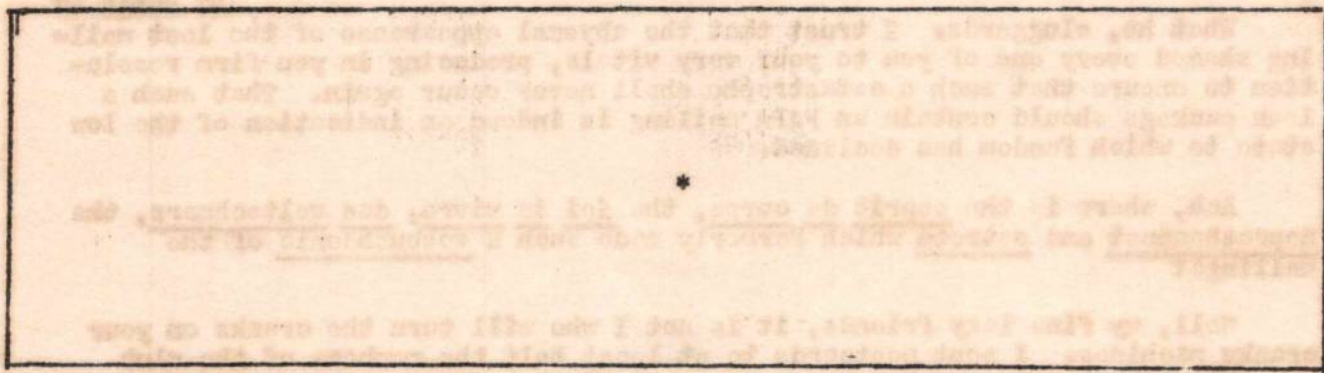


FANTASY AMATEUR

spring, 1947



* means the above space is reserved for a lovely cover, maybe as beautiful as the last one, which was a takeoff on the last slimebinder cover which no one understood or appreciated....

jeem chris but i'd more drunk than I was thenight I turned out the last fantasy amateur and speer, the raskal, said i wonder how mnny of the typo errors were intentional.

Hell, Speer,le, none of them were intention_{al}. I was just too drunk to hit thw keys properly-- and th_nt's the way I am now. o_o _oll turn out the rest oc the amateur and then quietly pass out....

I still love you you teetota_{ars}.

lmer.

THE FANTASY AMATEUR

FARA -- SPRING, 1947

The Fantasy Amateur is the official organ of the Fantasy Amateur Press Association. It is published by whomever is the official editor of the aforesaid organization, and this particular issue is composed on the stencil -- officer's messages, treasurer's report, and what have you -- by the present official editor, Elmer Perdue. Apologies are herewith made for the lateness of this mailing, but your editor transmogrified from bachelor to benedict April 13, and there was just too much confusion what with a church wedding and all to get the thing out ahead of time. Next mailing will go out about one, maybe a week and a half, after the time it is due. The Fantasy Amateur is published at 2020 S. 8th Ave, Los Angeles 16, Calif, and the official editor takes responsibility for all statements appearing herein.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

24 March 47

What ho, sluggards. I trust that the abysmal appearance of the last mailing shamed every one of you to your very vitals, producing in you firm resolution to ensure that such a catastrophe shall never occur again. That such a loan package should contain an FAPA mailing is indeed an indication of the low state to which fandom has declined.

Ach, where is the esprit de corps, the joi de vivre, das weltenschmerz, the naprazhonnost and ostrota which formerly made such a vosbuchdenie of the mailings?

Well, my fine lazy friends, it is not I who will turn the cranks on your cranky machines. I sent postcards to at least half the members of the club exhorting them on to greater feats of publishing, and beyond that there is nothing I can do. If you people want to let the club die of malnutrition, that's one of the privileges you get for your dollar.

In a way I'm glad that the membership went below 65; now we have room to let in some fresh blood and blow out the stale intelligentsia who have shot their load.

Go, Laney, go to your women. See if you can sublimate your publishing urge with sex. Widner, you think it is more important to make a living than to publish a fapazine. You will find out. Tucker, think that you can high-hat us now that you have had a book published. Remember, noblesse oblige. Dr. Seales, you think it is more important to teach your snivelling freshman than to spill a drop of erudition into the shrivelled veins of the FAPA?

Time is too short to insult all of the members properly. See Plenum for further insults. Goddam it, I gotta get a rise out of you corpses somehow.

I leave with one parting insult to the editor. What happened to all those fine statements about getting the mailing out on time? You know it just has never been done and can't be done. Yak yak yak.

Yours subtly

m rothman, pres.

And don't you use that for an interlineation.

VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

(If you're looking for a vice-president's message, you won't find it here. I've a vague recollection of receiving a letter from Mr. Norman Stanley, and an even vaguer memory of a vice president's message in it. But the last I saw of it was at a smoker given for me shortly before marriage, when somebody needed some paper whereupon to scribe a papal bull. I'm sorry, Norm; next time write two messages and I'll publish them both. --Ed)

Yassuh -- dem's weasels! Ah kin hoar 'em whoozin' to dey lill selfs.

TRESEC'S REPORT

The month after your name shows when your memship expires. The number indicates how many pages you lack to meet activity requirements. Dollar sign means dues payable by June 25.

- | | |
|---|----------|
| 1. Ackerman, Forrest J
236 $\frac{1}{2}$ N New Hampshire, Los Angeles 4, Calif | Jul/0 |
| 2. Anderson, Andy
1011 W ix 34th, Los Angeles 7, Calif | Jan/8 |
| 3. Ashley, Al
643 S Bixel, Los Angeles 14, Calif | Oct/8 |
| 4. Brazier, Donn
1329 N 33rd, Milwaukee, 8, Wisc | Oct/8 |
| 5. Bridges, Lynn
7815 Navy, Detroit 9, Mich | Apr/0 \$ |
| 6. Burbee, Charles Edward Jr
1057 S Normandie, Los Angeles 6, Calif | Apr/0 \$ |
| 7. Burgess, Fred R
115 Aycock, Chapel Hill, NC | Jan/8 |
| 8. Cheney, Harold W
584 E Monroe, Little Falls, NY | Oct/8 |
| 9. Coslet, Walter A
Box 6, Helena, Mont | Oct/8 |
| 10. Crane, Burton
PRO GHQ FEC XXX APO 500, San Francisco, Calif | Jan/8 |
| 11. Crutch, Leslie A
Box 121, Parry Sound, Ontario, Can | Oct/8 |
| 12. Davis, Chandler
16 Highland, Cambridge 38, Mass | Oct/8 |
| 13. Douglas, Myrtle
643 S Bixel, Los Angeles 14, Calif | Apr/2 \$ |
| 14. Dunkelberger, Walt
1443 Fourth Ave So., Fargo, N.D. | Apr/8 \$ |
| 15. Emden, Virginia K
787 Washington, New York 14, NY | Oct/8 |
| 16. Evans, E. Everett
628 S Bixel, Los Angeles 14, Calif | Apr/0 \$ |
| 17. Evans, W. H.
2121 Monroe, Corvallis, Ore | Oct/8 |
| 18. Fortier, Joseph
856 Hodges-at-Moroc, Fresno 4, Calif | Apr/3 \$ |
| 19. Gardner, Thomas S
165 N 17th, E. Orange, NJ | Jul/8 * |
| 20. Goldstone, Lou
269 16th Ave, San Francisco 18, Calif | Apr/8 \$ |
| 21. Grovoman, William
623 Central Ave, Cedarhurst, NY | Apr/2 \$ |

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| 22. | Hart, Dale
643 S Bixel, Los Angeles 14, Calif | Apr/0 \$ |
| 23. | Hevelin, James
3761 Third St., Riverside, Calif | Apr/4 \$ |
| 24. | Kennedy, Joe
84 Baker Ave, Dover, NJ | Jul/0 |
| 25. | Jewett, Tom
670 George St, Clyde, Ohio | Oct/8 |
| 26. | Kadet, Sanford
7100 So Shore Dr., Chicago 49, Ill | Oct/8 |
| 27. | Koenig, H C
2 East End Avenue, New York 21, NY | Oct/8 |
| 28. | xxxx Laney, Francis Towner
1005 W 35th Pl, Los Angeles 7, Calif | Jul/0 |
| 29. | Lane, Ron
22 Beresford Rd, Manchester 13, England | Jul/8 * |
| 30. | Lyon, Andy
200 Williamsboro, Oxford, NC | Jan/8 |
| 31. | Madle, Robert A
1366 E Columbia Ave, Philadelphia 25, Pa | Oct/8 |
| 32. | Maddox, Ron
20 King, New York, NY | Oct/8 |
| 33. | Moffatt, Len
5918 Lanto, Bell Gardens, Calif | Jan/8 |
| 34. | Moskowitz, Sam
446 Jelliff Ave, Newark 8, NJ | Jan/8 |
| 35. | Pordue, Elmer B
2020 S 8th Ave, Los Angeles 16, Calif | Jan/8 \$ 1 |
| 36. | Riggs, Jack
1620 Chestnut, Berkeley 2, Calif | Jul/0 |
| 37. | Robinson, Frank
6636 Sacramento, Chicago 29, Ill | Apr/4 \$ |
| 38. | Rosenblum, J Michael
4 Grange Terrace, Leeds 7, England | Jan/0 |
| 39. | Searles, A. Langley
19 E 235th, New York 66, NY | Oct/8 |
| 40. | Stanley, Norman F
43a Broad, Rockland, Maine | Jul/0 |
| 41. | Speer, Jack
4516 16th NE, Seattle 5, Wn | Oct/0 |
| 42. | Spencer, Paul
688 Yale Station, New Haven, Conn | Jan/8 |
| 43. | Stevenson, C Burton
521 E Munroe, Phoenix, Ariz | Jan/8 |
| 44. | Taylor, Beak
9 MacLennan Ave, Toronto 5, Ontario, Can | Apr/0 \$ |
| 45. | Thompson, D. B.
Box 427, Hays, Kan | Oct/8 |
| 46. | Train, Oswald
3507 N Sydenham, Philadelphia 40, Pa | Jan/8 |
| 47. | Tucker, Box
Box 260, Bloomington, Ill | Jan/8 |
| 48. | Warner, Harry
303 Bryan Pl, Hagerstown, Maryland | Apr/0 \$ |
| 49. | Wesson, Helen, c/o Sheldon Wesson
ESS Textiles, GHQ SCAP APO 500, San Francisco, Calif | Jan/8 |
| 50. | Widner, Art
121 Norton, N Weymouth 91, Mass | Oct/8 |
| 51. | Willmorth, Norman
628 S Bixel, Los Angeles 14, Calif | Apr/5½ \$ |

- 52. Wilimczyk, Frank Oct/8
167 East 2nd Street, New York City 9, N. Y.
- 53. Wollheim, Donald A Jul/8 *
98-50 67th Ave, Forest Hills, NY
- 54. Zissman, Judy Jul/8 *
449 W 19th, New York 11, NY

New members: Burgess, ed "Scarab", Stevenson, letters in "Vampiro" & "Scienti-fictionist", Lyon, ed TNFF, Train, ed PSFS news.

Bonnell is not listed becoz i have no record of his having paid dues. Wilimczyk has been reinstated becoz of his claim that he has received no mailings since Sept & no notification of his dues lapse.

FINANCES

Balance 1 Jan 47	\$ 12.00
Dues & Donations	18.00
<u>Total income</u>	<u>30.00</u>
 Oct mailing expense	 9.87
 Balance 1 Apr 47	 20.13

Note: No bill received for Jan mailing. No funds from Ashley. I take back what i said in last issue. He's had plenty of time by now.

The following have been dropped for non-payment of dues: Farsaci, Ladd, Liebscher, Russell, Swisher, Tanner, Taurasi, & Youd.
/s/ Art

Ah is murdered! Ah is a mystery. Ah is a murder mystery.

And I, Elmer, have again added two more to the list. For one, the name of our august and esteemed president, Mr. Rothman, whose dues as near as I can judge from the last secretarial list are due by June 25th:

- 55. Rothman, Milton A Apr/0 \$
2113 N Franklin, Philadelphia 22, Pa
- 56. Bonnell, Kenneth H Oct/8
4749 Baltimore St, Los Angeles 42, Calif
- 57. Fern, Mike (c/o Helen Wesson) ???
Textile Division, ESS, GHR SCAP APO 500, San Francisco, Cal

Kenneth Bonnell paid me his dollar dues. Mike Fern moved from the Hawaiian islands, sent word to me by radio of his move, and forgot to send his new address. His mailings have been gathering dust here since his move. Typical Fern--this letter from him requesting reinstatement if possible also forgot to put on an address. All I know is he's somewhere around the Wesson-Crane aggregation.

And now to settle up on finances;

Received from Ashley	\$ 10.00	
Received from Bonnell	1.00	
Received from Fern & Wesn	6.50	(\$2 dues; 4.50 difference
Dues, Pordue	1.00	between first-class &
		4th class postage)
	<u>14.00</u>	<u>18.50</u>
Expenses, Jan mailing	8.63	<u>8.63</u>
	<u>5.37</u>	<u>9.87</u>

I owe Widner.

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Herewith, the full text of a letter received from Speer, with amendments as suggested by him:

12 Mar 47

Elmo:

You will note the enclosure. As intimated therein, the text of the proposal should be published in the forthcoming FA. Since I'm only sending it to three other guys, it might be desirable if you'd round up a signature or two for it.

I have a little message I'd like to speak at the members from your official pages:

The mailing this fall will mark the tenth anniversary of the Fantasy Amateur Press Association. Ten years we have weathered the storms of indifference, faction, interregnum, war and peace, competition, and indifference again. Next to the LASFAS and PSFS and possibly one or two obscure groups, we're the oldest organization of fantasites extant.

Shall the tenth anniversary mailing of this proud association be a feeble peep such as the last two mailings, by comparison, have seemed? No, a thousand times no!

Let us begin now laying plans to make the mailing after next a gala occasion. Line up some lithographing, get to work on that magnum opus you've been planning to give us, while you have time take the care to dummy your regular publication for a change--do something special, anyway! The surviving oldtimers especially should turn out something appropriate. (I plan to republish the texts of the Mercury series with which I debuted, but hope to have something good too.) And let's return the roster to its full sixtyfive before the fall mailing, so there'll be a lot of initial issues as omens for the future. Present members who haven't yet gotten around to producing much of anything for us should turn up with some first issues too.

Get the lead out of your pants!

While I have the platform, I want to unburden myself on another score. The FAPA rated sixth on the 1946-47 Fantasy Review poll concerning organizations. It was ranked under such onery or unimportant clubs as the Queens SFL and the NFFF.

Why was this? You can't say it was because of the slump in our mailings, because said slump was not apparent when the poll was taken. You can attribute it in some measure to the concentration of voting in the area the poll-taker comes from. But the main reason is failure of FAPates to reply to the poll, or to support the FAPA when they did reply; this is borne out by the weak showing of FAPA publications in another section of this poll and others in the past.

I think the FAPA is without question the outstanding nonlocal fan organization, and to any member of a good local should rank second or third on his poll. I think that several FAPA publications are among the most enjoyable fanzines being published.

The FAPA has always tended to be underrated by non-members because of its relative isolation; because non-members seldom see FAPA stuff and members do all their talking about FAPA within the Association's mailings. But we've got to blow our horn more. We've competition now, not only in VAPA but also in the junior group some Easterners have set up. We need to rebuild a waiting list, and to that end we should miss no opportunity to make the FAPA rate high in general opinion among fantasites.

Next time you get a poll blank to vote on top fanzines, consider FAPAmags right along with the rest, and vote 'em up where they ought to be. And next time you get a poll on relative standing of fan organizations, name the FAPA fight up there in the number one spot.

/s/ Juffus

honey last night i dreamed i was in bed with you and you was a wattahmellon. &

12 Mar 47

Chums:

This constitution will have to have some endorsements to get on the ballot. And to be voted on in July it must be published in the Fantasy Amateur in April. Your support is solicited. You can send the endorsement back to me.

I think the only material changes in the following from that published in Mopsy 20 will be: Requiring 68 copies to be sent the editor; requiring the treasurer to keep our funds separate from his; and submitting alternative dates for a separate vote.

Yrs, &c.,
Juffus

Let the following amendment be put up for vote.

Signed: /s/ Jack Speer

CONSTITUTION OF THE FANTASY AMATEUR PRESS ASSOCIATION

1. Function: The Fantasy Amateur Press Association operates in the general field of activity which has grown up around interest in fantasy fiction. Its quarterly mailings distribute to its members material written or published by members.
2. Members: Not more than sixtyfive persons can be members of the FAPA at any one time.
Membership is open to anyone who can show as proof of his interest in fantasy amateur activity
either (a) contributions in the form of verse, drawing, fiction, or non-fiction writing, published in two fantasy amateur publications not produced in the same city area
or (b) position as editor or publisher, not merely nominal or trifling, of at least one issue of a fantasy amateur publication.
The credential must have been published within the year prior to acceptance of his application. When vacancies occur, the secretary calls on the applicants first on the mailing list to cite credentials and pay dues.
3. Renewals: To be eligible to renew his membership, a member must have published or had published in FAPA mailings or postpostings during the preceding year at least eight 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ "x11" pages or equivalent. The time limit for renewal is 45 days after the posting of the fourth mailing under his current membership.
4. Finances: To pay the FAPA's operating expenses, dues are one dollar per year, paid at time of admission or renewal of membership. Contributions are accepted, and surplus stock is sold. If there are insufficient funds to cover expense of the next mailing, the secretary treasurer can announce equal assessments on all members, sufficient to pay for it, and members not complying will not receive that mailing.

5. Mailings: (For first paragraph, see alternatives below.)

Members are not obliged to distribute their fanzines thru the FAPA, but all items included in the mailings are produced at the publisher's expense and are free to members, being considered exchanges. The publisher must send to the official editor at least sixtyeight copies of publications intended for the mailing. These publications ~~xxxxxx~~ may be printed, mimeographed, hektographed, photographed, or reproduced in any other way which gives a sufficient number of identical and legible copies. They must represent to a substantial extent the work of the member who has them put in the mailings. While some relation to fantasy is desirable, there is no restriction on the type of material included except lawfulness.

6. Officers: The following officers are elected.

(a) The president has general direction of the FAPA's affairs. He appoints members to fill vacated offices, and auxiliary officials for purposes not otherwise provided for. He has what power is necessary to deal with situations not otherwise covered by this constitution.

(b) The vicepresident succeeds to the presidency in case it is vacated. He also gives interpretations of the constitution after two or more sides of a controversy over construction have been presented.

(c) The secretarytreasurer receives membership applications and renewals. He keeps track of members' standing in regard to sustaining-activity. Each quarter he sends the official editor a list of members' names and addresses, description of credentials, report of income and outgo, and other information within his department. Notices of candidacy for office being sent to him, he furnishes the official editor information for preparing the ballot. He keeps the FAPA's funds separate from his own in cash or deposit. At the end of his term the secretarytreasurer turns over the records and funds to his successor.

(d) The official editor is charged with assembling and posting the mailings. He publishes ballots and the quarterly official organ, the Fantasy Amateur, at FAPA expense. The official organ contains the reports of the various officials and other material at the official editor's discretion.

7. Elections. Elections are held by mail. Candidates whose names are to appear on the ballot file with the secretarytreasurer in writing. The ballots are included in the summer mailing.

All votes to be counted must be in the counting committee's hands a month after the mailing is dispatched. This ballot counting committee notifies outgoing and incoming officers and all candidates, of the full results of the election within two weeks after the ballot deadline. A plurality is sufficient to elect.

Officers serve for one year. No person can be elected to the same office, except the official editorship, more than once in five years. The secretarytreasurer must be an adult.

In returning his annual ballot, it is necessary that the voter identify himself on the envelope or otherwise. Subject to appeal to the other officers, the secretary-treasurer will terminate before the next mailing the membership of any member who fails to vote in the annual election unless the member furnishes an acceptable explanation of his failure to vote.

8. Amendments: Amendments to this constitution must be proposed in writing, endorsed by four members. Copy with signatures is sent to the president, other copies to the other officers. The proposal in substance must be given in the official organ the mailing before it comes up for vote. Unless the president orders a special vote, amendments are voted on at the annual election. A majority of the members must vote on an amendment, and a majority of such voters must be favorable, for the amendmant to be adopted.

- 9. By-laws: By-laws may be adopted at any time by a majority of the members endorsing copies of a proposal which has been sent to the entire membership. Such by-laws can expel members, remove officers, override officials' acts, suspend sections of this constitution, or do anything else within the sovereignty of the organization.

On endorsement by twelve other members, a member's failure to meet sustaining activity requirements will be waived on a particular occasion.

Adopt the foregoing: _____ Do not adopt: _____

To be submitted to separate vote, the winning alternative to stand or fall with the foregoing:

- 5. Mailings: The official editor sends out identical bundles to all members immediately following the second Saturday in November, February, May, and August. When individual members, or the official editor as an individual, send postpostings to all members, they are considered part of the mailing they were too late to be in.

Insert this alternative in the foregoing proposal: _____

- 5. Mailings: The official editor sends out identical bundles to all members immediately following the second Saturday in October, January, April, and July. When individual members, or the official editor as an individual, send postpostings to all members, they are considered part of the mailing they were too late to be in.

Insert this alternative in the foregoing proposal: _____

PS: As I went along I made a few changes in contemplation of Elmer's idea of express mailings. If you by any chance want your copy of this back for your file, can do after the president has gazed upon the collected signatures.

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7 Apr 47

Elmo:

The proposed constitution has been endorsed by me, Stanley, Rothman, and Warner; you might mention this if you haven't stenciled it yet. My stuff for the next mailing will be along presently, I hope.

/s/ JFS

The following space reserved for other amendments. Or else I'll use it myself.

Let the following amendment to the proposed Speer constitution be put up for vote, to stand or fall with the Speer constitution: (Signed: Gus Willmorth, E. Everett Evans, Dale Hart, Al Ashloy, Elmer Perdue)

- 5. Mailings: The official editor sends out identical bundles to all members immediately following the second Saturday in September, December, March, and June. When individual members, or the official editor as an individual, send postpostings to all members, they are considered part of the mailing they were too late to be in.

Insert this alternative in the foregoing proposal: _____

Amendment to the Speer constitution, to stand or fall therewith, inserting after the second paragraph under 5. Mailings., words to the effect that the postage on postmailings is not to be paid by the treasury. Amendment in principle endorsed by Ackerman, Evans, Perdue, Willmorth, & Hart; not written yet.

Proposed amendment to the Speer constitution, to stand and/or fall therewith, cancelling paragraph 4 under 7. Elections. Endorsed by several, on the grounds that the retention of said paragraph will alienate more members than it will attract.

Proposed amendment to the Speer constitution, under paragraph 9 ~~of the~~, By-laws: striking out paragraph 2.

Proposed amendment to the Speer constitution, ~~striking out~~ 7. Elections., amending the last two words, last line, third paragraph, by striking out "an adult." and substituting "a minor."

Thereason all these amendments listed hereabove, with the exception of the first two, is because there were some Futurian amendments to the constitution, which no one seems to have on hand in LA, which revised the amendment regulations. In case publication prior to voting is required, here they are stated in substance.

Do you reckon he's boiling yet?

Let the following amendment to the Constitution of the Fantasy Amateur Press Association be put up for vote in the July elections:

Article 12 -- Amendments -- Amendments to this constitution must be proposed in writing, endorsed by four members. Copy with signatures is sent to the president, other copies to the other officers. The proposal in substance but not in detail must be given in the official organ, in the mailing before it is voted upon. Unless the president orders a special vote, amendments are voted on at the annual election. An amendment is adopted when a majority of the votes cast is in favor of the amendment. This does not mean a majority of those qualified to vote.

Signed by F. J. Ackerman, Gust Willmorth, E. Everett Evans, Dale Hart, Al Ashley, and Elmer Perdue.

CONSTITUTION OF THE FANTASY AMATEUR PRESS ASSOCIATION

Article 1 -- Name -- The name of this organization shall be the Fantasy Amateur Press Association.

Article 2 -- Purpose -- Its purpose shall be to unite in fraternity the writers, artists, and editors of amateur publications pertaining to fantasy; to promote such publishing; to better the abilities of the members in their fields; and to provide an appreciative audience for the amateur fantasy enthusiast.

Article 3 -- Membership -- Membership shall be limited to those who can show proof by credential of their interest in fantasy amateur activity, which shall consist of one of the following:

(a) Contributions in the form of poetry, drawing, fiction, or non-fiction writing, published in two fantasy amateur publications not published in the same city.

(b) Position as editor or publisher of at least one issue of a fantasy amateur publication.

The credential shall have been published within the year prior to acceptance of application.

Article 4 -- Limitation of Membership -- Not more than sixty-five persons shall be members of the Fantasy Amateur Press Association at any one time.

Article 5 -- Privileges -- Active members in good standing shall be entitled to run for office, vote in all elections, receive the official organ and all publications mailed with it in the official mailings, use the Association emblem on stationery or masthead or any other honorable way, and participate in all other activities and benefits. Members who shall have had credentials published during the preceding twelve months, but none thru the FAPA, shall have the foregoing privileges with the exceptions that they shall not vote nor receive office, nor rejoin upon expiration of dues until any previous applications for membership shall have been disposed of.

(This article has been amended by requiring a six-months waiting period ~~by rejoining~~ before rejoining for all members dropped for non-activity.)

(Somewhere around this article was an amendment requiring eight pages of activity, in the mailing, before a member could renew.)

Article 6 -- Official Organ -- The official organ shall be called the Fantasy Amateur and shall be issued quarterly by the Official Editor and paid for out of the Association treasury. It shall have not less than four pages, and shall contain the reports of the various officials, a list of all members, and description of credentials for all new members. Other material therein shall be at the discretion of the Official Editor.

Article 7 -- Officers -- The officers shall be: President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, and Official Editor. No person shall be elected to the same office more than once in five years.

Article 8 -- Elections -- Elections shall be held by mail. Candidates whose names are to appear on the ballots shall file with the Secretary-Treasurer in writing. The ballots shall be included in the July Mailing each year. All votes, to be counted, shall be in by August 1. The ballots shall be counted by a committee delegated by the President. A plurality shall be sufficient to elect. Officers shall serve for one year beginning August 14th.

Article 9 -- Duties of Officers --

- (a) The President shall direct the activities of the Association; appoint members to fill vacated offices till the next August 14th; appoint auxiliary officials to fulfill duties not provided for elsewhere, or to help in the execution of the various offices; and perform such duties as devolve on an executive officer. He shall have all the necessary powers to deal with such situations not otherwise covered by this Constitution.
- (b) The Vice-President shall take over the President's office in case it shall be vacated; serve as chairman of the Laureate Committee; and act as the judiciary of the Association.
- (c) The Secretary-Treasurer shall accept or reject membership applications and renewals; maintain a register of active members; keep a written record of all expenditures and receipts; submit to the Official Editor financial reports, lists of members, description of credentials, and information on expiration of dues, for publication in the official organ; furnish the Official Editor material for preparation of the ballot; ~~xx~~ transfer the records and funds to his successor; and perform other duties as devolve on such an officer.
- (d) The Official Editor shall prepare the ballot; and publish the official organ. He shall mail with it copies of publications of which members shall have provided him sufficient copies to cover the entire membership. The mailing dates shall be the first Saturday in April, July, October, and January of each year.

Article 10 -- FAPA Publications -- Members shall not be obligated to use the official mailings, nor shall they be obliged to publish free publications, but all items sent through the official mailings shall be given gratis as exchanges for all members. Publications sent through the official mailings shall have been reproduced through the medium of printing press, mimeograph, hektograph, photograph, or any other means of duplication producing identical copies other than carbon-copy; and shall represent to a substantial extent the work of a member of the Association.

Article 11 -- Dues -- The membership dues shall be one dollar a year, to accompany each application for membership or renewal. If the Secretary-Treasurer shall find insufficient funds to cover the next mailing, sufficient equal assessments shall be made on each member, and members not complying shall not receive that mailing.

Article 12 -- Amendments -- Amendments to the Constitution shall be proposed in writing, signed by four members. The original shall be sent to the President, copies to the other officers. Such amendments shall be voted upon at the annual election, unless the President shall order a special vote. A ~~xx~~ majority vote of the active membership shall be necessary for the adoption of new amendments. A similar majority may at any time, through an instrument in petition form, over-ride any acts of, or impeach officials, or suspend sections of this Constitution in particular cases without repealing them.

(This section amended by the Futurian bloc about 1944 or 45; copy of the amended article not on hand for inclusion.)

Contents of the FAPA mailing for Spring, 1947:

●Burlblings #1	4 pp	●Snix #1	16 pp
●Blitherings #7 -	8 pp	●FAPArition #1	8 pp
●'Glom' #7 -	7 pp	●Fantods #16	36 pp
●Moonshine #7 -	5 pp	(the journal of a tod fan)	
●Horizons #24 -	12pp	●Speer's Sustaining Pro	21 pp gram #?
●Plenum #5	14 pp	●Willie Acquires an	4 pp Italian Hand!
●'Tator #1	4 pp	●Harold W Cheney Jr #1	6 pp
	xx		
subtotal	54 pp	subtotal	91 pp
	91 pp		
●Fantasy Amateur#7	&12 pp		
	157 pp, not bad for two bits.		

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The sterling ex-secretary-treasurer of the Fantasy Amateur Press Association, an excellent double-barrelled chess player yclept Ashley, spoke words to me not a long time ago, saying in this wise: If Thyrl L Ladd was dropped for non-payment of dues, reinstate him, because I found a check from him for that purpose whilst cleaning out the bookshelf. Add to the memship list:

58. Ladd, Thyrl L Jan/8
33 Cuyler Ave, Albany 2, NY

A recently received letter from Wessonfemale advises that material by Ladd is in her (& the estimable Burton's) magazine, which is in transit from Japan, and intended for this mailing. Considering the distances involved, methinks that his activity should be okeh. Also, this material of his was submitted for last mailing, and delayed over there....what say, Mr. Widner?

And when will we see a fourth edition of Fantasy Commentator #1?

The next mailing theoretically should go out July 12th. That's a mighty short time off. In order to get back more closely on schedule, announcement is made that the next mailing will appear July 26th. Remember, children, the next mailing is the Express mailing. Nothing will be censored; and the Dunkelberger item, the Croutch Light, Burbee's Father of the New Messiah, will appear. Why don't you and you and especially you, dear, whip up something for it?

I love you all.
Elmer.