

# CONSTITUTION

of the

## FANTASY AMATEUR PRESS ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE 1.-- Name --- The name of this organization shall be the Fantasy Amateur Press Association.

ARTICLE 2.-- Purpose --- Its purpose shall be to unite in fraternity the amateur writers, publishers, editors and printers of fantastic and highly imaginative literature and publications; to promote the spread of amateur fantasy writing and publishing; to better the abilities of the members in their fields; to provide an appreciative audience for the amateur fantasy enthusiast.

ARTICLE 3.-- Membership--- Membership is limited to those who can prove by a credential their interest in amateur fantasy. This credential is to consist of any or all of the following:-- (a) A contribution in the form of poem, story, article, drawing, or column published in some amateur fantasy publication; (b) The applicant must show that he or she has been an editor, publisher, or printer (non-professional) of at least one issue of an amateur fantasy publication. In any of these cases the credential must have been published within at least the space of a year prior to the date of application.

ARTICLE 4.--Limitation of membership -- No more than fifty persons may be members of the Fantasy Amateur Press Association at any one time.

ARTICLE 5.--Privileges -- Members in good standing shall be entitled to receive the official organ, to vote in all elections, to run for office, to hold office, to have publications mailed in the official mailings and to receive such mailings, and to participate in all other activities or benefits. They are entitled to use the official emblem, either upon stationery, masthead of publication, as a badge or pin, or in any other honorable way.

ARTICLE 6.--Non-Consolidation -- This club shall remain free of ties with any other organization. However, members of the F.A.P.A. shall be encouraged to join the National Amateur Press Association or any other general ~~amateur~~ press association.

ARTICLE 7.--Officers--- The officers shall be: President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, and Official Editor. No member shall hold the same office more than once in five years.

ARTICLE 8.--Official Organ -- The official organ shall be called THE FANTASY AMATEUR and shall be issued quarterly by the official editor and paid for out of the club treasury. It shall not be less than four pages. It must contain the reports of the various officers, listings of fantasy amateur publications and writings, and other information relative to fantasy amateur achievements. A list of all members shall appear in alternate issues. No advertisements will be carried. Other material therein shall be at the discretion of the editor.

ARTICLE 9.-- Elections -- Elections shall be held by mail. The ballots are to be sent out at least three weeks prior to July first each year. All votes must be in by July first. The ballots shall be counted by a committee of three delegated by the president. A plurality is sufficient to elect. Officers serve for one year beginning July second. Only members who have been active in amateur fantasy within the year shall be eligible to vote.



**ARTICLE 10.--Duties of Officers --**

(a) **THE PRESIDENT** shall direct the activities of the association; fill vacated offices until the following election; appoint auxiliary offices to fulfill duties not provided for elsewhere or to help in the execution of the various offices; and to perform such duties as devolves upon an executive officer.

(b) **THE VICE-PRESIDENT** shall direct recruiting activity; shall take over the President's duties in the event that office is vacated; shall judge over disputes; and shall serve as Chairman of any Laureate Committees should such be appointed by the President.

(c) **THE SECRETARY-TREASURER** shall accept or reject membership applications; keep a written record of all receipts and expenditures; submit such for audit to the President at the next election; submit a financial report and list of members to the official editor for publication in the official organ; and shall see that a ballot is mailed to each member.

(d) **THE OFFICIAL EDITOR** shall publish the official organ, and shall approve all material appearing therein. He may draw upon the treasury for funds. Each quarter he shall mail the official organ to each member. He shall also mail with the official organ any publications published by the members, and who have sent or given the Official Editor sufficient copies to cover the entire membership. Members sending publications shall also send a sum of not less than ten cents for small journals, nor less than twenty cents for larger ones in order to help offset the cost of mailing.

**ARTICLE 11.--FAA.P.A. Publications --** Members of the Fantasy Amateur Press Association are not obligated to use the Official Mailing. Nor are they bound to publish free publications. If they wish, their periodicals may be subscription and not sent free to all FAPA members. All items sent through the Official Editor's mailings shall be given ~~gratis~~ gratis as exchanges for all members. One sheet fantasy advertisements may be sent through the Official Mailing without any fee. Publications sent through the Official Mailings shall have been reproduced through the medium of printing press, mimeograph, hektograph, photo-lithograph, or any other means of mechanical duplication other than carbon-copy or by hand.

**ARTICLE 12.-- Dues --** The membership dues shall be fifty cents a year, payable in advance to the Secretary-Treasurer. A year's dues shall accompany each application for membership.

**ARTICLE 13.-- Amendments --** Amendments to the Constitution shall be proposed in writing, signed by four members. The original is to be sent to the President, a copy is to be sent to the Vice-President. Such amendments shall be voted upon at the elections, unless the President orders a special vote. A majority vote shall be necessary for the adoption of new amendments.

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Accepted May 19, 1937

Donald A. Wollheim, Provisional President.  
John B. Michel, Provisional Official Editor.