

B.S.F.A.

CONSTITUTION

(1) NAME.

The name of the Organisation shall be "THE BRITISH SCIENCE FICTION ASSOCIATION".

(2) OBJECTS.

The Association shall exist for the benefit of those interested in science-fiction and allied branches of imaginative literature. It shall encourage the reading, writing and publishing of good literature of this class, and shall assist and encourage contact between enthusiasts, and shall provide liaison between its members and the science-fiction profession, shall endeavour to present science-fiction and associated art-forms to the Press and general public in an advantageous manner and shall provide such amenities as may prove desirable for the use of members.

(3) CONSTITUTION.

The Association shall be a non-profit making body. It shall be administered by a Committee, all members of which shall be members of the Association and appointed by the membership. The Committee shall comprise the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, the Secretary, the Treasurer and the Publications Officer. The Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Publications Officer, shall be elected annually. The post of Chairman shall be filled by the previous year's Vice-Chairman. All of these offices shall be honorary and give no financial emoluments, other than reasonable expenses, shall accrue to the officers in respect of their services to the Association. Three Committee members shall constitute a quorum.

The Committee shall have the following powers :-

- (a) To manage the affairs of the Association within the framework of these rules and to make such decisions as may from time to time prove necessary for the welfare of the Association.
- (b) To fill any vacancies which may occur.
- (c) To co-opt such additional assistance as they may deem necessary and determine the voting status of any such co-opted member.

- (d) To carry out all business, financial or otherwise, on behalf of the Association.
- (e) To examine all applications for membership of the Association and to use their discretion regarding the desirability or otherwise of admitting persons to the Association.

(4) CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP.

Membership of the Association shall fall into the following categories :-

- (a) President. To be given Honorary Membership.
This post shall be filled by invitation from among persons prominent in the S.F. field, and shall be held indefinitely.
- (b) Members. These shall be normally resident in the British Isles and eighteen years of age or over at the due date for subscriptions. They shall be entitled to all normal privileges of membership of the Association, including the right to vote at General Meetings and Referenda, and shall be eligible to serve on the Committee if over 21 years of age.
They shall further be entitled to participate in such special privileges as may from time to time be made available at the discretion of the Committee.
- (c) Associates. These shall be normally resident in the British Isles and under the age of eighteen at the due date for subscriptions. They shall be entitled to all normal privileges of membership of the Association, but shall not be eligible to vote or to serve on the Committee.
- (d) Overseas Members. These shall not normally be resident in the British Isles, and shall otherwise have the same status as Associate Members, excluding access to the Library.

(5) ENTRANCE FEES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS.

- (a) Entrance fee A new member upon joining, or a lapsed member upon re-joining, shall be charged an Entrance Fee of 5s 0d over and above the subscription currently in force. This Entrance Fee shall be the same for all classes of membership except such as may by their nature be exempt from payment of subscriptions.
- (b) Subscriptions. The annual subscription for Full Members is £1. 0. 0. The annual subscription for Associates and Overseas Members shall be 15. 0. and 12. 6. respectively.
In the case of Overseas Memberships, the local equivalent of the subscription shall be decided by the Committee where necessary. Persons joining the Association on or after July 1st. in any year shall pay a half subscription for that year.
Persons joining the Association on or after October 1st. in any year shall pay the entrance fee plus a full years subscription. Such memberships shall remain valid until the end of the following year.

(6) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be held at the Annual Science-Fiction Convention or at a time and place decided by the Committee. The membership shall be informed of location and date as soon as possible and in any case at least one month in advance, either through

the Association's regular publications or by special circular. The normal business of the Annual General Meeting shall comprise the presentation of the Association's accounts, announcement of new officers, and any new business that may be raised from the floor.

(7) RESIGNATIONS.

A member in any category who has not renewed his annual subscription prior to the termination of the Annual British Science-Fiction Convention at which the Annual General Meeting is held, or to the termination of the Annual General Meeting should this be held subsequent to the said Convention shall be deemed to have resigned his membership, and if he should subsequently wish to rejoin the Association he shall be treated as a new applicant for membership.

(8) PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERSHIP.

Members and Associates shall be entitled to receive free of charge, all issues of the Official Organ and certain other publications which the Association may from time to time issue. A nominal charge may be made for certain publications at the Association's discretion, but these will always be of such a nature that they may not be of interest to the whole membership. In the case of local or National Conventions organised under the auspices of the Association, Members and Associates may at the discretion of the Committee, claim certain other privileges and priorities over members of the public.

(9) NOTICES.

All notices required by these rules to be given to members may be given by prepaid letter or periodical addressed to the members at the last address furnished to the Secretary. These notices shall be deemed to have been given on the date when such a notice is posted. It is the responsibility of the membership to keep the Association advised of changes of address.

(10) BYE-LAWS.

The Committee may from time to time make, vary or revoke bye-laws not inconsistent with these rules for the regulation of the internal affairs of the Association and the conduct of the membership. All bye-laws shall, until revoked by the Committee, be binding on the membership.

(11) INTERPRETATION.

Any dispute or difference which may arise regarding the interpretation of these rules or any bye-laws in force for the time being shall be referred to the Committee, whose decision shall be final.

(12) AMENDMENT OF RULES.

Constitutional amendments and the election of Officers can be affected by either a postal vote or a vote taken at the Annual General Meeting.

Election of Officials

This shall be carried out by means of a postal ballot.

During the period November 1st. to December 31st., nominations for the various Committee posts are invited and should be sent to the Secretary. These shall be published in the next issue of the Association's Official

Organ VECTOR. During the period from the publishing of these names to 20th January, the proposed names must be seconded and the candidates must signify their willingness to stand. The names remaining shall be published of VECTOR together with a detachable ballot form to be completed and returned so as to reach the Secretary by 28th February. All candidates should submit to the Publications Officer, for publication in VECTOR, a short note his/her plans for that office. The posts are to be handed over at the Annual General Meeting.

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