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## Business and Announcements

- New business is in **green** (and preceded by a ¶) or **red** (and preceded by a ⚡) depending on urgency.
- ¶ This issue of *The Southerner* includes the annual publication of our Constitution. I've made some corrections to the version Joe Moudry retyped in about 2016, notably correcting III§1 to read "The only official officer...", and returning the word "voting" to VI§3.
- The deadline for mailing 356 is **Thursday 30 November 2023**.
  - Send 15 copies of your zine to: **2824 Kulshan St, Bellingham, WA 98225-2345**.
  - Email a PDF of your zine to [jeff.copeland@gmail.com](mailto:jeff.copeland@gmail.com).
  - ⚡ **The copy count is reduced again. In my years as OE, we've never need more than one of the backup copies for a member. In the case of spec copies, we can send older mailings, or fall back on the electronic edition. And the less paper we all have to shuffle the more convenient for us and the better for the trees.**
  - As usual, the defacto deadline will be when mail is delivered at our house on the Saturday after the deadline. *The Southerner* will be printed and mailings will be bundled over the weekend, and taken to the post office by Tuesday morning. ¶ **Email announcing the electronic mailing will be sent after the physical mailing has been dispatched.**
  - Members opting for electronic-only distribution will still receive a printed copy of *The Southerner*.
- ¶ After I've read comments in your September zines on our electronic distribution experiment, and your answers to the informal poll on the Egoboo Ballot, I'll write up a new issue of "Proposal for a Feasibility Study" for November.
- SFPA's online presence will now be at [bywaterpress.com/sfpa](http://bywaterpress.com/sfpa). That will include our cumulative index and copies of *The Southerner*.
- Note that for security and privacy the full location for the online distribution of zines will *not* be noted in *The Southerner*, but only in email to the members announcing the departure of the mailing.
- ¶ A general reminder that the electronic distribution is intended to be a parallel one to the paper distribution. In other words, the PDF you email to me should match the paper zine you send in pagination and contents. (Give or take black-and-white printing of color illos.)
- This issue's masthead is a detail of Henri Rousseau's 1910 painting *La Rêve* (The Dream).

## The Rules of SFPA

1. SFPA's member limit is 20. ¶ (Note this is reduced from 30.) In the unlikely event that we reach that number, we will reinstitute a waitlist and reconstitute *Shadow SFPA*.
    - a. Cohabiting members may share a membership spot and mailing. Each member has a vote in the Egoboo poll and OE Election. Each member is responsible for maintaining minimum activity.
  2. Minimum activity is defined as original and personal writing in each two consecutive mailings.
  3. The copy count is *one* greater than the current count of the roster, minus the number of members who elect to skip paper mailings — that is, 15. (Please do not send extra copies of your contributions. I have no place to store them and they will just end up being recycled.)
  4. What's brown and sticky? A stick.
  5. Dues are \$35 per year, **reduced to \$8 for members opting out of the print distribution**. Dues are owed by the deadline of the mailing listed after your name in the roster. Tardiness in submitting dues may result in being sent a baloney sandwich instead of your mailing.
    - a. Dues may be paid either via PayPal to `copeland@alumni.caltech.edu`, or by check to the OE. (Note, please, that PayPal account address is different from my normal email address.)
  6. The Official Editor of the Southern Fandom Press Association is *only* the distribution agent for the contents of each mailing and as such bears no responsibility for the contents of individual contributions.
  7. Back mailings (if available) can be obtained for \$8 each by application to the Official Editor. If not needed or requested, extra copies of mailings will be recycled after six months.
  8. Read *The Southerner*. You might miss the various witicisms from your illustrious OE.
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### Treasury

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☞ denotes members who have opted out of print distribution.

**Pages Owed:** Head. (Wells remains on the injured-reserved list.)

**Dues Overdue:** Wells.

**Dues Owed:** Lillian. (See updated Rule 5.)

The number at the end of your roster listing is the mailing *through which* your dues are current. In other words, pay your dues when you send in your zine for that number mailing. (See rule 5 overleaf for remittance details.)

You'll find an envelope addressed to me in your mailing when your dues are due (or overdue).

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# Constitution of the Southern Fandom Press Alliance

## Article I—PURPOSE

The purpose of the Southern Fandom Press Alliance (SFPA) is to stimulate science fiction/fantasy activity in the field of amateur publishing in the Southern states by acting as a distribution channel for the publications of its members, to serve as a core for other fan activity in the said states, and to keep Southern fandom in full contact with the rest of fandom.

## Article II —MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Memberships will be open to any person in the states of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, or Virginia. Either a permanent or temporary (as for college students or military personnel) address will satisfy this requirement.

Section 2. Persons residing outside of the above mentioned states may join, as long as they comprise no more than twenty-five (25) percent of the active membership and are approved for membership by the Official Editor. A non-Southern member having five years of continuous membership does not count as part of the aforementioned twenty-five (25) percent limit.

Section 3. Once a person becomes a member, that person will remain a member unless one of the following occurs:

- a) Minimum activity requirement, as set by the Official Editor, is not met;
- b) Resignation is tendered to the Official Editor;
- c) A motion of expulsion is introduced against the member by the Official Editor, and approved by two-thirds (2/3) of the members voting. Neither the Official Editor nor the member concerned may vote on passage of the motion.

Section 4. The Official Editor may set a maximum limit to the size of the Southern Fandom Press Alliance. When the membership reaches this size, subsequent applicants will be placed on a Waiting List in order of application, and as vacancies occur in the active membership, waitinglisters will be admitted in order of their standing on the list.

Section 5. Individuals who are residents of one of the Southern states as defined in Article II Section 1, at the time they become members of the Southern Fandom Press Alliance retain that status even though they may change their residence.

## Article III—OFFICIAL EDITOR

Section 1. The only official officer of the Southern Fandom Press Alliance is the Official Editor (OE).

Section 2. The Official Editor receives bundles of publications from members and distributes them in bimonthly (January, March, May, July, September, November) bundles to all members. The Official Editor publishes the Official Organ (OO) to accompany each bimonthly mailing, which will contain as a minimum a listing of publications in the bundle, a roster of members and waitinglisters (if any) and a financial statement itemizing expenditures and receipts since the previous mailing.

Section 3. Each time the Constitution is amended, it will be printed in full in the Official Organ and, in any case, it will be printed at least once a year. All official rulings of the Official Editor will be printed at the same time that the Constitution is printed, and new rulings or changed rulings will be printed in the earliest possible issue of the Official Organ after the ruling is made. If a ruling changes an existing ruling, it may not be applied before it has appeared in the Official Organ.

Section 4. The Official Editor handles all the funds and makes all the rules subject to the limitations set forth in the Constitution.

Section 5. The Official Editor may, in exceptional circumstances, issue a fractionally numbered mailing between regular bimonthly mailings. Any such mailing will be accompanied by a fractionally numbered Official Organ, which

will contain as a minimum a listing of publications in the fractionally numbered mailing, which will be distributed to all members. The existence and contents of the fractionally numbered mailing will be noted in the next regularly numbered Official Organ.

Section 6. The Official Editor is not responsible for the content of any publication other than the Official Organ, for which he or she is solely responsible.

#### Article IV—ELECTIONS AND IMPEACHMENTS

Section 1. The Official Editor will be elected annually by vote of the membership, the ballot to circulate with the September mailing. Any member otherwise eligible may file with the current Official Editor at any time before the deadline for the September mailing, and his/her name will appear on the ballot.

Section 2. Any member of five (5) years continuous membership may run for Official Editor. If the member is under the age of eighteen (18), the member must have a treasurer who is eighteen (18) years old or older to take responsibility for the disbursement of the Southern Fandom Press Alliance funds.

Section 3. A majority of ballots cast will be necessary to elect the Official Editor. If no candidate receives a majority of first place votes, the ballots will be re-evaluated for their indicated preferences between the candidates, with the two highest totals of first place votes and retabulated. In the event of a tie, the incumbent Official Editor will break it. If the incumbent Official Editor is personally involved in a tie, it must be broken in favor of the opponent.

Section 4. A petition signed by three-fourths (3/4) of the active membership will be necessary and sufficient to compel the Official Editor to resign and an emergency election will be held to elect a Temporary Editor to fill the balance of the term. The President of the Southern Fandom Press Alliance (see Article V) will publish and count the ballots for such an election.

#### Article V—EGOBOO POLL

Each year, concurrently with the election of the Official Editor, an Egoboo Poll will be held. Exact categories and point scoring will be determined by the Official Editor. The person finishing highest in the poll will hold the honorary title of President of the Southern Fandom Press Alliance, an office with no duties, responsibilities, or power, except as outlined in Article IV, Section 4, above. If the new Official Editor scores highest in the Egoboo Poll, the candidate with the second highest number of votes is considered President.

#### Article VI—AMENDMENTS

Section 1. The Official Editor may present any amendment desired to the membership for consideration.

Section 2. Upon receipt of a petition signed by twenty (20) percent of the active membership to present a certain amendment for consideration, the Official Editor will do so in the next mailing.

Section 3. An amendment is adopted if two-thirds (2/3) of the members voting approve it.