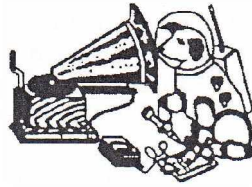

The Science Fiction



Oral History Association

Recording Science Fiction History as it Happens

September 2006

SFOHA: Reeling Forward At-Speed! -- Anne KG Murphy

Hello! I am pleased to report that there have been many exciting developments in the past year. We have started to work out an agreement with the Science Fiction Museum to host an online audio archive with the recordings that have been released for that purpose, we have gathered quite a few new recordings from various conventions, both recorded by us and donated, we provided copies of recordings for both publishing and convention-related projects, and we recruited Neil Gaiman to be a spokesperson for the association.

What we need to do, now and always, is recruit more volunteers to record and to catalogue, and continue to spread the word so that recordings that are independently made will be sent to the Association to be archived and catalogued for access by generations to come. And if anyone has a really good set-up for a portable, affordable rig for recording straight to good quality digital, please let us know.

Other changes have happened. Our President, David Gardner, moved to lands distant from the rest of the Board of Directors and resigned, so the Board elected to put the following slate of executives in place until a proper election among members could be held:

President: Anne KG Murphy
Vice President: Mike Gardiner
Treasurer: Chad Childers
Secretary: Stephen Lucchetti
Director at Large: William J. Murphy

Look for an article about nominating people for election to the Board later in this newsletter. I want to particularly encourage anyone outside of Michigan who is interested in being a Director at Large to nominate themselves; part of the point of that position is to reach out and involve a larger community than just the

local. And please consider sending in your self-nomination.

On a sadder note, since our last newsletter we lost long-time director Howard DeVore, whose health had declined substantially in the year previous, ending with his death in December. Chad Childers has written an obituary for Big-Hearted Howard, which we have included in this issue along with a note on Hedwig Biggle, who died in 2005. Hedwig was the wife of Lloyd Biggle, Jr., who helped found SFOHA, and she was the gracious hostess of many of our meetings while Lloyd was still alive. Many of us in the fan history community also mourn the passing of rich brown, just this summer in 2006.

Many thanks to Stephen Lucchetti, for taking on editorship of the newsletter this year; you are receiving this because he has kept track of what everyone said they would write, bugged us about it, then put it all together. I hope you enjoy it.

Your President,
Anne KG Murphy

SFOHA Elections 2007 -- Chad Childers

Pursuant to the Bylaws of the Science Fiction Oral History Association (SFOHA) revised 2004, the Election of Directors will commence on October 1, 2006, and conclude on November 30, 2006. All members on the mailing list, regardless of dues status, will be permitted to vote in the election.

Any member may nominate himself or herself for office and receive a place on the ballot. Anyone outside of the Detroit metro area who wishes to become a Director at Large and either promote our recording efforts at cons outside of

Michigan or represent the interests of our depository libraries is particularly encouraged to run for office.

Each candidate may make a brief statement concerning an election platform or the objective or goals the candidate will pursue if elected, to be included in the ballot mailing.

The Election Chairman is Chad Childers (chad@deep.mi.org), 41820 Glen Arbor St, Canton MI 48188. Nominations may be sent by mail or email, and may be sent along with dues or address updates to either the elections chairman or the mailing address of the association, SFOHA, 509 Dartmoor Rd, Ann Arbor, MI 48103-4511.

Election Schedule:

- *October 15, 2006* - Deadline to submit nominations, policy proposals or proposals for Bylaws changes.
- *November, 2006* - Fall Newsletter and Ballot mailed out
- *January 15, 2007* - Voting ends
- *January 21, 2007* - New directors take office for two years

The current board of directors are:

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Vice President: Mike Gardiner
Treasurer: Chad Childers
Secretary: Stephen Lucchetti
Director at Large: William J. Murphy
Past President: David Gardner

The election chairman nominates:

Director at Large: Joel Zakem

No proposals or bylaws changes are currently planned. A copy of the SFOHA Bylaws can be found at :
http://sfoha.org/SFOHA_bylaws2004.html

Howard DeVore

– Chad Childers

Big Hearted Howard DeVore, SFOHA Director at (very) Large, friend, and source of "crap, Howard's telling another story, quick, turn on the recorder!" stories, died on the last day of last year, December 31, 2005.

I don't have quite the encyclopedic memory Howard did, but here's how I remember it. Howard was responsible for getting me into SFOHA. When Nancy Tucker Shaw (no relation to Bob Tucker) died and Jean Barnard had a stroke (Jean is still alive, by the way, at age 93+, although she has moved out of her house, her phone still forwards to the assisted living place) Howard gave me a call and asked Sharon Myers

Shaw (no relation to Bob Shaw) and I to come to a SFOHA meeting at Lloyd's place to pick up the pieces. I mostly did it out of affection for Howard and Jean. Howard continued to remind me to go to SFOHA meetings and go with me for years, although he didn't honestly have a lot of enthusiasm for the running of the organization itself, it was something he believed should be kept alive.

We had a SFOHA meeting at Howard's house on September 18th, 2005, which turned out to be his last burst of energy and feeling really good. It was sort of a surprise to me, because I would generally see him about once a week and he had been doing really rotten, we'd had to cancel an earlier meeting we'd planned at his house because he had to check into the hospital. But that day he was in fine form, telling stories, serving refreshments, the daughters had the place cleaned up, and for several days after that he had more energy than me, accomplishing our assignments from the meeting. It was like Midwestcon in miniature.

I've told my stories about Howard in other places, go to <http://cannibal.livejournal.com/201133.html> if you want to read them, or go to the

LAcon website if you want to see their memorial to a man that even death will not stop from being a Worldcon Fan GoH. I know Howard had an evil plan for what he wanted to do for the Worldcon, given the fact that he knew from the start he probably wouldn't make it, and I wouldn't want to spoil the joke by telling you now.

A memorial for Howard was held at Midwestcon, June 22-25, 2006.



Hedwig Biggle

– Chad Childers

Hedwig Janiszewski Biggle, Lloyd's widow, passed away September 3, 2005 in Ann Arbor. Those of us who attended SFOHA meetings at their home in Ypsilanti will always remember her gentility and kindness and cookies. She contributed to many charities and benevolent societies, and shared Lloyd's interest in music, as a professional musician, concertmistress of the Wayne State University Symphony Orchestra, and violin teacher. Survivors include her daughter, Donna Emerson and son, Kenneth Biggle of Adrian, MI. Hedwig's health turned bad immediately after Lloyd's death, and her family was proud of her courageous fight against cancer. Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

RECENT TAPING ACTIVITY

View our latest taping activity at: www.sfoha.org/latest

Worldcon GoH Speeches

Steven H. Silver donated a CD with MP3s of the Guest of Honor Speeches from Loncon II in 1965 (Brian Aldiss), Heicon in 1968 (Robert Silverberg), Iguanacon in 1979 (Harlan Ellison), Chicon 2000 (Ben Bova) and Noreascon IV in 2004 (Terry Pratchett).

Synthetic ConFusion (2006), Troy, Michigan

- Vernor Vinge - Interviewed by Chad Childers Friday January 20, 2006 Synthetic ConFusion
- Vernor Vinge - Reading Nature of Singularity (panel) -- Vernor Vinge, Eric Raymond, Karl Schroeder, Tobias Buckell Getting from Here to There (Panel) Mitchell Burnside Clapp -- Interviewed by David Rozian Heather Alexander Interview with Tom Smith -- Interviewed by Steve Simmons?
- Chuck Roast

Aggiecon (2006), College Station, TX

- Panel: Writing 101 -- Steven Brust, David Carren, Bill Crider, March 24, 2006
- Steven Brust in Concert -- Guitar and voice, March 24, 2006
- Panel: Designing Better Humans -- Steven Brust, Todd McCaffrey, Mark Finn, March 25, 2006
- Panel SF/F & Religion -- Steven Brust, Todd McCaffrey, Rei Sheridan, Mark Finn, March 26, 2006

Penguicon 4.0 (2006), Livonia, MI

Presentation: The History of Google, The Summer of Code Program, and Google Mars -- Chris DiBona, April 22, 2006

Balticon 40 (2006), Baltimore, MD

- Peter Beagle and Neil Gaiman, conversation moderated by Jim McCabe, May 27, 2006
- Neil Gaiman, Readings and Q & A, May 28, 2006
- Lorraine a Malena concert -- Lorraine Garland (fiddle and voice), Malena (voice), Adam Stemple (guitar and voice), May 28, 2006

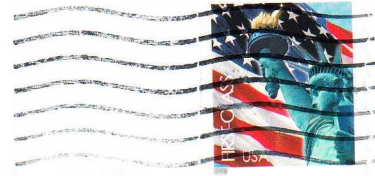
SFOHA Catalog always available online at: <http://www.sfoha.org/catalog>

SFOHA Board of Directors Nominations

Please nominate someone for any or all of the following positions. All elected Board members must be SFOHA members at the time that they take office. The bylaws suggest the board have directors- at-large. We believe the intent of that position is to widen the scope of participation to members who are not necessarily in the same place as the rest of the executive board. You are welcome to nominate yourself and are encouraged to do so if you are interested.

Position	Nomination
President:	_____
Vice President:	_____
Treasurer:	_____
Secretary:	_____
Director- at- Large:	_____
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Nominations should be submitted to the elections chairman at elections@sfoha.org or by mail to SFOHA, 509 Dartmoor Rd, Ann Arbor MI, 48103.

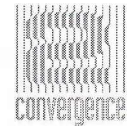


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