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Elections!

Annual Elections are upon us. The ballot is on page 11.

VOTE! We are electing a President, and we are electing five members of the Directorate. *To be on the ballot or be elected, your dues must be paid up through all of next year. Please renew at once if you are going to run.*

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We have one candidate for President: George Phillies

We have candidates for the Directorate:

Laurraine Tutihasi
Jefferson Swycaffer
Jon Swartz
Judy Carroll

Current Directorate members David Speakman and Heath Row indicated to me that they did not wish to serve on the Directorate this year. We honor them for their loyal service to our Federation.

The Last Shall Be First We return to our first purpose!

Seventy-five years ago, Damon Knight gave us a proposal for a new fannish organization. Under the title “Unite or Fie”, Knight proposed that a new national fannish organization would advance by performing services for fandom, one of which was

“[the organization] It could maintain a distributing agency for fanmag [Ed: now called fanzine] subscriptions; a centrally located place, to which each member could send, all together, the money he would ordinarily spend for fan publications, together with the list of publications desired. At regular intervals the agency would send the subscriber's accounts, and the accumulated money, by check or money order, to each of the magazines subscribed to; thus saving

each member as much as 30¢ per fanmag dollar in postage, and encouraging the sale of all fan publications.”

There have been some minor advances in technology since 1941. The mailing scheme relies on a postal rate schedule of days of yore. We have a modern replacement, at least for those of you (most of the membership) who have given us their electronic addresses. Email.

In the last month, we distributed *Intermission55s* and *Alexiad* as bonus zines to all members with email addresses. We hope to send more such magazines in the future. If you did not receive these, you probably need to send me your email address, if you have one.

There is a further outcome. As most readers have seen, we are now also using email for zine distribution. If you have an email address in our files, you automatically get TNFF electronically. If you paid for paper mail, you will also get the issue via paper mail. However, it is too much extra work for me to sort out people who should not get the electronic issues because they paid for paper, so everyone with an email address gets the electronic issue.

We also have four zines beyond TNFF, namely N’APA, Tightbeam, Ionisphere, and Eldritch Science. We do not have the volunteer resources to print them up, collate, and mail, let alone the money, so they are only going out electronically. The other choice is not publishing them, which is not acceptable. If there is a volunteer who is willing to paper print for people who cannot handle email, please contact me, George Phillies phillies@4liberty.net. Until then, please send your email address if you want these zines.

TNFF is and will continue to be our paper-printed magazine. Fandbooks will continue to be physically printed.



Art: Page 10 Jose Sanchez, Surveying the Situation



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 Support, Readers for the Blind, Con Listings, Advertising,
 Convention Hospitality, Outreach, Correspondence, Comics,
 Films. Support the N3F. Volunteer Now!

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Fan-Pro Coordinating Activity Bureau

Some while back, Irvin Koch, the President of the NFFF at the time, created a new department for the organization called the Fan-Pro Coordinating Activity. I had been talking about the lack of contact in the organization, and he asked me to run this activity. I established an activity centering around a fanzine called IONISPHERE, and got several people working on it with me. We organized N3F activity at conventions, communicated with magazines, interviewed authors, and discussed science fiction activity in fandom and at large. The activity was maintained for a few years and thereafter abandoned. Now President Phillies is resuming it, and I am trying to not only re-establish it, but extend its activities where possible.

The new activity, now referred to as a bureau, will be developed as we go along, exploring ways in which we may improve the cohesiveness of science fiction and science fiction fandom. The first step is, of course, establishing the existence of the activity and making our intentions clear, which is done by way of our publication, which may be referred to as IO for short, in case people do not wish to seem to be discussing the ionosphere, which I have already distinguished from our publication with a minor change in spelling, but the title refers to a layer existing above fandom which we are attempting to cross.

IO is being distributed to every member who has given an email address, and if any member wants to copy it out on paper for the others, they are free to do so, but I'm not sending out paper copies myself. I also send copies to writers whose names appear in it. This increases awareness of the activity, and I don't think I need to stress the importance of contact within the field, even a

Join or Renew

We offer four different memberships. Memberships with zines via paper mail are \$18; memberships with zines via email are \$6. Additional memberships at the address of a current member are \$4. Public memberships are free. Send payments to N3F, POB 1925, Mountain View CA 94042. or pay online at N3F.org

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community spirit. I hope the membership of the National Fantasy Fan Federation will approve of the new activity and take it seriously.

-John Thiel, Fan-Pro Coordinating Activity Bureau Head

Writers Exchange Bureau

October. Halloween. Dark Night. Pale Moon. Moaning Wind. Whispered Sighs. Petrified. Alone.

What picture did you get when you read the above words?

Write up your own set of words for Halloween, or try some Thanksgiving ones if you like, and send them to the Writers Exchange and they will be in the November TNFF.

Send your Halloween or Thanksgiving words to Judy Carroll AutumnSeas8012@yahoo.com

A Touch of Trivia

I asked Google the following question, "What was the first ghost story ever written?"

The answer appeared on Quora and was written by Rupak Ghosh on January 7, 2015

"In The Epic of Gilgamesh, which is believed to be the oldest piece of epic Western literature (written: ~2150 - 1400 B.C.), Gilgamesh, the semi-mythic king of Uruk, summons the ghost of a wild man named Enkidu from the underworld to know about what lies after death.

That is, possibly, the first instance of a ghost appearing in a story.

But when it comes to a ghost story in the truest sense, involving the restless dead, The Library written by the Roman author Pliny the Younger (~61 - 113 A.D.) is possibly the first ever."

To be a reader or have your stories read, please contact the Writer Exchange

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Birthday Card Bureau

Birthday bureau sent seven cards in September. I also sent out six renewal notices. ...Laurraine Tutihasi

Round Robins

Seriously, People!?

No one wants to comment about Superman appearing in the second season opener of Supergirl? (October 10, 2016) No one cares? Why is he there? Show needs better ratings? The producers thought it was about time Superman visited his cousin, Supergirl? Doesn't anyone wonder why their computer will accept Superman as a word and underlines Supergirl as a misspelling? (Or is that just my computer that does that?)

Anyone looking forward to watching the Doctor Strange movie coming out November 4, 2016? I have been waiting since I first heard about it months ago.

Anyone like the Ant-Man movie? I never really knew anything about Ant-Man. It was just a name I heard in passing and flicked away. Then I heard about the movie. Oh, big deal, a guy who shrinks to the size of an ant. But I have had this thing about science fiction since I discovered it as a child, and I watch most of the new movies when they become available and many of the old ones.

What about Invasion of the Body Snatchers? Anyone compare the 1956 version starring Kevin McCarthy and Dana Wynter with the 1978 version of Invasion of the Body Snatchers with Donald Sutherland and Brooke Adams? Anyone realize The Invasion with Nicole Kidman and Daniel Craig is the 2007 version of the same story? Anyone read the book The Body Snatchers by Jack Finney which is the original story on which the above movies and others are based?

People! Think of all the fun you are missing by not discussing your favorite characters with others who have the same likes.

Snail Mail Round Robins

Following is the list of current Snail Mail Round Robins and the number of members in each.

Science Fiction, Fantasy and Horror in TV, Movies and Books. - 2 members **DISCUSS ALL OF THE ABOVE HERE!**

Writers and Their Works - Science Fiction, Fantasy and Horror - 2 members

Fairy Tales and Folklore - 2 members

Beauty and the Beast in Fairy Tales, Movies and TV - 1 member

A Round Robin needs at least 3 members to start

rounding. Please help these members by joining one of the above Round Robins.

The following Round Robins have 0 members each.

- Japanese Anime
- Cartoons and Cartooning
- Science Fiction Fantasy and Horror Video Games
- Comics and Graphic Novels

A Round Robin needs at least 3 members to start rounding.

If you see any RR you would like to join please contact Judy Carroll AutumnSeas8012@yahoo.com

Electronic Round Robins

We need at least 3 members to start an ERR. Following is the list of current ERR and the number of members in each one:

- The Marvel Universe - 0 members
- DC Superheroes and Villains - 0 members DISCUSS SUPERGIRL HERE!
- All Things Star Wars - 0 members
- Science Fiction, Fantasy & Horror in TV, Movies and Books - 1 member
- Beauty and the Beast in Fairy Tales, Books, Movies and on TV - 1 member
- Writers and Their Works - Science Fiction, Fantasy and Horror - 1 member
- Science Fiction, Fantasy, and Horror Artists - 2 members

Bookworms - In this ERR the members read and discuss books from a list selected by the Bureau Heads of the Bookworms reading club. Currently they have 3 members.

For more information about the Bookworms reading list and their round robin contact --- Graham & Wolf leeandjj@gmail.com

If you see an ERR you would like to join contact Judy Carroll AutumnSeas8012@yahoo.com

Welcomittee

FOON--yen*

*"Chinese (Cantonese) (foonying). This one is tricky if you've never spoken Chinese, as inflection is everything. Put a little extra stress on the first half of the word." (From - How to Say Welcome in Different

Languages - wikihow.com)

Today we are going to visit the town of Littleton. As you may have guessed Littleton is a small town. It has less than 500 residents. In fact, at the last census it had only 259 residents. But, some of the long timers in this little town remember when the town was new and just starting out. At that time it had only 64 residents.

The Founding Fathers envisioned a place where ideas could flow freely, where new friendships became lasting ones and old friendships lasted to the grave. The town was popular for many years. So popular, in fact, many of the residents didn't leave. It became a town known for it's history and contribution to society. But, alas, very few new residents moved in, and so many of those who did only stayed a short while. It was on it's way to becoming a ghost town as so many other towns like it had. And the residents cried.

But today, this town still lives! It still has very few residents, but it has high hopes of continuing it's positive contributions to society. The town leaders are so positive in fact, they have set up many new housing opportunities for new residents. Not wanting to sound like just any small town they renamed their streets and every year they give the residents, no matter how long they have resided here, an opportunity to serve and becoming a lasting tribute to this town.

Each street reflects the idea or concept for which it has been named.

- Artists Keep ,
- Birthday Grove
- FanPro Road
- Games Away
- Gourmet Square
- History Heights
- Lord High Garden
- Recruitment Circle
- N'APA Woods
- Book Row
- Renewal Hill
- Round Robins Bend
- Story Trail
- Video Point
- Welcome Avenue
- Writers Way

For those of you who would like to join in the uniqueness and history of this town, and not just aimlessly stroll through it, please look at the first or second page of this publication under "Your Volunteer Team."

Stroll down to 'Bureau Heads' and pick out the bureaus you would like to join. (They are listed in the same order above as the bureaus appear.) Contact the Bureau Heads so you can fully enjoy the benefits of being a member of The National Fantasy Fan Federation.

If you have any questions, concerns or ideas contact Judy Carroll AutumnSeas8012@yahoo.com

Memberships

New and Reinstated Members

New Members: 1 | Reinstated: 0

Ahrvid Engholm - Public
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Renewed

Robert Hansen - Regular Voting
Expiry: 10/31/2017

Expired/Expiring Renew Now!!

Expired in September
Chris Nutall
Kevin Trainor Jr.
David Rubin

Expiring in October
Jaymie Collette

Expiring in November
Jason Freelan
Stewart Hunsaker
Owen K. Lorion
Angela Myers
Kathy Powe
Steven Roberts
Brian Toberman

Status Changes

Roy J. Moore - from public to Regular Voting Expiry: 10/31/2017

Treasurer's Report

2648.05 (September 18, 2016)
+ 18.00 PayPal Dues
+ 0.00 Cash Dues
+ 18.00 Check Dues
- 94.00 Reimbursements - TNFF Postage
- 0.82 PayPal Fees

+ 0.00 Interest

2589.23 (October 17, 2016)

Letters of Comment

Editor,

Super nifty and fun to see Dave (Haren)'s notes and photos of a Starguard miniatures battle. I remember Starguard fondly from....well, quite a few years back! A nice, simple, straightforward SciFi miniatures combat system, with a mythos to support it. The Dreenoi were the somewhat insectile bad guys, and the Starguard were the heroic defenders. You can see the obvious Robert A. Heinlein influence from Starship Troopers.

I was young, and didn't have an income, only an allowance, so miniatures were right out. I fought my battles on the living room floor using poker chips and playing cards and the occasional spoon. I loved "Tridex," the two-dimensional explosive weapon -- although, honestly, looking back at it now, I can't see any reason that a two-dimensional explosion would be preferable to a three-dimensional one, if my goal is to blow baddies to molecules!

Anyway, a cool blast from the past, with keen photos! Yay for miniatures and for boardgaming too!

Best wishes,
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P.S. Hi, George! Fun issue! See ya at the ballot box!

Round-Robin Bureau Report

Active round robins being run by Patricia King::

worldwide folklore
the speculative in films
Star Trek: deep space nine and the new generation
fairy and folktales
dreams
mysticism and religion in SF and F
Celtic folklore/Druid folklore
Harry Potter books and movies
Mercedes Lackey
mythology
science fiction and fantasy in films
Star Trek: Voyager and enterprise
Star Trek: classic

Star Wars books and movies
 television science fiction and fantasy
 vampires
 current reading
 firefly/serenity
 CJ Cherryh
 horror
 Doctor Who
 J. R. R. Tolkien/Lord of the rings
 Sherlock Holmes/Torchwood
 science and technology in society
 Thieves World
 female science fiction and fantasy writers
 Darkover/Marion Zimmer Bradley
 The Hunger Games
 The Hobbit book and movies
 Terry Pratchett/disc world
 high technology in the ancient world
 general science fiction and fantasy in movies
 the Martian – movie

Ideas For Possible Round Robins
 monsters
 LGBT in science fiction and fantasy
 the Wellworld Series books by J Chalker
 space travel
 Sheri Tepper
 Harlan Ellison
 Joe Haldeman
 Tad Williams
 David Gerrold
 Arthur C Clarke
 Neil Gaiman
 Laura Resnick
 Philip Pullman
 Robert Asprin
 Clifford Symantec
 Inferno and escape from hell by Niven and Pournelle
 Watership Down by Richard Adams
 Warriors: fire stars quest by Erin Hunter
 aliens... Are they here?
 Pseudoscience, magic, and things that go bump in the night

Gourmet Bureau

Lemon Cream Cheese Thumbprint Cookies

Ingredients

3 1/2 c flour
 1 1/2 tsp baking powder
 1/4 tsp salt (1/2 if using unsalted butter)
 4 oz (one stick) butter
 6 oz cream cheese
 2 eggs
 1 1/2 tbsp lemon juice
 1 1/2 tsp vanilla extract

1 c sugar

Instructions

I used my stand mixer, but this is doable by hand, just more effort!

Preheat oven to 350 deg F

On med-low, cream together the butter and the cream cheese. This is easier if they are at room temp.

Slowly add in the sugar.

Add the eggs, lemon, and vanilla, let beat on med-high until creamy and smooth.

Turn the speed down, and add the flour, 1/2 cup at a time, adding in the salt and baking powder after the first cup. As soon as the flour is fully incorporated, stop beating.

Chill the dough. You can work with it right away, but it will be easier if it's been in the fridge for 2-3 hours.

Using confectioner's sugar to keep them from sticking, form the dough into balls. I like mine to be about 1 1/2 inches in diameter, approximately. They will not spread much, so you can space them close together on the cookie sheet. Once you have the sheet full, press a divot into each ball with your thumb.

Fill the divots with jam or jelly. Don't fill it too full, but expect that some will overflow during baking, anyway. I like a silicon baking sheet for this reason. Parchment paper works, too.

Bake for 10-12 minutes, remove, and cool.

Enjoy!

The Constitution of the National Fantasy Fan Federation

Preamble:

The activity that centers around science fiction and fantasy has grown to require organization in order that desirable objectives, beyond the achievement of single individuals, may be attained through united effort. Under this Constitution, the National Fantasy Fan Federation (N3F) is established as an association of persons interested in promoting the progress of science fiction and fantasy, and in furthering its enjoyment by themselves and oth-

ers.

Article 1 – Membership:

1. Membership, including any benefits created by the organization, and all rights such as voting, is gained by paying dues as set forth in the Bylaws. Dues changes may not go into effect until two(2) months after publication in the Official Organ and shall be further delayed until the completion of voting if the Official Organ receives a petition for submission as set forth in Article V, Section 1 for reversal, unless the change is the result of a vote on petition.

2. An organization may become a member of the N3F upon payment of dues as defined in Section 1 and is entitled to all rights and benefits of membership as outlined in this Constitution except that said organization may not vote or hold elective office.

3. Joint memberships are available to two persons residing in the same household. A joint membership will include The National Fantasy Fan Federation (TNFF) and all rights such as voting and club activities. The dues shall be more than a single membership but less than a double, to be set by the Directorate.

Article II – Officers

1. A President conducts the affairs of the organization. His/her appointments, suspensions, and removals from office, whether the office concerned is elective or appointive, are subject to the review and approval of the Directorate, as are also his/her methods of procedure.

2. If, for any reason, the office of President becomes vacant, the Directorate appoints a President to complete the unexpired term. Any interim administrative duties are performed by the Chairman of the Directorate, during which time he/she may not vote in his/her capacity as Director except on motions of appointment.

3. A Directorate, composed of five members, regulates the affairs and controls the finances of the organization, and may define the duties of any office or official of the association.

4. Decisions of the Directorate are by majority of its five members except in the following instances: by unanimous vote the Directorate may refuse membership to any person; expel any member by refunding the balance of his dues; and may remove the President from office.

5. Vacancies in the Directorate, whatever the cause, are filled by majority vote of the remaining Directors. If fewer than three Directors remain, the President shall appoint one or more up to the minimum of three.

6. Any person designated as Treasurer or otherwise empowered to keep or convey the funds of the organization must be over twenty-one years of age.

7. The Treasurer shall also have free dues as long as he or she holds office.

Article III – Elections

1. The President and five members of the Directorate are decided by the membership in an annual election of those officers. Ballots for the election are to be distributed before October 10th and the elected candidates take office on the following January 1st. Any member may seek office by complying with the official requirements which are to be published in the Official Organ at least two months previous to the filing deadline.

2. No person may hold two elective offices at the same time.

3. Each member may cast one vote for each of the five candidates of his/her choice in the election of the Directorate. The five candidates receiving the largest number of votes is elected. Ties are resolved by majority agreement of those elected candidates not included in the tie.

4. Of the candidates for President, the one receiving the largest number of votes is elected. In case of a tie, the elected Directorate chooses a President from the tied candidates.

Article IV – Official Organ

1. The association issues a publication of at least quarterly schedule which carries in addition to other material, a quarterly statement of the financial status of the organization, together with a listing of new members and their addresses.

Article V – Petitions & Amendments

1. Petitions of whatever purpose, endorsed by five per cent of the members or twenty-five members, whichever is less, must, within sixty days after the Directorate receives them, be submitted to the member-

ship for decision unless the Directorate has already taken the indicated action. Petitions looking towards the revision, reversion, or setting aside of any action of the President or the Directorate must be submitted within two calendar years following such action, or such petition is invalid and without force.

2. Any motion by the Directorate approved for presentation to the membership to alter or amend the Constitution must be printed in the next TNFF, and in no event, not less than two months prior to the actual voting date, if not the result of action under Section I of this article.

3. Amendments to the Constitution shall require two thirds(2/3) of the votes cast to be approved. All other decisions by the membership shall be by a majority of the votes cast.

4. Any alteration or amendment of the Constitution will be presented to the membership for vote exactly as it is to be entered, or the alteration or amendment is invalid and without force.

5. The power to alter or amend the Constitution is vested solely in the membership.

The Bylaws of the National Fantasy Fan Federation

I. Authority

Under the authority implied in Article II, Section 3 of the Constitution of the National Fantasy Fan Federation, the Directorate shall establish certain Bylaws to regulate the affairs of the organization, such Bylaws to be effective when approved by a majority vote of the Directorate as set forth in Article II, Section 4, of the Constitution.

II. The Directorate

1. The Chair of the Directorate shall report to the membership all measures passed by the Directorate. The Chair of the Directorate shall maintain updated copies of the Bylaws, distribute them to the Directorate, President, Treasurer, and Official Editor of The National Fantasy Fan (TNFF), at the beginning of the year and whenever changed, and direct that current copies of the Bylaws and Constitution are maintained on the club website.

2. Copies of all official Directorate correspondence shall be sent to the President and Treasurer.

3. Each Directorate shall adopt standing rules of procedure, which shall remain in force for the Directorate of the following year, until such time as the new Directorate shall vote to accept them or adopt new rules.

4. A Director who has not voted or participated in Directorate discussion or correspondence in any period of three consecutive months may be declared inactive by the Directorate, and may be removed by the President for this cause only, without prejudice.

III. The Treasury

1. The President or designated person may bill the Treasury, as needed, for expenses incurred in the discharge of the office, including the purchase of supplies for new members, the sum not to exceed \$100 per year.

2. The Treasurer will assist the President in maintaining a current online membership roster by reporting new membership payments, renewals, and changes of address to the President and such other officers as the President may direct, not less often than once a month.

3. The Treasurer will prepare a yearly report of all income to the N3F Treasury and an itemized list of expenditures. Also included in this report will be a listing of items which will require additional outlays, in the forthcoming year from the Treasury, and have been approved by the Directorate, but have not yet been paid. This report will be prepared for the first issue of TNFF to appear in the year following the year which the report covers.

4. The President shall not hold the office of Treasurer, except on a temporary basis not to exceed 4 weeks – due to vacancy or emergency. If the president fails to appoint a replacement within three weeks of an office vacancy or either the Treasurer, the Directorate shall move on its own to appoint a replacement for the vacant office.

IV. Elections

1. All candidates must, by the filing deadline of August 15 of each year, have paid their dues for the year in which they will hold office if elected, and agree to serve if appointed under Article II, Section 5 of the Constitution.

2. In addition to the regular candidates listed on the ballot, members may write in the name of any member

in good standing as a candidate for any elective office. Any candidate so elected must submit a written statement of his willingness to serve plus the dues for the year in which he will serve within 14 days of his notification of election. In the event of non-compliance with the foregoing, the election will be voided and the candidate receiving the next highest number of votes for that office will be declared the winner.

3. Annual election platforms are to be printed in the September issue of TNFF. The election ballot will either be printed in the September issue of The Fan or mailed to members separately. Members may submit either a photocopy of the election ballot or vote from an email account previously registered with the secretary rather than the ballot itself. Each paper ballot shall include space for the N3F member to write their name in print, provide their signature and also the date the ballot was completed. Ballots for Constitutional amendments and other membership referendums may also be sent out with TNFF.

V. Publications

The intent of this club is to distribute at least one publication each month to members in good standing in the form of either the Official Organ or other publication as follows:

1. Regular publications of the N3F: The N3F has two regular publications: The National Fantasy Fan (TNFF), the Official Organ, and Tightbeam (TB), a member-created fanzine.

2. Special Publications may be issued upon approval of the President.

3. Publication Officers: The Official Editor and Publisher are appointed by the President. Editors of special publications are appointed by the Official Editor with the President's approval.

4. Printing: The Publisher shall print enough copies to send to every regular member of the N3F as of the date of publication, plus any other extra copies that the President may direct the Publisher to print.

5. The National Fantasy Fan shall be published at least quarterly with no more than four months between issues.

6. In the event a Regular Publication does not appear as scheduled, the President shall appoint a Stand-by Editor. This Editor shall be reimbursed as if he were the regular Editor if the magazine is mailed within two months after the appointment by the President.

7. Required Notices: TNFF shall contain a list of new

members and renewals in each issue; the Constitution and Bylaws of the N3F in the Summer quarter; and the roster of the membership in the Spring and Autumn quarters.

8. Submission Deadlines: Deadlines for material submitted shall be the 15th of the month preceding the month of publication. Any deviation from this date must be announced in the previous issue.

9. Reimbursement. The treasury shall reimburse expenses for printing and mailing regular publications. Total annual reimbursement per voting member household from the Treasury for printing and postage shall not exceed \$14 for 12 issues. No single issue of a regular publication may exceed a printing cost of 50 cents per issue, without Directorate approval. The Publisher shall notify the Chairman of the Directorate of receipt of any issue not conforming to this limitation, before printing. All other publication reimbursements require Directorate approval.

10. Advertisements in N3F publication are free, restricted to N3F members, and are subject to space limitations in the judgment of the editor.

11. The N3F Roster, while available for membership use, is not for sale as a mailing list to anyone.

12. Others. Publications issued by subordinate Bureaus of the N3F and not sent to the entire membership shall be sent to the President or other designated person for information and record. In the case of N'APA that shall be construed to mean the Alliance Amateur or other official business publication and not the entire bundle. The cost will be borne by the Treasury of the N3F upon presentation of an itemized bill to the Treasurer.

13. Neffer Amateur Press Alliance. All N'APA members must be members in good standing of the N3F.

14. Exchange Agreements. The President can authorize exchange agreements with other publishers who will receive all N3F publications, and the President or other designated person will receive all their publications.

15. Standing Rule. Fandom rests on honest recognition of the creative works of others. If in an N3F-sponsored activity there are reasons to believe that nominally creative works claimed to be by a person appear to be copied from creative works of others, the person suspected of having copied without appropriate attribution will be presented by the President or Chair with the evidence and invited to explain the similarities. The President or Chair will report the person's response to the Directorate, which will choose an appropriate action, up to and including finding the person exonerated or returning dues and severing all connec-

tion between the N3F and the person.

VI. Rescissions

Directorate motions in the nature of Bylaws passed prior to the original compilation and publication of these Bylaws and not included among them, are rescinded.

VII. Amendments

Amendments to these Bylaws may be made with approval of a majority of the Directorate.

VIII. Dues

1. Membership dues are payable annually as follows:

A. Regular Member: Individual memberships are \$18 per year, and include receiving one print copy of all club publications.

B. Joint/Household Member: Dues are \$4 per year per person residing at the same household address at the same household address as a Regular, Life, or Electronic Member. This membership does not include print copies of club publications.

C. Life Member: Dues are \$0 per year. Any Founding Member, as listed in the June 1942 membership list of the official organ, shall be granted life membership.

D. Electronic Member: Dues are \$6 per year. This membership does not include print copies of club publications.

2. The number of Life or Honorary members, other than Founding Members, created by Directorate vote may not exceed 5 memberships or 1 percent of the total membership of the N3F, whichever number is greater. This rule shall not operate to reduce the number of existing Life memberships at any time.

IX. Member Benefits

1. The following membership benefits are reserved solely to dues-paying members (“paid members”): holding, running for, or being appointed to any elected office; holding the office of Treasurer, Publisher or Official Editor; voting for elected office; receiving printed copies of club publications paid for by the treasury; and representing the organization in any official capacity.

2. Life Members appointed by the Directorate are granted the same membership benefits as Paid Members,

regardless of whether they pay dues or not.

3. Members of the general public may fully participate in all N3F activities except for those reserved solely to paid members.

(As of February 1, 2016: Yes: Speakman, Swartz, Swycaffer, Tutihasi)



Novels by Neffers

This irregular series lists novels and similar works by Neffers. We are currently listing books by Chris Nuttall.



Trial by Fire

After a brief visit to the Blighted Lands, in hopes of recovering something useful from Shadye’s Dark Fortress, Emily returns to Whitehall for her fourth year, bracing herself for the exams that will determine her future. But as she resumes her education, she discovers that the shadows of the past are hanging over the school. A teacher wants to break her, some of her friends are acting oddly and, worst of all, a boy intends to court her.

But as she struggles to come to terms with her own past,

she discovers a plot to kill her and a deadly threat that may destroy the entire school...and a fight she cannot win, but dares not lose.



Wedding Hells After her victory over Master Grey, Emily wants nothing more than to relax and give herself time to recover from the duel. Her magic, pushed to the limits, is no longer reliable, forcing her to learn to control it from scratch. Every time she delays using her magic, she risks headaches ... or worse. But she must return to Whitehall to complete her fourth-year exams and bid farewell to those of her friends who are not returning for fifth year. And then, she must return to Zangaria to play her role in Princess Alassa's wedding to Jade. It seems, if nothing else, a brief diversion before she goes off on a tour of the Allied Lands.

But all is not well in Zangaria and the kingdom is fast approaching a major crisis. Junior aristocrats are demanding their rights and titles from the king, while King Randor himself is dangerously unstable and hiding a secret that could spark off a civil war ... and the peasants are threatening to revolt. Emily herself is isolated, unsure how to balance her obligations to her closest friends with her belief in freedom, justice and democracy. And, as Emily finds herself used as a political pawn by the different sides in the growing dispute and no longer sure who she can trust, she may find herself confronting a choice between

doing the right thing, regardless of the cost....And losing everything she's built over the past four years.



Infinite Regress

The new Grandmaster of Whitehall doesn't want Emily in his school. She's dangerous, he thinks. The only way he'll allow her to return to Whitehall is if she chooses to be a probationary student, a student who can be expelled at the slightest excuse, a student who has to work for one of the professors. Reluctantly, unwilling to leave her first true home, Emily accepts.

But she rapidly discovers that she's about to be pushed right to the limit. She's expected to do her studies, continue her private research... and mentor a group of young students who are new to the school. She has to supervise them, all the while trying to balance her schoolwork with her growing relationship with Caleb. It isn't an easy task.

And when Professor Locke starts opening the tunnels under the school, hunting for the lost secrets of Old Whitehall, he triggers a series of disasters that threaten to tear the school apart. As the staff and students struggle to survive, with the very walls collapsing in around them, Emily is forced to solve a disturbing mystery...

...And figure out what it has to do with her private research, before the entire school comes to a final catastrophic end.

Ballot

Mail your completed ballot to Ruth Davidson, ruthiechan@gmail.com 1495 Don Avenue, Apt 405, Santa Clara, CA 95050-3739

Ballot for Directorate. Circle names to vote for them. Vote for up to five people, including write-ins.

Judy Carroll John Thiel Jon Swartz
Jefferson Swycaffer R-Laurraine Tutihasi

Write-Ins _____

Ballot for President. Circle the name to vote for the candidate. Vote for up to one candidate, including a write-in.

George Phillies Write-In _____

Sign your name: _____

Print Your name: _____

Print your address _____

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