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OFFICIAL ORGAN OF
THE INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE FICTION CORRESPONDENCE CLUB.



Now, your editor, newly arrived to the scene, has already found out some of the difficulties of editing an official organ of a club. More difficulties will, without much doubt, appear with future issues. This is my first attempt at editing an official zine.

One thing has become apparent at the very start, when making up the cover for the issue at hand, and it became more apparent, with each stroke of the typewriter. The OE must learn more about the club than almost anyone in the club, except the President. I may be exaggerating, but we shall see.

This first issue of 1959 (the issue received a short while ago was the last ish for 1958, though received late) cannot contain very much official matters. There are too many things of which your executive are not familiar with, records having been lost, that we must go ahead with care, feeling our way, trying to rebuild the records of this organization. The roster is not an official one, but it does represent as good a roster as I have been able to make up. It is made up largely from information from previous EXPLORER files. In connection with this, I would like to make an appeal for a copy of the last EXPLORER sent out, Volume 9, 1958, Number four. I seem to have mislaid that issue. I have the entire EXPLORER file here, it having been sent to me by Eva Firestone.

I will not include in this neo-editorial, all that I have to say, I will be scattering editorial comments through-out the issue, as occasion seems to demand. Please bear with me, as I feel my way along.

In the issues to come, I shall try to give a brief, though complete as possible, history of the club, from its inception. Do you realize that the first document of the club is registered with one of the states? It is. Do you realize who the founders of the club are? These bits of information will be published in issues to come. The past-presidents and officers ... maybe even a list of all previous members, and there have been a lot of them ...

The club, as the succeeding pages will show you, is at as low an ebb as it is possible for a club to be.. and still exist. There are some things we will be doing that may not seem officially correct... the election for this year being a good example. It is unconstitutional - too late - no nominations - no activity points considered - many things like that. But, honestly... what else is there to do? There has to be a start with the re-organization. We are going to try our damndest to get the club re-org anized... but we cannot do it alone. I, as temporary editor of EXPLORER, will do my best... the others on the I.S.F.C.C. executive will be doing their best. Will you?

Now, on the roster included. Two rosters are shown. One shows the paid up members. The other shows the members who have allowed their membership to lapse. Neither of these are official. Should you find errors or omission, please advise Elinor Poland. We will have no choice but to declare the roster correct, as amended in the next two months. When the July issue of EXPLORER comes out, it will contain an official roster, and we shall then have to proceed with the members we have, as of that date. In the roster, I am making a recommendation, not based on a consultation of the remaining members of your executive. I am recommending that you, the members, paid up or not, pay an amount shown in the last column, to bring your membership paid up to the end of 1960. WE DO NOT HAVE ONE CENT IN THE TREASURY. Everything you will receive in the next few months, will be a direct cost to the pockets of the executive. I will not be charging anything for supplies or postage for at least the first three issues of EXPLORER. The remainder of the executive will not be charging for a while either as we must build up the treasury. The amount I will be donating will amount to many years of dues, in equivalent. Will you send in your dues, as your part?

EDITOR'S TRIPE:- cont.

In the short time I've had the files of EXPLORERS, one thing has come to the fore. Ray C. Higgs has been, or so it seems, Official Editor for the longest period of time anyone has been. Eva Firestone contributed for quite some time, her effort as Official, but the veteran seems to be Racy Higgs. In case it may seem that my contribution, without charge of the next few issues of EXPLORER seems like a big contribution, it might be well to mention that Racy has published the EXPLORER for many, many issues, where there either wasn't ANY contribution, or, only partial recovery of cost from the treasury. He has, almost single-handed, carried the club for the last few years. There can be no replacement for the best Official Editor that the club can have. I will be only a stop-gap, until Racy can again publish the excellent pages of the OO again. As he has explained in the last issue of the OO, he is not in a position, temporarily, to continue as the Official Editor. I sincerely hope that by the time this year 1959 is completed, conditions will have altered, for the best, so that for the year 1960, you will, again, have the expert services of Racy Higgs. Caroline Higgs has donated of her time for a long time too. Her contributions to the existence of I.S.F.C.C. is monumental, and, when the circumstances surrounding the Higgs family have altered, I am sure that both Racy and Caroline, will be in there, helping to guide the destinies of this fine club.

MH O'DJEE. There have been a few who took exception to the conditions and thoughts published in the one and only issue of MH O'DJEE. I am sorry that anyone took exception to any part of the contents. It seems that I am always in hot water, no matter what I do, fan-wise, but I want to point out that I never intend to hurt anyone, but there are times when my inability to come up with the right wording, leads to misinterpretation and misunderstanding. Often, something I print, doesn't sound like anything I intended. I do not wish to leave the idea that is being circulated around, that I consider any action by any past-present executive member, as illegal in the sense that a deliberate breaking of regulations was intended by any action. The actions I consider illegal, are only so because they may not conform to the constitution, but they were done in good faith. The PRESIDENT supervises the activities of the club and officers. Interprets the constitution and standing rules. This means that the officers make their reports to the President, if the officer resigns, the resignation and records should go to the president, since, pending an election, the President must appoint someone else to take over until the members have decided who will take over officially.

Remember that 4 points of credit is given each member for every contribution and letters of comment accepted by the O.E. for publication. Should the contribution, either article or letter, not be accepted for publication, you are still given TWO points of credit. TWO points of credit given for each completed RoundRobin letter round. FIVE points of credit given should be publish, at your own expense, some material that is distributed to the entire membership. This last one is receiving consideration by the executive, wherein it may be possible to gain these five points, maybe more, in another way. A decision has not been made yet. The minimum activity credit needed to allow you to renew your membership, is only TWENTY POINTS. MH O'DJEE represents a 70 point credit for me. See how easy it is. TWENTY points is almost ridiculously easy. Two RRs, completing five rounds are year, gives you the required activity point minimum. Four pages published by a member, completes his requirement. FIVE letters printed in the OO gives him or her that minimum.

I am enclosing several bits of material, besides the Roster and messages from the officers. Some of it may not be correct. I will appreciate hearing from you if you do find matters that are not consistent with official actions of the past. Suggestions will be welcomed. Your letters to me will result in either 2 or 4 points credit. Your vote, two points. Your letters to the Treasurer, will mentioned in the OO, two more points. Letters to any of the officers, will receive at least a mention in the OO, so at least two points again. May we hear from you?

J. Arthur Hayes - Official Editor
Cardiff, Ontario, Canada.

J. Arthur Hayes

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I.S.F.C.C. CONSTITUTION.

1. Name and Purpose: The organization known as the International Science Fiction Correspondence Club (ISFCC) aims to unite readers of science fiction into a club to provide a means of expression for them by exchange of letters and circulars.
2. Benefits: Each member shall receive every issue of the CO as well as the various circulars or magazines published by other members of and for ISFCC for activity requirements.
3. Membership: To become, and in order to remain, a member, one has to pay annual dues, and provide proof of continuous activity within the club.
4. Officers: The following officials will be elected by vote from and by the membership:- (a) President (b) Secretary: (c) Treasurer (d) Activity Manager (e) Official Editor.
5. Standing Orders: May in no way, contradict the Constitution.
6. This constitution, supercedes all previous constitutions.

STANDING ORDERS

1. Membership. (a) Dues: Dues are established at one dollar per fiscal year. The fiscal year runs from 1st of March to the last day of February of the following year.
(b) ACTIVITY REQUIREMENTS: A system of points for activity is established and each member must accumulate at least twenty points per year. Points are accorded by the Activity Manager on the following basis:-
 - (i) 5 points per page published by a member at his own expense and distributed to the whole membership.
 - (ii) 4 points per page for contributions and quoted letters of comments within the ISFCC.
 - (iii) 2 points for mention of letters of comment received and 2 points for participation in a round-robin letter at the conclusion of each round.(c) VOTING: on official matters is obligatory. Dues must have been paid prior to voting.
(d) INACTIVITY: Members who have not met requirements for membership will not be allowed to rejoin the club for a period of at least one year after their defection. Should any member be unable to meet his activity requirements due to prolonged illness or family hardship, he may apply to the secretary to have them waived.
2. ELIGIBILITY FOR OFFICE: Anyone who has been a member for one year or more is eligible to stand for any office, except treasurer. Applicants for treasurer must be at least 21 years of age, and have been a member for two years.
3. DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS: (a) President: Supervises the activities of the club and the officers. Interprets the constitution and standing orders.
(b) Secretary: Maintains record of membership and history of the club. Provides the official organ with an annual membership list, and quarterly changes and additions thereto. He is the official teller of ballots.
(c) Treasurer: Collects dues, maintains financial records and doublechecks the ballots.
(d) Activity Manager: Keeps check of the activity points and provides an annual report to the Official Editor and Secretary of accumulated activity credit. Provides trading facilities where possible.
(e) Official Editor: Publishes the quarterly CO; publishes the official ballots according to information received from the Secretary. Assures that reports are in from the Officers in time for publication.

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4. Voting Procedure: (a) Nominations and applications for office: Must be received by the secretary by the first of February of each year.
(b) Ballots: The Secretary ensures publication of the resulting ballot in the March OO. Ballots must be returned to the Secretary to arrive prior to the 15th of May, so that the results may be published in the June OO. Officers serve from 15th of June to 14th of June of the following year.
5. Impeachment proceedings: In the event that any officer fails to carry out his duties to the satisfaction of the membership, he may be impeached by the following procedure: and impeachment statement signed by 10% of the membership must be sent to the president, or the case being, to the Secretary. The officers not under protest, shall then decide, by majority vote, on the merits of the case, and decide whether the impeached officer shall be allowed to continue his duties, pending full membership vote, or whether he shall be temporarily replaced by appointment. Details of the case must be published in the next OO, where the impeached officer shall have a chance to defend himself. A majority vote will be required to confirm, impeachment, and the appointment of his successor.
6. Official Organ: The Official Organ will be published at the club's expense in March, June, September and December of each year. Primarily, it will be concerned with official matters of the club, extraneous material may be printed at the editor's discretion if funds are available.
7. Other Publications: To count towards activity credit, publications for the ISFCC must be mailed out to all members listed in the OO. Publishers should list the names of members who are not quoted, but have commented by letter or by post-card.

VOTING BALLOT - ISFCC ELECTION

The VOTING BALLOT Will be included in this issue. Because it is too late to nominate in accordance with the constitution, we must resort to the method outlined in this issue. There are volunteers for the different posts that the constitution calls for. Each of these volunteers have already started doing the job outlined for their position.

There will be, however, write-in provisions for this election. Should you prefer someone else, write-in that persons name. It must be remembered that only those who are listed as being paid up can be written in for official duties.

We would like to apologize for this divergence from the Constitutional requirement, but feel that we do not have any choice this year. We ask that you give us the chance to re-organize the club so that we may be able to do things constitutionally next year. We ask that you confirm our temporary positions for this year. Since we volunteered for the hard job, we will do our utmost to make this a successful year for the club.

The completed ballot should be returned early, so that the results can be counted and the results printed in, at the latest, the July issue of EXPLORER.

The volunteers, some of them having already been elected to some post or other last year, are as follows:-

President, volunteered, elected as such last year:- Seth Johnson, 339 Stiles St.
Secretary, volunteered, Floyd Zwicky, 913 Fourth St. Rockford, Ill.
Treasurer, volunteered, Elinor Poland - Activity Manger, Mike Deckinger.
Official Editor:- Art. Hayes.

ISFCC ROSTER
paid-up members.

Name	Address	Dues to	Amount to Dec. '60
K. K. Brimstone	Main Rd. Upway Victoria, Australia	Aug. 59	\$1.40
Oswald Chandia	c/o Director of Surveys, Kingston, Jamaica, B.W.I.	Sep. 59.	1.30
Joan Cleveland	608 S. 2nd St. Vineland, N.J. U.S.A.	Jul. 59.	1.50
Harley Cobb	Box 586, Anaheim, Cal. U.S.A.	Dec. 59.	1.00
Mikk Deckinger	85 Locust Ave. Millbarn, N.J. U.S.A.	Dec. 59.	1.00
Hans de Zwaard	1910 Alexander St. S.E. Calgary, Alta.	Apr. 59.	1.80
Bennie Edwards	P. O. Bin # 6, Ridgecrest, Cal. U.S.A.	Apr. 59.	1.80
Eva Firestone	P.O. Box 515, Upton, Wyoming; U.S.A.	Aug. 59.	1.40
Art. Hayes,	Cardiff, Ontario, Canada.	Sept. 59.	1.30
Ray C. Higgs	813 Eastern Ave. Connersville, Ind. USA	Dec. 59.	1.00
Caroline Higgs	813 Eastern Ave. Connersville, Ind. USA	Dec. 59.	1.00
Zelma Horn,	Box 11194, Tucson, Arizona, U.S.A.	Sep. 60	.30
Addie Huddlestown	Box 2507, May St. Cincinnati, Ohio, USA	Jun. 59.	1.60
Marijane Johnson	1011 E. Hoffman Ave. Spokane 22, Wash.	Sep. 59.	1.30
Seth A. Johnson	339 Stiles St. Vaux Hall, N.J. U.S.A.	Dec. 59.	1.00
Alberta Leek	Oak Ridge, N.J. U.S.A.	Sep. 59.	1.30
Frances La Brie	2530 E. 36th St. Tucson, Ariz.	Jul. 59.	1.50
Peter Maurer,	818 S. Jefferson, Hastings, Mich.	Aug. 59.	1.40
Raleigh Multog	7 Greenwood Rd. Pikesville S, Md. USA	Sep. 59.	1.30
Alan Lewis	129 Jewett-Hooswood Rd. East Aurora, N.J.	Sep. 59.	1.30
Vera Lucs	14 Maidford Rd. Corley, Northants, Eng.	Aug. 59.	1.40
Jeanette Nagle	155 Xavier St. Denver 19, Colorado.	Aug. 59.	1.40
Elinor Poland	9064 Collins Ave. Miami, Fla.	Apr. 59.	1.80
Mary Quinn,	c/o Milo Hoods, Rte #1, Allenton, Wisc.	Dec. 59.	1.00
Sture Sedolin	P. O. Box 403, Vallingsb, SWEDEN.	Dec. 59.	1.00
Coral Smith	P. O. Box 226, Encinitas, Cal. U.S.A.	Dec. 59.	1.00
Janne Sweeney	7713 Fredrick Rd West Lanham Hills,	Dec. 59.	1.00
Frank Van Kempen	1910 Alexander St. N.E. Calgary, Alta. Can.	Apr. 59.	1.80

Brimstone, \$ 1.40, Chandia, \$1.30, Sedolin, \$1.00, can prepay their dues to me, by sending the equivalent, by their currency, in mint stamps of their country. I'll confirm this fact to both Elinor Poland and Floyd Zwicky, and the rest of the Executive as fast as I can. I haven't included the British member, Vera Lucs, because I have arrangements now to get all British stamps as they are issued. Brimstone, Chandia and Sedolin, in sending their stamps, must send different stamps, no duplicates, for me to accept them as their dues. I'll remit the equivalent to the Treasurer, since there is no currency restrictions in effect between the U.S. and Canada.

There may be errors in the above, if so, advise Elinor Poland as fast as you can, so that we may correct the official roster. The roster in effect officially will be that we have, as amended, on July 1st., 1959. Even if there is no error in the above, as far as your name is concerned, contact Elinor Poland, 9064 Collins Ave. Miami Beach, Florida, U.S.A.

And, I'd appreciate hearing from you too, contributions either as letters or articles, such as Science Fiction in your country (in the case of overseas members), for possible in future issues of EXPLORED. I'll be more than willing to listen to your advice.

To all those who received MICHIGAN, issued a short while ago by yours truly, I'd like to advise that it now has ceased publication. It may be revived later, possibly in another club.

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DELINQUENT ROSTER
subject to correction.

Name	Address	Dues to.	Am't to Dec. '60.
Richard Abbot	3418 Wisc. Ave. Baytown, Texas, U.S.A.	May 58	\$1.80
Alfred Andrews	1659 Lakewood Dr. Birmingham, Ala. USA	Jan. 58	1.80
Neils Augustin	Jac. Veltmanstraat 30p. III, Amsterdam, Slotervaart, Holland	Jun. 58	1.80
James Ayers	609 First St. Attala, Ala.	Jun. 58	1.80
Wrai Ballard	Blanchard, N. D. U.S.A.	May. 58	1.80
Stony Barnes	Rt #1, Box 1102, Grants Pass, Ore. USA	Sep. 58.	1.80
Beatrice Bettuzzi	c/o Compagnia Nazionale, Artigiana, vis. Cuicoiardini 9, Florence, Italy.	Mar. 58.	1.80
Gavin Brown	47 Causeyside St. Paisley, Renfrewshire, Scotland.	Dec. 58.	1.80
K. M. Carlson	1028 3rd Ave. S. Moorhead, Minn.	Dec. 58.	1.80
Art Coulter	297 Canyon Dr. Columbus 14, Ohio.	Sep. 58.	1.80
J. Covey	6 Rugg St. St. Albans, Vermont, U.S.A.	Jun. 58.	1.80
Marc. Curilovic	943 Royal Rd. Cleveland 10, Ohio.	Jan. 59.	1.80
Donald Dixon,	A4878178, NATC (ASchool) Wg. 2, Memphis, Tenn.	Jun. 58.	1.80
R. A. Farnham,	506 2nd Ave. Dalton, Ga.	Dec. 58.	1.80
Mike Gates,	% Col. J.A. Gates, Dept. Chief of Staff, Office of the CG, Hq. WACOM, APO 757, N.Y.	Jun. 58.	1.80
Anthony Glynn	144 Beresford St. Moss Side, Manchester, England.	Mar. 58.	1.80
Ralph Harding,	38 Central Ave. Marylands, West Australia.	Jun. 58.	1.80
Pete Hartman	607 N. Ruby St. Ellensburg, Wash.	Jun. 58.	1.80
Lars Eric Helin	Noggeledagatan 8, Gothenburg, SWEDEN.	Jun. 58.	1.80
Peter Ibreyo	Reg. Mech W. Shop. Public works Dept. Ibadan, W. Nigeria.	Dec. 58.	1.80
Jan Jansen	229 Berchemlei, Bergerhout, Antwerp, Belgium	Dec. 58.	1.80
Terry Jeeves	58 Sharrard Grove, Intake, Sheffield, Eng.	Jun. 58.	1.80
Martha Kowitz	11019 Lozier St. Warren, Mich. U.S.A.	Jun. 58.	1.80
Kenneth Knecht	AF23588679, Box 57, Joelton AFB, Tenn.	Dec. 58.	1.80
Onalee Hansen	20 Lyons St. N.E. Grand Rapids, Mich.	Mar. 59.	1.80
Betty Kujawa	2819 Caroline, South Bend, 14, Ind.	Dec. 58.	1.80
Gary Labowitz,	7234 Baltimore, Kansas City, Montana	Dec. 58.	1.80
Jean L.nard,	24 rue Petit, Vesoul, Ht. Sne. FRANCE	Dec. 58.	1.80
Annie Linard,	24 rue Petit, Vesoul, Ht. Sne. FRANCE	Dec. 58.	1.80
Ethel Lindsay	Courage House, 6, Lengley Ave. Surbiton, Surrey, England.	Jun. 58.	1.80
Pete Marocco	209 S. Colorado St. Butte, Montana	Mar. 57.	1.80
Anna Martinez	1521 S.W. 13th St. Miami, Fla.	Jun. 58.	1.80
Ellis T. Mills T/Sgt.	AF1529311, 3415 Tech. Indl Wg. (ATC) Lowery AFB, Denver, Colorado.	Dec. 58.	1.80
Berkeley Moore	16 Bartlett St. Brooklyn 46, Mass.	Jun. 58.	1.80
Dennis Murphy	Box 249, Rt. 1, Cromwell, Conn.	Feb. 59.	1.80
Bruce Pelz	Box 3225, Univ. Stn. Gainesville, Fla.	Jan. 59.	1.80
Ted Randall,	4844 Fountain Ave. St. Louis 13, Mont.	Mar. 58.	1.80
William Rickhardt	21175 Goldsmith Ave. Farmington, Mich.	Dec. 58.	1.80
Bill Richerson	813 Richwood, Morgantown, W. Va.	Sep. 58.	1.80
Earl Rockwood	218 Water St. Clinton, Mass.	Sep. 58.	1.80
Fred Runk	6942 S. Talman, Chicago 29, Ill.	Jun. 58.	1.80
Jeanne Wilson	658 S. 5th East, Brigham City, Utah.	Sep. 58.	1.80
Loubel Wood,	211 S. W. 2nd Terrace, Dana, Fla.	Dec. 58.	1.80
Floyd Zwicky,	913 4th Ave. Rockford, Ill.	Jan. 59.	1.80

The "DELINQUENT ROSTER" may not be accurate, but is believed to be so. Future Rosters will not be made up by your editor, but by Elinor Poland, the Treasurer. I have some records here that helps me make up this roster, but I can't guarantee accuracy. The final column showing \$1.80 for everyone, is what I'm suggesting for you to pay to bring your membership to Dec. 31st., 1960. The optimistic part of this Delinquent roster is that most are recent non-renewals. In other words, up to a very recent date, they were interested in I.S.F.C.C. Many of you have been active in the club, have been officers, may have been among the Charter members of the original club. I'll find out before the next issue, since I have the file of former issues of the EXPLORER. Neither the roster of paid-up members, nor the Delinquent Roster, is meant to be official, but in our circumstances, a start must be made somewhere. We do not have one cent in the treasury, so we hope you will all forward \$1.80 or the equivalent, to the Treasurer, Elinor Poland, 9064 Collins Ave. Miami Beach, Fla. U.S.A.

By "Equivalent" (when I was talking about sending the \$1.80) I mean for those who are in foreign countries, such as Holland, Italy - ~~USA~~ Australia - SWEDEN - Ibadan, Belgium and France. This "equivalent" means that I'm willing to accept the equivalent of \$1.80, in different mint stamps of your country totalling an amount in your currency equivalent to that \$1.80. I will also accept from the members listed (former members?) as from England under the same scheme, however, only from the listed persons. I am sure that there are others in the club who will accept stamps for payment of the dues. I already have arrangements now to get all mint stamps from England, and that is why I do not wish to extend the arrangement beyond the persons listed.

Ann Chamberlain, 2548 W. 12th St. Los Angeles 6, Cal. U.S.A. is selling stamps (rubber) of the ISFCC. A duplicate is included in the cover of this issue. They stamp much more clearly than I was able to reproduce, but there will be an impression made by the addressing of this issue to you. She sells them for \$1.00 ppd.

FEDERATION, EAST & WEST.

Dear Seth:-
 Many thanks for your letter of March. I've entered you as a member of the Federation of East & West, and the current issue of East & West Newcast is in the mails for you... also I've sent samples to the addresses you gave. I was active in Fandom once, but drifted out about 1955. Published AERONETA ("The World's Biggest Factino") which lasted 14 issues. I started the Lakeland SF Organization, which lasted two or three years and had 64 members; also I operated the Contact Bureau of Operation Fantast for the last year or two before O.F. faded out.
 Interested to hear that you are the chief of ISFCC - could you give me some gen on it - do you have members in many countries? Has it got a fax or newsletter? How is it organized, etc. F.E.W. has only 16 SF fans in it at present, but is affiliated to the International SF Society; I'd be glad to form a closer link with Fandom; ISFCCers are welcome to join us - individually or en masse. (That 'en masse' applies only if there is less than 200 of 'em).
 Recent F.E.W. news: Total membership is 274, increasing at a rate of about one a day. a U.S. branch has been started by Valida & Harry Ditch, 1264 Gaudin Ave. Redlands, Cal; they also run the Around the World Circulating Library. Other national branches exist in Nigeria and India, and I'm trying to get the 34 members in Ankara to form a national/local Turkish/Ankara branch - they are our largest local. We've got members in some 34 countries, including Poland, Czechoslovakia, Korea, Egypt, Japan, Uganda, Ghana, Costa Rica, in addition to the more obvious places.

Luis Barreiros, P. O. Box 375, Lins, N.O.B. Sao Paulo, Brazil, has proposed the formation of a Transworld Press Service as a semi-independent F.E.W. agency, to circulate news of internationalistic, cultural and open-pai societies. He's a journalist, Cont. on page 10

A REPORT TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF ISFCC.

Seth Johnson - President.

For the past three years, there has been little or no official business passed by either the executive or the membership. Since an election is due, there will be mailed with this issue of the EXPLORER. I am again running as president, Art Hayes is running as Official Editor, Elinor Poland is running as Treasurer, Floyd Zwicky is running as Secretary and Mike Deckinger as Activity Manager. These candidates, incidentally, are now doing this work and I personally coaxed each one of them to take on this responsibility and believe they deserve your confidence and support.

However, electing the executive is not nearly enough. We need to revive the activities and we need to know just where we stand. As of now, Elinor does not just who has paid up his or her dues or when they did so. There is no record of the membership or any books. Therefore, each member is urged to drop a post-card to Elinor to let her know your status as a member. Also each member is urged to volunteer for one or more Round Robins. Mike Deckinger is ready to launch these robins as fast as you members volunteer.

But no matter how eager and willing the five members of the executive committee are, there is little or nothing they can do without the support of the membership. This means mass participation in the robins and it also means volunteering to take on activity in the ISFCC. One committee which I want to get organized immediately is the Personnel committee. This committee would take upon itself the writing of letters to non-members and attempting to recruit them to the ISFCC, after recruiting of these new members, it would be responsible for introducing said new members to as many of the older members as possible through personal introductions, round robins and through encouraging them to take on activities and work. This group would also be responsible for contacting those whose membership has expired and trying to draw them back into ISFCC.

Now, I don't have to tell all of you that this would be a lot of responsibility and we really need a devoted and responsible person to take over the running of this committee and recruiting the personnel from the membership to do the work. I am calling for such volunteers right now. Please contact me immediately.

There has been considerable discussion on the executive about dropping the activity requirement for membership. I, personally, would like to retain the activity requirement as a condition for running for any elective office and for the right to cast a vote. Right now, the treasury is dead flat broke and we need every dollar, regardless of the activity. However, I don't feel that those who do not carry on the very little activity required should be allowed a voice in the ISFCC. After all, it only takes three robins, at the most, to build up sufficient activity points for membership. Certainly this is not a heavy requirement, can be accomplished in two to three hours a month. Personally, I don't see why anyone would want to be a member, if they were not eager and willing to participate in robins and to write for the EXPLORER and Mike's new letterzine, ARABESQUE.

Another thing I would like from the members is ideas. Send them to me or any member of the executive and they will be taken up in the ORT (Official Round Table) and discussed and if accepted by a majority of the executive, put into practice or else submitted to a membership vote.

Now, under communications, I have been officially invited to join ISFCC to the International Science Fiction Society. Mike Deckinger, incidentally, is the American representative of this group, Art Hayes, the Canadian Representative, and it includes science fiction and Fantasy Fan Organizations and correspondents all over the world. I personally think we ought to belong to it. I hope Mike will send in complete information on this for the EXPLORER for the next issue.

Another communication has been an invitation for ISFCC to join F.E.W. A correspondence organization advocating international Amity, promoting correspondence between

citizens of all countries including the Iron Curtain countries. It also promotes peace, metaphysics and has a number of Science Fiction fans in it. Membership is on a voluntary basis, voluntary donation basis, and we are invited to join as a group. Here again, I think the chance to contact so many over-seas correspondents alone would make the deal worth-while. I am enclosing a letter from Peter Campbell about this for Art to print.

Well, friends, that's the state of affairs. The chances are that a determined effort by all members would put ISFCC back on its fiscal feet again, in a hurry. I hope all of you will start contacting the various executives and start getting involved in one or more activity. And remember, plenty of articles and ideas are wanted for publishing in the EXPLORER and Mike is champing at the leash to get some robins started. Hope you will all volunteer for at least four or five, if not more, of them.

I think the design selected for the stamps that Ann Chamberlain is selling, should be adopted as the official emblem of ISFCC. If there are enough requests, I'll even get stationery printed for the members with this emblem printed on it. Will have to have at least 10 orders (or multiples of 10) of 100 each before I can go ahead with this deal however. If enough express an interest in obtaining such letterheads, I will announce the deal and prices in EXPLORER and in personal letters to those who announce an interest. Enuf sed.

Fanatically yours,
Seth. A. Johnson.

P.S. Betty Kujawa was the designer of the ISFCC design I'm for adoption as the club emblem.

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age 35, interested in most things.

I guess you know Erwin Scudla (Vienna XVII/107, Rotzergasse 30/1, Austria)? In case you don't, however, I'll mention that he's going to publish a directory of Fans and clubs, so be sure he knows about the ISFCC...

Peter Campbell,
Birkdale Cottage, Brantfell, Windermere,
Westminster, England.

FANDOM & S.F.

Arthur Ley.

Is Fandom enough of a force to sway the prozines? I doubt it. It is a force, the very life-blood of SF, but I don't think the mags reckon it any longer. No, I think the change will have to come by natural selection. Nothing will likely happen while the field is in a depressed state. But, as soon as one of the leaders goes (and I think that may may not be far off) we may see new contenders in the field. SF is too tough and vital a growth, to fade. It's not helped by such blatherings as Campbell's editorial in the Feb (I think it the Feb. issue) ASF. It would be invidious of me (as a pro, even if semi-retired!) to analyse too deeply the glaring faults of the major mags. All I'll say is the best editors in the business: Lowndes, Margulies and Carnell, are, ironically, in the minor league. I'd like to see them have bigger budgets to play with. And I'm sure Elish & Klass would make fine editors with half a chance. A good shake-up in the field will help a lot.

The "boom" in SF did it no good. Too many authors turned out rubbish; stories that were just Earth-present pieces transferred to a future, outerworld setting; twists that really weren't... too many editors thought they knew it all. I'm sure the real SF writers respond to the right call. Look at the first 2 or 3 years of Galaxy and look at

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TO ALL MEMBERS:-

Due to the absence of Treasury records, it is necessary to ascertain how each member stands as to club dues and the approximate date these were paid. Until this information is recorded, an official membership list cannot be made. Therefore, I appeal to all of you to send a letter or post-card to 9064 Collins Ave. Miami Beach, Florida, U.S.A. with this needed data.

If, recently, anyone paid dues for any other member, old or new, and it was not listed in any ISFCC roster, then please include this additional information in communications to the Secretary or Treasurer.

Any information at all, remembered from personal or Robin letters, in reference to any member's status will help in setting straight the club files.

In all fairness to yourselves and those members with whom you correspond, you should make the effort to help in this project to insure proper credit being given to those who are entitled to it.

Any co-operation you will give, will be gratefully appreciated by those working towards a better and more smoothly functioning organization.

Respectfully,
Elinor Poland, Treas.

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it now! Yet the mag (until recently, anyway) pays the same rates. So, it can't be economic, the decline I mean. What I'd like to see--- and I might do it here -- is a club for pros (and for any den who wanted to string along) to get interest stimulated. The old White Horse here, used to fulfill that function, but has withered sadly. I've got the room at our Merton shop, but that's too far out from the centre of London; so come to that, is my home. But, perhaps we'll get a shop with upper part, nearer the centre, or I'll find another venue. I think the field can always do with ginger groups. That's what Fandom is. Look out, I may become a fan yet!

Haven't had the issues of Amazing yet with the new Doc Smith. I'm looking forward to it. You wonder how Campbell or Gold didn't grab it? I don't. The Doc doesn't fit in with current policies. The big Boys like writers who fit in. I fit in more closely with Gold; but I once wrote a piece right at Campbell. Several, when it appeared in IF, asked me why the heck my agent didn't send it to ASF. My agent did! I didn't mind; my rate from IF worked out at about 2.9¢ against Campbell's 3¢. But I never wrote another Campbell's way. In fact, I don't think I (or any other sincere pro) writes to order. For my part, I get an idea, I work it out in story ~~1/4~~ terms (that's always the hard part) and it seems to be going in a certain manner suited to one mag or another --- or sometimes the idea directs it in one way or another from the start. So, I make the direction more weighted. This is only bad when the story has to conform. If the field were healthy (which it isn't currently) if e.g. the field were F. & S.F. of five years ago, GALAXY of seven years ago, ASF of fifteen years ago, plus TWS and STARTLING of eight years ago, FANTASTIC UNIVERSE of four years ago, and say a couple of pulps, the writer would be in paradise --- and so would the readers.

Of course, the commercial angle isn't always bad. For instance -- about 4 years ago, I wrote a story which I liked. The writing wasn't brilliant, but it was adequate, and the idea was, I thought, a good one. The piece kicked around. Gold turned it down because it was PSI and he was sick of PSI. That's understandable; all themes get over-

done -- but this was a new idea in the theme, and no editor should say that a theme is overdone -- if so, we'd never get any space stories! Campbell was really pro- PSI then, but it seems that Black John doesn't like my stuff anyway. F. & S.F. turned it down, despite the fact that they had printed a story that was bearing on the same theme as mine, and not half so well done as mine, if I say so myself! And my piece was quite different. My agent doesn't send to the pulps and the lesser rate mags. In the end, Ballantine bought it for STAR S.F. and if another PB of that series comes out, my piece will appear there. The piece, incidentally, is called the SCENE SHIFTER or it was when I wrote it. You'll be able to judge my history of it if you see it in print. I didn't really start out to recount its history with editors, but that does give you some insight into the workings of the editorial mind. What I did mean to do, and do now, is to show that commercial factors can help. This piece had a natural fantasy ending. It came in a package with the idea from whatever dimensions ideas come from! But Fantasy is a much harder product to sell than SF, so I thought and thought and turned up with an ending which resolved the idea in SF terms -- and with fitting irony. So the script went out with two endings. I don't know which one STAR intend to use.

Why I can't correspond with much relevance on SF is that I don't read many novels, nor do I read mags exhaustively. I read for stimulation of my own writing. I read those pieces which have themes which interest me -- robots, biological engineering, PSI, parasitism, shape-changing aliens for instance. I don't find much to interest me in ASF these days. I never have been a real fan of that mag -- and vice versa, evidently! It never seems to hold to its own tenets of what SF should be. When it does, it's brilliant. I remember the Gallagher stories -- which, for all their zenazines, contained a lot of thinking and ideas. Moose Level by Jones (I think) Private Eye by Padgett, and a beaut by British Author Peter Phillips -- can't remember the title, but it was about a man sent into another's man's mind to wrestle with his neuroses. Phillips also wrote another brilliant piece in an early GALAXY -- short shocker -- about a man who crash-landed on a world of robots. Phillips is a brilliant writer who never wrote enough. I know the bloke, but not well. He's a lder writer on one of the London newspapers, so doesn't need the money from writing SF, so I don't imagine his virtual disappearance from the field is for economic reasons. He probably got a bit jaundiced about his stories bouncing from Ed to Ed for editorial quirks. I suppose I seem to have a chip on my shoulder about editors. Who hasn't? No, the editors have got to make a profit, and you can't expect editors to agree with you. It works both ways too; the story that has netted me most money; it was bought successively by BLUE BOOK (and never appeared when that mag folded) SUPERSCIENCE, NEW WORLDS and HAPNA (in Swedish) and I regarded it as definitely a weaker effort. No, I just wish editors would realize always that SF is a literature of ideas (which includes novelty of treatment, e.g. Bradbury, Sturgeon) and that, although writing is important, nothing is more important than the thought-provoking quality of a story. Which would be better for all concerned, editors, publishers, writers and -- most important of all -- readers.

All the best, Arthur.

I personally think Bjo has prettier legs than either of the other candidates for TAFF, and therefore should be elected..... Seth.

THE JUNIOR INTERNATIONAL SF CLUB.

The Junior International SF Club, or JISFC, is a fairly well-established club composed of readers of various forms of fantasy of all ages up to 21 (at present, ages range from eleven to eighteen). The founding purposes of this club are: (a) The promotion of correspondence between the younger of the fantasy enthusiasts, and (b) the development of their writing/artistic talents in the genre by publication of their efforts in the O-O and critical comments on these efforts in the following issue.

Frankly, JISFC was originally little more than a juvenile counterpart of the N3F, with many of its features undisguisedly imitated from that club, but, by now, JISFC has outgrown this and is a moderate success, as a club in its own right, with the added virtue of the youthful exuberance of its membership, which quite naturally makes for a club which is much more lively than a good many old, established adult SF club. The N3F for example, occasionally sounds quite a bit like a small-town PTA meeting.

There are also a good many of what we in the club like to refer fondly to as "benefits" for the members. For instance, the young fan-pubber will find a printing service, complete with every type of process from helko to multilith and silk-screen, at his services: he need only to pay the bare expenses. If the publisher chooses, he may also have the services of a 12-font varityper.

Among the other benefits we include a lending-library, a trade bureau, a mss bureau, and other such traditional services.

The Official Organ, titled, originally enough, THE INTERNATIONAL YOUNG*FAN, is the one thing around which most of the club centers. It contains correspondence - letters & tapes - column, a discussions column, useful information, material by the members, a section of news, a section of clubs for the youngfan, etc. It is printed in multi-lith, with a photo-offset cover. The clubine alone is actually worth the price of admittance.

And the 'price of admittance' is \$1.50 for 12 issues of the O-O, or approximately two-years' membership, from John Thiel, 2934 Wilshire St, Markham, Illinois, U.S.A.

AROUND THE WORLD CIRCULATING LIBRARY.

Dear Seth:-

We are happy to make your acquaintance thru the Federation o f East & West and to have your friendly letter. Indeed we will work together with you and your groups. Just now, I am pressed for time, so will be brief.

It is well for smaller groups to join larger ones, they have something in common with to add strength to their common purposes, so I am glad to hear you are considering affiliation with the FEW and the ISFCG. I shall be glad to write an article for the EXPLORER as this is my forte, the best way I can be of service and express myself the best. If you will send me a copy of the \$1.00 or periodical, I will have an idea of just what to write thr article to appeal to your readers.

Our Library is growing faster than I can keep up with and reaching out further and we are extending our new services. We hope you will find some books and periodicals of interests to borrow. Do you have a Science Fiction Library? I could look out for some books for it.

Valida Diehl,
1524 Gamble Ave.
Escondido, Cal. U.S.A.

You might also put a box in the ballot for the members to vote on affiliation with F.E.W. and ISFS.... Seth

CONCLUSION.

This write-up of this issue of EXPLORER took only two evenings. It is a rushed issue, yet contains a greater variety of materials than I thought would be likely. The success of the club is now in your hands. Let us know if you want to carry on.

J. Arthur Hayes, Official Editor.

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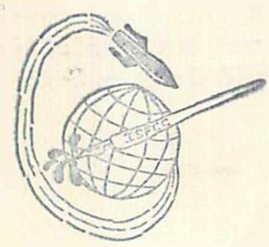
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