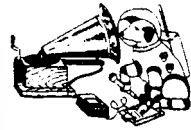


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# The Science Fiction



## Oral History Association

*Recording Science Fiction History as it Happens*

May 1999

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### From the Editor

You haven't heard from us in about 15 months. I'll bet some of you wondered whether we still existed. I assure you that SFOHA still very much exists.

I'm very disappointed that we haven't been able to be more active this past year because I love this organization and what it stands for. I also enjoy putting out this newsletter.

Unfortunately, this has been a hard year for the current SFOHA board of directors.

The president, **Nancy Tucker Shaw**, suffered a massive stroke in September of 1998, which left her partially paralyzed. She continues to suffer from debilitating heart disease and is spending far too much time in hospital.

The treasurer, **Jean Lynn Barnard**, suffered a life threatening hemorrhage and has undergone two surgeries to repair the damaged blood vessels. Luckily for us all, Jean seems to have recovered wonderfully well and has returned to good health.

The secretary, **Howard Devore**, has been hospitalized several times for trouble with his legs brought on by congestive heart failure.

Member-at-Large and founder, **Lloyd Biggle** was hospitalized for back surgery in October. He recovered well from that, except that the stress kicked off a series of other health problems that had been lurking in the background.

Even I, in addition to helping to care for Nancy, my mom-in-law, after her stroke, have been hospitalized a couple of times in the last year for minor health problems.

What a year!

We really hope that improving health and an influx of new blood from the Timebinders cohort will see us become much more active this year. Maybe even active enough to justify a real newsletter!

### Nominations Sought

SFOHA is seeking candidate nominations for our year 1999/2000 Board of Directors.

Every member-in-good-standing ~~whose arm can be twisted~~ is eligible to run for the board.

The Open board positions include President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. Members-at-Large nominations are not called for because these positions are automatically filled by the past-president and the founder.

The president represents SFOHA at local, regional, national, and international SF conventions, plans and schedules meetings, and coordinates SFOHA advertising.

The vice-president is responsible for organizing and publishing the newsletter and facilitating communication with the membership.

The Secretary is responsible for attending all meetings and taking minutes, which are then passed on to the Vice President for inclusion in the next newsletter.

The treasurer keeps the accounts for SFOHA and keeps track of memberships, as well as handling distribution of the newsletter.

Self-nominations are welcome. A nominations form is included at the back this newsletter.

### SFOHA January 1999 Meeting

SFOHA hosted an open meeting at this year's ConFusion on Saturday, January 23rd, 1999.

In attendance were Nancy Tucker Shaw, President, Larry Tucker, standing in for Misti Tucker, Vice President, who was on the concom and couldn't get away, Howard Devore, Secretary, Laurie Mann (Timebinders representative), Dick Smith (SFOHA and Timebinders

member) and Roger Sims (board member at large).

The meeting opened at 4:00 pm. Larry Tucker presided.

First order of business: Jean Barnard recommended to the board that we extend any memberships through the next year for anyone who has been a member at any time since 1994 since SFOHA hasn't had any significant activity in recent years. The board approved the motion.

Second Order of Business: The treasury is in good shape with about \$4,700, in part because the only expenditure in the last year has been the extension of our State of Michigan non-profit organization registration. Dick Smith offered to help SFOHA get federal 501(c)3 status, if we want it.

Although memberships have been extended and the activity level has been minimal this year, donations are still gratefully accepted because we hope to get moving this year as new people come on board and our current board's health returns.

Third order of business: SFOHA needs a new backup archive for its master tapes. Dick Smith and Leah Zeldes-Smith volunteered.

It was suggested that SFOHA keep its masters in a library, and it was explained that archives left in libraries tend to be disposed of when the librarian contact moves on. A good way to lose our masters -- and without first generation originals, there can be no new archives.

It was suggested again this year that SFOHA could benefit by

moving its masters and archives onto CD, since the technology has now become very inexpensive. Response: great idea -- as soon as we find 900 volunteer hours for the transfer. Timebinders may be able to help with this and with transcription within the next few years as the voice to ASCII technology gets more sophisticated.

It was suggested that the Bowling Green Museum of Popular Culture may be interested in sponsoring an archive. The librarian is very interested, but her higher ups are less so. We'll have to look into it. Volunteers? Timebinders has volunteered to host a web site for SFOHA. We gratefully accepted.

It was suggested that instead of going to CD technology, we should go directly to DVD technology. The board had the some objection as to the CD proposal. Howard wanted to know how long you have to crank up a DVD machine before it's ready to run. Larry called for duct tape.

SFOHA needs to produce more fliers and get them distributed at conventions. We really need more volunteers if we're to get any work done. The current crop is getting burned out. Maybe Timebinders can help distribute the fliers?

An announcement was made of Ro Nagey's move to Hawaii. Addresses in the membership list were updated. Meeting closed at 4:27 p.m.

## SFOHA Online

The Science Fiction Oral History Association now has a web site at: <http://www.fanac.org/sfoha>  
Please stop by and visit!

## New SFOHA Catalog

The manuscript for Volume I of the SFOHA catalog is finished and laid out. Unfortunately Lloyd Biggle, who'd been handling that project, became too ill to work on it soon after receiving the manuscript. He expects to return to work on it as his health improves, and will complete the proofreading and the development of the camera-ready copy. We'll keep you updated on its progress.

The directory will be sent to our member depositories free of charge. SFOHA members are entitled to copies of the directory at a minimal cost to help offset printing and shipping expenses.

### Volunteers Needed

**Audiographers and Videographers** -- SFOHA needs audiographers to tape interviews and panels at conventions worldwide. We have one audiotape setup that we can loan for the purpose, but if you can provide your own setup, that's great!

Contact SFOHA for more information.

**Archival Assistant** -- Nancy Shaw needs help from someone in the SE Michigan area to help her to maintain the main archives until she's back on her feet. This would involve coming out to her house once a month to catalog and duplicate new titles, make duplicates of any tapes requested by our depositories, and generally maintain the archive. If you can help, please contact Nancy at (734) 944-1913.

**Depository Liaison** -- This position requires that you be able and willing to act as liaison, along with the president, in keeping the

lines of communication open with our existing depositories and also be able and willing to make arrangements to open new depositories in Universities around the world. We'd also appreciate volunteers who can act as local liaison to depositories in their regions.

### Volunteer Kudos

Laurie Mann has been of immense help in getting a new SFOHA web page up and running and acting as a liaison between SFOHA and the Timebinders group.

Carolyn Westbrooks, Corey Rydholm, and Larry Tucker have been especially active volunteers lately, video-taping many interviews and convention happening at various conventions.

Thanks, Laurie, Carolyn, Corey, and Larry!

### SFOHA 1998/1999 Officers

Because we received not a single nomination in response to last year's call for nominations, the officers who held positions in 1997 agreed to continue in 1998. They are:

**President** - Nancy Shaw

**Vice President** - Misti Anslin Tucker

**Treasurer** - Jean Barnard

**Secretary** - Howard Devore

**Members-at-Large** - Lloyd Biggle and Roger Sims

### SFOHA and Timebinders Join Forces

The Science Fiction Oral History Association and Timebinders (The Society for the Preservation of the History of Science Fiction Fandom) are in the process of forging an official relationship.

SFOHA officially approved the motion to work more closely with Timebinders at the January

## Science Fiction Oral History Association Board of Directors Nominations

**President:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Vice President:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Treasurer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Secretary:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Please make your nomination before 1 September 1999.*

Please send your nominations to: 1810 Charleton Avenue, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48103

23rd, 1999 board of directors meeting.

The Society for the Preservation of the History of Science Fiction Fandom, AKA the Timebinders, was formed at FanHistoriCon I in May 1994 in Hagerstown, MD. The purpose of FanHistoriCon, called by Peggy Rae Pavlat, Bruce Pelz, and Joe Siclari, was to bring fans of different fannish generations together to discuss ways to preserve fannish/SF history.

At the FANAC board meeting in February, Timebinders officially decided to work more closely with the Science Fiction Oral History Association.

Timebinders has donated Web space to SFOHA for their Web site. Laurie Mann will serve as contact.

**Timebinders Goals**

- ☐ Physical preservation of endangered fannish materials

- ☐ Maximum access to endangered fannish materials
- ☐ Continuity of information availability

With our similar missions, but different focuses and their younger, more energetic membership, we're hoping that they will be able to help us to renew our own energy and find the new volunteers to help us continue our work.

Many thanks to Laurie Mann for her hard work in acting as the liaison between the two organizations!

**Overseas Depository**

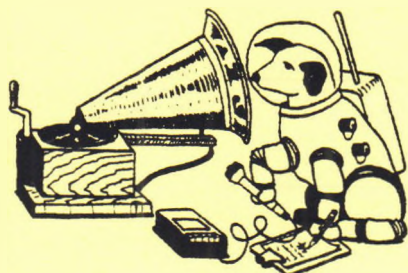
Progress on negotiation for a new depository with the University of Liverpool were brought to a grinding halt when president Nancy Shaw suffered a stroke just weeks before she was scheduled to return to England to meet with Andy Sawyer.

We're hoping to reopen negotiations once Nancy is well enough or when we can find someone else who can continue the negotiation in England.

**Hugo Award Nomination**

Our own Howard Devore has been nominated for the Hugo award for nonfiction for his book *The Hugo, Nebula, and Fantasy Awards*, a 330 page book published by Advent. Howard has been publishing this information on his own since 1971 and Advent says the books has been selling better than they had expected and better than a new book of its type has sold in years.

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