WAIT A MINITE!

Fellow SFPA-members. I regret having to publish this little one-pager; but I feel it's my duty to do so. I want to be the next Official Editor of this organization or I wouldn't have had my name on the ballot in the March mailing. Dave Hulan is MORE than competent for the job, and I want it to be plain that I have nothing against him personally. Yet if I weren't running for the post, I d vote for any qualified SOUTHERN-resident before I would neve; because I want this apa to remain SOUTHERN. Dave Hulan can't and probably doesn't want this. I'll make it plain for the yankee members---I don't want the SFPA to be a battleground for or against either integration OR segregation. I'd rather we keep to fannish-slated discussions. What I like, and am in this apa for is the SOUTHERN flavor!!

Yesterday, I met David Mitchell face to face for the first time and was impressed by this young man's attitude toward life in general. Getting back on the subject, during the discussion we had; he picked up his copy of the SFPA's Constitution and enlightened me on something I think is important.

First David read me Article II, Section I -- showing the states that bona-fide southern members may reside in. Dave Hulan held only a temporary military address, when he became a member. Then he moved to California (and almost forgot about us). Recently we passed the Added Section 5, in which Dave retains his "southern" membership and is not to be considered part of the 25% yankess. BUT DAVE HULAN IS NOT ELIGIBLE TO HOLD THE OFFICE OF OFFICIAL EDITOR OF THE SFPA, because he lives in California. Article IV, Section 2 CLEARLY states that the DE must be a RESIDENT in one of the SOUTHERN states as defined in Article II, Section I. Dave Hulan clearly cannot become OE, if he were elected, because it would be a violation of our constitution.

I dislike having to bring this up people, but laws are laws! I wouldn't ever have noticed it, if David Mitchell hadn't brought it to my attention. If you don't like my interpretation, that's just tuff; because it's LEGAL. I explained the situation, just to be sure, to my Political Science Professor (who is a member of the Ala. Bar Association) today and he says "Dave Hulan cannot run or be elected as OE according to the SFPA Constitution." So I feel it only lawful and right that Dave withdraw his name from the ballot. I hope there are no hard feelings, Dava: but laws are laws!

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