Hawaii with a vote for Hawaii already written in, but strongly urged the meeting to reevaluate the role of write-ins in the voting process. ("I hope you get what you voted for.")

ITEM 11, election of new members to Mark Registration and Protection Committee (see pp. 4-5). -- Ballots were distributed and collected. Mr. Standlee moved to let the tellers report after the meeting adjourned: no objection. The tellers subsequently appointed were Ben Yalow, Sharon Sbarsky, and John Sapienza. The results were as follows:

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         13 13 13 16 19 22 25 29 35
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Gross
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6 6 6
Hillis
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          6
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Katze
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Miller
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Ward
  (3 invalid ballots, 1 invalid candidate) (write-ins omitted here)
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Bloom
                                      Colin Fine, Sue Francis, and Kent
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                                      Bloom were thus elected to the
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                                      committee. Sasha Miller was later
Hillis
                                      appointed as the San Francisco rep-
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                                      resentative. -- At the committee's
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                                      later meeting, Donald Eastlake III
Katze
Miller
          9 9
                                      was elected president and secretary,
                                      Scott Dennis as treasurer.
Ward
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ITEM 12A (see p. 5; report p. 2, item 1). -- The Parliamentarian ruled that this would make no substantive difference. -- The amendment <u>passed</u> many-few.

ITEM 12B (see p. 5; report p. 2, item 2). -- The Parliamentarian said that this would have no effect, since we can never act counter to local law. -- The amendment <u>failed</u> few-many.

ITEM 12C (see p. 5; report p. 2, item 3). -- The Parliamentarian ruled that this would have a substantial effect, since there would be no means of knowing what awards are referred to. -- The amendment <u>failed</u> 1-many.

ITEM 12D (see p. 5; report p. 2, item 4). -- The Parliamentarian ruled that this would have no effect, but night be confusing. -- Mr. Standlee moved to insert "by a simple majority" after the words "passed" and "ratified": passed unanimously. -- The amendment as amended passed many-few.

☐tems 7, 9, 10, 12A, and 12D have been given first passage, and will become part of the WSFS Constitution if ratified at Chicon V. ☐

The following new item, with the short title "Technical Correction: Foreign Language Translations", was submitted by Robert Sacks, Colin Fine, Judith Bemis, and Richard Spelman:

MOVED, to amend the WSFS Constitution, Article II, Section 2, by changing in the second sentence "in the year" to "for the year".

The Chair ruled that this could be accepted as a housekeeping change, and that there was no need to ratify it.

Other Business:

Mr. Standlee moved to amend Standing Rule 1 by changing "meeting" to "session" and "Annual Meeting" to "Annual Session". -- An objection to consideration was made, and prevailed by a vote of 41 (plus a teady teat Hoka) to 12.

QUESTION TIME: Chicon V had no presentation, but noted that their financial report appeared in their Progress Report. -- Magicon had no presentation, but turned in their financial report which appears below. -- ConFrancisco had no further presentation, and received no questions.

WORLDCON REPORTS: Noreascon III's financial report appears on pp. 5-6. -- Confiction's finances are in flux. -- See above for Chicon V. -- Magicon's financial report is as follows:

Income to July 31, 1990
(primarily from voting fees and memberships)
Expenses to July 31, 1990

Current Balance in all accounts as of July 31, 1990

73,401.32

A more complete balance sheet will be made available in the near future.

Current attendance figures as of 8/20/90:

Attending Members 2,128
Child Admissions 73
Kid-in-Tow Admissions 4
Named Convention Guests 7
Supporting Members 217
2,429

JoeD Siclari, Co-Chairman Judith C. Bemis, Finance Div. Manager

1994 BIDDERS: Louisville and Winnipeg both invited people to come to their bidding tables, but had no other presentations. (A motion to thank them was made and passed.) -- In response to Mr. Berry's concern (p. 9), it was announced that Chicon and the bidders planned to reach a consensus on the question of write-in ballots.

Mr. Sacks moved to adjourn sine die: passed unanimously at 10:47 A.M.

According to the attendance lists, the following people attended one or more sessions of the Business Meeting: Margaret Austin, Judith Bemis, David Berry, Terry Berry, Richard Bertelsen, Terry Biffel, Kent Bloom, Alex Boster, Ann Broomhead, Jeff Canfield, Gavin Claypool, Chris Cooper, Andy Croft, Joni Brill Dashoff, Todd Dashoff, Jane Dennis, Scott Dennis, Paul Dormer, Chris Logan Edwards, Louis Epstein, Moshe Feder, Gary Feldbaum, Colin Fine, George Flynn, Janice Foss, Richard Foss, Steve Francis, Sue Francis, Doug Friauf, Penny Frierson, Mike Glyer, Jean Goddin, Peter Grace, Liz Gross, Eric Hanson, Bob Hillis, Martin Hoare, Tim Illingworth, Saul Jaffe, M.J. Jewell, Rick Katze, Morris Keesan, Deborah King, Russel Klop, Evelyn Leeper, Gary Louie, Perrianne Lurie, J.R. Madden, John Maizels, Jurgen Marzi, Charles Matheny, Kathleen Meyer, Ben Miller, Sasha Miller, A.N.G. Mittenshaw-Hodge, Judith Morman, Mary Morman, Fuzzy Niven, Gene Olmsted, Chris O'Shea II, Tony Parker, R. Parkins, Arwel Parry, Sara Paul, Peggy Rae Pavlat, Bruce Pelz, John Pomeranz, Theresa Renner, Gary Robe, Linda Ross-Mansfield, Richard Russell, Robert Sacks, M. Sandberg, Sharon Sbarsky, Mike Scott, Joe Siclari, Fran Skene, Dick Smith, Leah

Report to the 1990 WSFS Business Meeting of the Mark Registration and Protection Committee

1. US Registration

All of the WSFS marks that are registered in the US, except for "NASFiC" which comes up next year, have had the five year affidavits of continuing use filed. Thus they have all achieved "incontestable" status, which really just means that are very difficult to contest.

2. UK Registration

The effort to register the marks, except for "NASFiC", in the United Kingdom is progressing. The UK Registrar has raised various objections to various of the marks, most of which have been overcome by providing additional information or by minor changes in the working of the services claimed. For example, they wanted to know something about the gross revenue of Worldcons held in the UK to be convinced they were really noticeable business activities.

It now appears that "WSFS" and "WORLDCON" will be registerable only in Part B of the UK Register, which affords slightly less protection. This is because they will not give marks consisting of four or fewer non-distinctive letters full registration and because WORLDCON is considered descriptive of running world wide conventions.

Because of multiple communications with the UK Registrar required, it looks like it will end up costing a little under \$500 a mark to get to the point where they can finally be registered.

3. Finances

A separate financial report will be filed but it should be noted that the surplus which the committee has had for a couple of years will be more than exhausted by the US re-registration and the UK registration efforts.

4. Membership

A list of the committee membership is on the reverse hereof.

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World Science Fiction Society Mark Registration and Protection Committee

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

Background

The WSFS Mark Registration and Protection Committee (then called the Standing Committee), at a meeting held at the 1984 Worldcon, voted unanimously to produce a compilation of the resolutions and rulings of continuing effect that have been adopted at WSFS Business Meetings. When the matter was bought up the following year at the 1985 WSFS Business Meeting, the assembly, however, voted to give this task to a special committee consisting of a named individual who was not present and was never formally notified. At the 1986 WSFS Business Meeting, the assembly then voted to give this task to a special committee appointed by the chair to report back to the 1987 Business Meeting. The committee has presented reports to the 1987 and all subsequent Business Meetings at each of which it has been continued. This is its fourth report and covers 1976 through 1989.

Contents

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

The following were excluded:

1) Anything which has become incorporated in an amendment to the WSFS Constitution or the Standing Rules for the Governance of the WSFS Business Meeting.

2) Any resolutions of praise or censure.

3) Anything which has subsequently been reversed, repealed, or annulled by the adoption of a contrary resolution or ruling.

4) Any resolution or portion thereof which, although initially of indefinite effect, has been fully exe-

cuted or otherwise expired or become inoperative.

In addition, the text of the resolutions and ruling has been updated to reflect changes in the Constitution and Standing Rules. Rulings by the chair have in some cases been generalized to avoid naming particular individuals or organizations

Sources

This material was compiled from the written minutes of the 1978 through 1988 WSFS Business Meetings (excluding 1979 for which minutes are not available) and from notes provided by Bob Hillis, after consultation with Larry Smith, concerning the 1976 and 1977 Business Meetings. These minutes and notes vary considerably in style and completeness which influences the amount and type of material for each year in this compilation.

Recommendations

The committee believes that this compilation task should continue so as to include material from this 1990 Business Meeting and from Business Meetings before 1976, if only as a compendium of the expressed sentiments of the Society. It therefore recommends the following motion:

Short Title: Rules Compilation Committee Continuation

RESOLVED, That the committee to compile WSFS Resolutions and Rulings of Continuing Effect is continued and directed to report to the 1991 Business Meeting.

In addition, while going over the Constitution with regard to the effects of or conflicts with various standing rules, the committee has noticed some fat in the Constitution. Therefore, although perhaps not strictly within the mandate of the committee, it wishes, with the consent of the assembly, to introduce the following motion:

Short Title: Liposuction Amendment.

RESOLVED, That the Constitution of the World Science Fiction Society be amended as follows:

- 1. Replace all occurrences of "Mark Registration and Protection Committee" with "Mark Protection Committee".
- 2. In Article I, Section 4, delete "except where prohibited by local law".

3. Delete Article II, Section 1.

4. Replace Article IV, Section 1, with the following: "The WSFS Constitution may be amended by a motion passed at any Business Meeting but only to the extent that such motion is ratified at the Business Meeting of the subsequent Worldcon."

Comments:

1: Registration is merely one type of protection. By making the committee name less redundant this will save 14 words. (The committee name occurs seven times in the Constitution.)

- 2: The deleted qualification is superfluous. Local law would always prevail over the WSFS Constitution, at least as far as a local Worldcon was concerned. It was originally adopted because it was thought that British law concerning computerized data might prohibit transfer of this information to the subsequent Worldcon. However, as is usually the case, British law specifically exempts printed data (unless the data is printed for the purpose of re-entering it in a computer system), which is all that would be needed. Saves 6 words.
- 3. This section adds nothing to the meaning of the Constitution. Deleting it saves 23 words and one entire section.
- 4. The current wording of this section is in a highly redundant style which tries to say the same thing several different way and to include various rules of procedure in the Constitution on the theory that no one knows or can refer to Robert's Rules. The result is generally complicated and confusing. All the current text about "majority" and those "present and voting" for example, is unnecessary as these are the default under Robert's Rules. Saves 48 words.

Note: Some of these changes will produce further savings in the Standing Rules.

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World Science Fiction Society®

Resolutions and Rulings of Continuing Effect

1989 Business Meeting, Boston, Massachusetts.

Donald Eastlake, Presiding Officer Bruce Pelz, Deputy Presiding Officer Kent Bloom, Secretary Rick Katze, Timekeeper Theresa Renner, Sergeant-at-Arms

CH-89-1

The chair ruled that any amendment to the Constitution imposing additional financial reporting requirements would not apply to a Worldcon held before the requirement went into effect.

1988 Business Meeting, New Orleans, Louisianna.

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

BM-88-1

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."

BM-89-2

The Business Meeting endorses the proposal that a Worldcon Procedures Guide be created, as discussed in *The Mad 3 Party*.

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

funds:

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

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 future Worldcons.
- CH-82-04 A motion was introduced that would direct future Worldcons supervising site selection to disqualify any bid that used hotels from a particular chain as the main convention hotel until certain conditions were met. The chair ruled the motion out of order on the grounds that requirements for bidding are specified in the WSFS Constitution and additional criteria cannot be imposed without amending the Constitution.
- CH-82-05 A motion to amend the Standing Rules to impose additional criteria for NASFiC bidders to appear on the ballot was ruled out of order by the chair on the grounds that bidding criteria are specified by the Constitution and any additional criteria can only be imposed by Constitutional amendment. (The ruling of the chair was appealed and the chair was sustained by vote of the assembly.)
- CH-82-06 The chair ruled that actual personal signatures are not required on motions submitted in writing as long as the makers of the motion are identified.
- CH-82-07 The chair ruled that "generally available" means you can get it if you want it, not that there have to be copies for everyone who might want it.

1981 Business Meeting, Denver, Colorado.

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

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

1980 Business Meeting, Boston, Massachusetts.

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

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

NOTE:

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

1979 Business Meeting, Brighton, England.

Donald Eastlake, Presiding Officer Rick Katze, Secretary

NOTE:

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

1978 Business Meeting, Phoenix, Arizona.

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

BM-78-01

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

WSFS, Inc. should be responsible for the administering of voting for selection of the Hugos and the

sites of future Worldcons. No change should be made in either Hugos or site selection as a result of the establishment of 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 year, being chaired by various fans at various times. Ultimately it came up with a full Draft Constitution a large part of which were debated and perfect at a WSFS Business Meeting. Finally, at the 1983 WSFS Business Meeting, a report of the committee was received and the committee dismissed with thanks but no further steps were taken to perfect or adopt the new Constitution. While no steps are being taken to put the above resolution into effect, nothing has ever been done to repeal or contradict it either.

NOTE:

At the 1988 Business Meeting a motion to repeal resolution BM-78-1 was introduced and defeated.

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 adopt 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 immediately.

- 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 abased on notes made by Bob Hillis after

consultation with Larry Smith.

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