

WHAT NEFFER!!!, March 3, 1973, from Gary S. Mattingly, 913 Pierre Street, Manhattan, Kansas, 66502, to the NFFF Official Family.

Greetings to all.

First a majority of the items on the ballot last time did not pass, or for that matter get voted down. There were a large number of "More Discussion"s, so of course they will have to be revoted on this time. Also remember you can't vote MD on the second submission of that which is to be voted upon. Although a number of people did put down MD, very little MDing came about. When this ballot goes out (that is you receive it). You might quickly get in your own opinion on the items before people get a chance to send their ballot back in. The items that need to be revoted on will of course be written out on the ballot, right now I'll list that number and the votes received. I'll do it in this manner (Aye, Nay, MD). #1(1,3,1), #2(3,1,1), #3(3,1,1), #4(3,1,1), #5(2,1,2), #6(1,2,2), #7(2,1,2), #8(1,2,2), #9(1,2,2), #10(4,0,1), #11(4,0,1), #12(2,0,3), #13(2,2,1), #14(4,0,1), #15(3,1,1), #16(4,0,1), #17(3,0,3), #18(1,0,4)

These following items were passed:

Motion #13(on the last ballot)(5,0,0):

Add to the Bylaws, Article II, The President the following (which may be re-number accordingly if any of the Motions #6-#12, inclusive, pass):

8. The President shall have a \$30.00 contingency fund, for emergency use in getting out special notices to the membership. The fund is to be replenished as needed by the Treasurer, upon submission of an itemized publishing bill by the President or designated publisher. The \$30.00 is to be passed on to each new President by the Old.

Motion #16(on the last ballot)(4,1,0):

Add to the Bylaws, Article IV, Section 2, the following underlined portion:

2. The Secretary will maintain a current membership roster, and will report new membership, renewals, and a changes of address to the President, Official Editor, Chairman of the Welcommittee, the Editor of Tightbeam, and such other officers as the President may direct, not less often than once a month.

Motion #17(on the last ballot)(5,0,0):

Add to the Bylaws, Article VI, Publications, Section 1, The National Fantasy Fan, the following:

d. If the Official Organ does not appear as scheduled -- within the month in which it is due -- the sum allocated for its publication will revert back to the Treasury and may not be allowed to accumulate. However, the Directorate may vote to pay for any TNFF that does actually appear, however late, upon petition by the Official Editor giving extenuating circumstances.

Motion #18(on the last ballot)(3,1,0, and one person did not vote on it):

Add to the Bylaws, Article VI, Publications, Section 1, The National Fantasy Fan, the following:

e. The Stand-by Editor is to be compensated for any issue of TNFF which he published after authorization by the President, providing that such publication occurs within two months of the originally scheduled date of publication, in a sum not to exceed that which would have been due the originally-designated publisher, upon presentation of an itemized bill to the Secretary-Treasurer.

Motion #19(On the last ballot)(5,0,0):

Add to the Bylaws, Article VI, Publication, Section 1, The National Fantasy Fan, the following:

f. The publisher of the National Fantasy Fan will be reimbursed by the Treasurer up to the stated limit upon presentation of an itemized bill to the Secretary-Treasurer.

Motion #20 (on the last ballot)(5,0,0):

Add to the Bylaws, Article VI, Publications, Section 2, TIGHTBEAM, the following:

e. The publisher of any issue of Tightbeam which has authorized by the President or which came out on schedule will be reimbursed by the Treasurer up to the Stated limit upon presentation of an itemized bill to the Secretary-Treasurer.

Re Motion #3 and #5 on this ballot. Joanne stated that she would like to hear what the current President and Treasurer think of the motions. I agree.

On the Public Relations committee. I already know of one person that would help on this committee in various ways. At this moment, if it's okay with Stan and Stan doesn't already have someone picked out, he wouldn't mind doing the layout, artwork, and

pasteup for the ad to go in the Worldcon program book. His artwork can be good. Also on future PR, he might (actually probably) be able to enlist the aid of other artists in the Kansas City Area. This is Ken Keller, who lives in the KC metro area.

Also certain people have mentioned to me some things concerning the present symbol. Although it could still be a traditional symbol that can be continued, a newer, more modern design might be developed that would capture the eye a little bit better. This could be especially used in the PR releases. Blue and gold could be incorporated into this design also.

On Motion #1, if it does not pass, I will probably put it up again in the latter part of the year, particularly if the TBs and TNEFs come out fairly regularly and if I can get the chance to write enough people. More on that in future issues.

I also think the Motion #2 is a good idea and might be broadened in future years. (Of course #4 is a must if number 2 is passed).

I believe #3 and #5 are also good and again, if and when the treasury becomes larger than it is now, I think an enlargement of these would be a good idea. As more members come in and the bureaus and secretarial work grow, the cost and time involved in letter writing will grow and it would be nice to know that the N3F isn't taking up most of the officers' money, even if it is taking up their time, although they wish to use it that way. Of course the Secretary already can make use of certain funds in the N3F for her use, but this may need to grow also.

On deleting the things from the Pres. jobs. Motions #6- #8 I believe could stay in. Whether or not they are necessary I believe depends on the President. On number 9, the President may have problems figuring this if a number of changes occur. Also if and when the N3F grows this might be better handled by the Directorate and approved by the Directorate.

#10 I believe to be in the realm of the Directorate's duties and Number #11 partially under the Directorate's and partially under a PR committee if a PR committee is established.

#12 might continue to be in the President's realm and might be left in, although I think a PR person should also be appointed by the PR bureau, again if that bureau is established.

#8, that was passed, I'm glad of it.

#9 (on this ballot), I think for what these funds are used (TNEF, TB, emergency notices) should be placed in this motion. Also I believe "...estimated ink, paper,..." should be changed to "...estimated printing costs". Since if anything is done offset or xeroxed the phrase (?) printing costs would fit much, much better.

On Motion #15 (14 here). All it is doing is changing two bylaws into better positioning and wording. What's the question here?

Motion #16-#20 (which were passed) needed to be passed in my opinion, at the present

Motion #21 (15 here) is the very least we can do to better the image of the N3F.

Motion #22 (16 here). Also a definite aid to the image of N3F (if used properly)

Motion #23 (17 here). What questions are there? Considering the present image of the N3F and the past and future, this is a must. If you want the club to grow and gain a better position in fandom -- to help fandom and fans -- it's a must.

On Motion #24 (18 here). We might consider postponing this until a definite new badge, emblem, or symbol is decided upon. So, since I brought this Motion forward I will change it. You'll see the change on the ballot.

Nobody said anything about the letter to TORCON from the N3F President and Directorate. ANY COMMENTS?

No other new motions this time.

Weather here is not too good, normally rainy and cold. Just finished Mid-Semester. I will probably send this out March 4 and am looking forward to comments and, of course, the return of the ballots.

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BALLOT, March 3, 1973.

Motion #1: Put before the membership the following to vote on:
Change and delete certain parts of the Constitution, Article I,
Membership, Section 1, from:

1. An individual is a member of the Federation during the period covered by the payment of his dues. Dues are \$2.00 the first and \$2.00 each succeeding year thereafter. Dues cover the period from January 1st to December 31, and less than a full year's dues may not be accepted by the Treasurer; however, a new member joining after the first quarter of the year and submitting dues for the following year may pay only that proportional part of the current year's dues necessary to adjust the applicant's membership to the first of the year. Members have the right to vote in all elections and referendums and may participate in any benefits created by the organization.

To:

1. An individual is a member of the Federation during the period covered by the payment of his dues. Dues are \$3.00 per year. Dues cover the period from January 1st to December 31st, and less than a full year's dues may not be accepted by the Treasurer; however, a new member joining after the first quarter of the year and submitting dues for the following year may pay only that proportional part of the current year. Members have the right to vote in all elections and referendums and may participate in any benefits created by the organization.

AYE NAY MORE DISCUSSION

Motion #2: Put before the membership the following to vote on:
Article I, Section 2 current, is to be renumbered 3 and in Section 2
Add; (In the Constitution)

2. The Directorate, by unanimous vote only may authorize an increase in dues of a maximum of \$1.00 per year up to a maximum of \$5.00 per year membership dues. Such Directorate authorization to become effective only in the year following that in which such Directorate authorization is given and may be rescinded by the following Directorate.

AYE NAY MORE DISCUSSION

Motion #3: Put before the membership the following to vote on:
Add to Article II -- Officers, Section 1, of the Const., the following:

1. ... The President has free club dues as long as he or she holds office.

AYE NAY MORE DISCUSSION

Motion #4: Put before the membership the following to vote on:
Add to Article II -- Officers, Section 4, of the Constitution, the
following section;

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; may remove the President from Office; and increase dues as per Article I, Section.

AYE NAY MORE DISCUSSION

MOTION #5: Put before the membership the following to vote on:
Add to Article II -- Officers, Section 6, of the Const., the following:

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

AYE NAY MORE DISCUSSION

Motion #6: Delete from the Bylaws, Article II, the President, Section 1, which reads:*

1. The President will keep himself informed on the activities of all the officers and committees of the NFFF, so that he may bring before the Directorate matters which need their attention.

AYE _____ NAY _____ MORE DISCUSSION _____

Motion #7: Delete from the Bylaws, Article II, The President, Section 2, which reads:*

2. The President will bring to the attention of the Directors all important Constitutional dates.

AYE _____ NAY _____ MORE DISCUSSION _____

Motion #8: Delete from the Bylaws, Article II, The President, Section 3, which reads:*

3. The President will call attention to violations of the Constitution.

AYE _____ NAY _____ MORE DISCUSSION _____

Motion #9: Delete from the Bylaws, Article II, The President, Section 4, which reads:*

4. The President will submit to the incoming Directorate an estimated budget of funds required for the operation of the NFFF during the coming year. Said budget will be submitted to the Directorate no earlier than 15 December and no later than 31 December.

AYE _____ NAY _____ MORE DISCUSSION _____

Motion #10: Delete from the Bylaws, Article II, The President, Section 5, which reads:*

5. The President will buy a membership for the NFFF in the World Science Fiction Convention after the site has been picked and preferably before the Convention is held. Payment will be automatic for this membership, not requiring a vote of the current Directorate.

AYE _____ NAY _____ MORE DISCUSSION _____

MOTION #11: Delete from the Bylaws, Article II, The President, Section 6, which reads:*

6. The President is authorized to place a one-half page advertisement for the NFFF in a Progress Report of the World Convention, plus a full page advertisement for the NFFF in the Con Book. Payment will be automatic for these ads, not requiring a vote of the current Directorate.

AYE _____ NAY _____ MORE DISCUSSION _____

Motion #12: Delete from the Bylaws, Article II, The President, Section 7, which reads:*

7. The President will appoint a con chairman/hostess in whose address the World SF Con Membership will be registered. Section 5, 6, and 7 shall also apply to North American SF Conventions.

AYE _____ NAY _____ MORE DISCUSSION _____

*If Motion #6-#12, inclusive, pass, or any motion therein, pass, the Sections of Article II shall be renumbered accordingly.

Motion #13: Add to the Bylaws, Article II, the President, the following (which may be renumbered accordingly if any of the Motions #6-#13, inclusive, pass or do not pass):

9. At the instruction of the President, the Treasurer will send funds for estimated ink, paper, and postage depending on the currently-counted membership, and may also include estimated postage cost at rate the Constitution permits. Later a list of costs will be sent to the Treasurer to adjust payment to fit the complete costs, up to the rate the Constitution permits.

AYE _____ NAY _____ MORE DISCUSSION ✓

MOTION #14: Add to the Bylaws, Article III, Section 1, that which is under Article III, Section 7, and delete Article III, Section 7, as such. Article III, Section 1, will then read:

1. The Chairman of the Directorate shall report to the membership all measures passed by the Directorate. The Chairman of the Directorate shall also keep a record of the Bylaws changed and update the Bylaws at least quarterly. The Chairman shall also prepare a set of updated Bylaws of the Chairman's year of service and send a copy of these bylaws to the new chairman (or simply retain this updated version if the Chairman remains the same) and the new Chairman shall send copies to the new members of the Directorate.

AYE ✓ NAY _____ MORE DISCUSSION _____

Motion #15: Moved that:

The National Fantasy Fan Federation, in the spirit of fellowship and help to fans and fandom, shall donate to the Trans-Atlantic Fan Fund, a sum equal to 5¢ per member to be added to the non-committed funds of such fan fund.

AYE- ✓ NAY _____ MORE DISCUSSION _____

Motion #16: Moved that:

The sum of \$50.00 will be made available for Torcon expenses, to be paid to Martha Beck, with an additional \$50.00 to be paid later if it is needed.

AYE ✓ NAY _____ MORE DISCUSSION _____

Motion #17: Moved that:

A Public Relations Committee be set up as soon as committee members are found. This committee will aid the various Bureaus and specifically the Recruiting Bureau at this time. The committee will relate material concerning the N3F and its bureaus both internally, to those who are already members of the National Fantasy Fan Federation, and externally, to those who might wish to join the National Fantasy Fan Federation and to create a "better image" of the National Fantasy Fan Federation.

AYE ✓ NAY _____ MORE DISCUSSION _____

Motion #18: Moved that:

The Treasurer will disburse up to \$15 to a person or persons designated by the Directorate, to purchase a "button" or identification, of sorts, for the members of the National Fantasy Fan Federation, to identify them as such. If more buttons are made than there are members, additional buttons will be held by the Secretary and disbursed to new members. Buttons may be distributed to those members wishing additional buttons at the original purchase cost of the button.

AYE _____ NAY _____ MORE DISCUSSION ✓

