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In accordance with the Presidential message published in the October TNFF a special election is being held to choose a president for 1963. Two candidates have filed, and their platforms follow. All votes must be submitted, signed, on the special ballot, and must reach the Official Teller by midnight, 1 December, 1962. And EVERYBODY vote!

PLATFORMS OF THE CANDIDATES

DONALD FRANSON - North Hollywood, California

I had not intended to run for President, but with the withdrawal of Art Rapp (my favorite candidate) from the Presidential race, I have been asked to run, and I accept the challenge.

I don't promise to work as hard as Ralph Holland, but I will uphold the office to the best of my ability, and with as much efficiency as will enable me to do other things as well. After all, fandom is only a (not the) Way of Life.

If elected, I will try to organize the club's administration so that much of it is automatic, much of it is in the hands of reliable department heads, but also so that it makes use of the many willing hands among the membership, that if not used, will be sat on.

This is the motive power of a successful club, member participation, not only in paying dues, but in activity. Naturally, everything will remain on a voluntary basis, but more use will be made of volunteers, in ways that will lighten the load, if only slightly, on the now overworked officers and department heads. No effort will be made to enforce or even encourage activity; there is enough of it, and its spark-plug, enthusiasm, among the members (especially the newer members) to run the club if channelled in useful directions. As I see it, this is the function of an administrator. Doing all the work oneself gets things done, but is, in the long run, self-defeating.

The principal job of a President, after organization, is making appointments. I feel that I am familiar with the character and qualifications of a large number of fans, and can handle this intelligently and diplomatically. I propose (if elected) to: 1) start with a clean slate, only reappointing those department heads who have done their jobs outstandingly well; 2) appoint one or several standby or understudy officers to each post, to serve as emergency or temporary replacements; 3) remove officers promptly from responsible positions, without prejudice, if they are not doing their jobs. Only thus can the N3F continue to function at a high level, and not lapse into the dormancy of the past, which cost the club its reputation in fandom.

I don't propose any radical organization changes, except to simplify by such actions as eliminating the super-departments and placing each bureau on an equal footing, directly under the President. Such reorganization, of course, will require Directorate action, since the Directorate defines the duties of

officers. I intend to follow the Constitution, Parliamentary Law and common sense, not necessarily in that order, in my dealings with the Directorate, and will try to maintain close contact with the membership. I promise that no one will have cause to complain of any of my actions while President.

--Donald Franson

GARY LABOWITZ - Kansas City, Missouri

With the risk one always takes in seeking office I formally announce my candidacy for President. I was a past member of N3F a few years back and served on the Directorate then. I dropped out of the club to finish school and be married. I have since graduated with a degree in Mathematics and have a daughter, 14 months old. I work for IBM as a systems engineer.

My platform for N3F, and thus for myself, is one of good public relations. I believe N3F should be a club which can represent fandom to the public at large. I think N3F can do this the same as philatelic groups represent their hobby to the public. As President I would strive to make the proper connections to get our idea of science fiction across to the general public. And, of course, I feel a proper first step in this line should be a closer cooperation between groups in fandom.

I hasten to add that I am entering the race a year earlier than I had planned, but there cannot be a vacuum in the office of President. In the even of opposition, I wish them well and pledge my support to the next year's President, whoever he may be.

--Gary Labowitz

So vote NOW!

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