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#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

This is the customary parting message. You should have another president by the time of the next mailing. My tenure of office hasn't been particularly satisfactory. The mailings have been, to say the least, somewhat anomic. However, I can have the satisfaction of knowing that it wasn't my fault. Like I said before, I can't turn your cranks for you.

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It is also a bad sign that nobody mentioned anything about an election in the last mailing. If we hadn't caught Taurasi's post-mailing, probably everybody would have forgetten that there was to be an election.

But here it is the July mailing, and there are supposed to be ballets in it for the election of officers for the next fiscal year. I have appointed Harry Warner to be ballet counter for this election, and his name and address will be noted on the ballet by the editor.

According to the constitution, votes should be in by August 1. However, if this mailing is very late, such a deadline would be impossible. Therefore the editor should use his discretion and set a voting deadline three weeks from the date of themailing.

As all of you people know, there is going to be a science fiction convention in Philadelphia over Labor Day Wockend. Due to a curious tradition, this will be called the Fifth World Science Fiction Convention, familiarly known as the Philoon. The way things are shaping up, this is going to be a hell of a shindig. More authors have promised to come than fans, and plenty of fans are coming.

If the newly elected FAPA officers manage to be at the convention, it will be very nice to have a formal installation of officers as part of the program.

So tally ho, people, until I soo you at the Phileon.

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VICE-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

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#### LAUREATE COMMITTEE'S REPORT

The following citations of morit are awarded for items which were published in the twenty-seventh to thirty-third mailings inclusive. For the benefit of newcomers, to whom this may seem unwarrantedly ancient history, be it known that these ratings are based on laureate nominations published by various members in their FAPA magazines. This admirable practice, inaugurated by L. R. Chauvenet, who first reported on the Spring 1944 mailing, flourished for a time, eventually to die out with Stanley's report on the thirty-third mailing. The present report is to collate and digest (insofar as they are digestible) these individual nominations. The lateness of this job is due solely to the default of the intervening occupants of the Vice-Presidential chair (which includes this occupant, too, for the firsthree

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quarters of his term). As for the matter of laureate awards for the subsequent mailings which went unrated, your present chairman defaults completely and bequeaths the issue to his successor(s).

The nominators followed the uniform practice of naming first, second, and third place choices in each of the various categories of activity considered below. In tetting these up I have allowed three points for each first place nomination, two points for each second place, one point for each third place. Thus we name the high men, who cop the first three places in each event.

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### "Moyor did not furnish me with any girls!" -- Elliott

#### Edator's Mossago:

It is August 5 th as I write this. The Secretary-Treasurer's message not yet on hand; I have no information as to whom the mailings go; who is and is not running for office; what constitutional amendments are up for a change-so I can't issue the mailing for a while yet.

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Hell, Widner, what am I going to do? This is election mailing; once before it was necessary to invent a mailing list, but I can't do it this time account some poor lad will have filed for office with you, and if I shoot it out now all candidates will have to be write-in. And that's no good. Burbee has called twice trying to get the mailing out; no seap.

Lou Goldstone has his cover lithcod for his mag, but couldn'tmake the last deadline and is therefore out on his ear. He'd already paid dues, and rather than a refund, requested that they be turned ever to the treasury. He requests that the Fantasy Amateur be sent him alone, for a while, inasmuch as he intends to publish the mag later, rejoin if possible; wishes the Amateur that he may keep up to date on the mailing list. I see no harm in this, and request that the official editor who takes my place will continue Goldstone on the list to receive the Amateur only.

Apologies are forthwith given to Mr. F. R. Burgess. A letter received from him dated July 6, 1947, advises the forwarding of 70 copies of his FAPA mag DIAGRAM. They were not received. Shortly after that date, the wife and I moved from one room to another in this address, boxing wedding presents till hell wouldn't have them. It is possible that said magazine was received, and boxed by mistake. On that possibility, Mr. Burgess, if you would send me a copy of DIAGRAM I should be happy to reprint it for you without charge for materials or time or whatsoever, and trust that the same will serve as an apology...I doubt that it was lost in the mails. Damn few magazines ever are. And that's probably what happened to it. I am sincorely serry.

Which seems to be all that can be done until Mr. Widner forthcomes.

"The front one's beginning to fester."

August 9, 1947.

This date, F. Towner Laney, a good man, and Charles Edward Burbee Jr., another good man, were over shortly past noon. They showed me a very levely letter indeed from our president, Mr. Rothman, authorizing and directing them, Willmorth, Tigrina, Ackerman, and the Mayor of Los Angeles to form a committee to perform a blitzkrieg and get the mailing out. It was a

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lovely lotter indeed; my boy Milty did not lose his patience once. The two gentlemen refused me permission to publish this letter in the Amateur, by the way.

It was a pleasant visit. They were shown the stuff accumulated for the mailing; shown the stoncils already out for the Amatour; and read down as far as the last interlineation. They agreed that a blitz was out of line; and agreed that the letter would serve as authorization to issue the mailing with total disgogard for formalities, candidacies, emendments that Mr. Widner might have on hand, etc. So the mailing goes out to all people on the last memship list that are known to be entitled to receive it. In order that no person shall be deprived of a vote who is entitled to do so, ballets will be furnished also to members who may be entitled to receive one (those marked "dues" in the last Amatour, for example) with their name thereon in ink. If Mr. Widner will bestir himself sufficiently to give Mr. Warner, the ballet-counter, a list of those ballets to be counted, there will be no great abridgement of the constitutional prerogatives of those unfortunates who expired with the Spring mailing. They will miss the Speer attack on the L. A. amendments, but they won't miss much.

printed that letter. The first word was a four-letter one without which (as my boy Burboe said in 1946) the entire war effort would have ground to a halt in four hours. The tone improved from them on.

Elmor (to quote Laney) in a both unique and enviable position. I am the only man in all fandom—the only man—who has been both performer and performee in a blitzkrieg.

And again there were three parties to the blitz. A few old-timers will remember "Blitzkraeg," issued in June of 1947. Next mailing there will appear mayhap "Blitzkrieg #2," a three-way collaboration.

#### And catching it in his hat.

Also talked of was the matter of candidacies. Mr. Burbee and Mr. Ackerman had both decided to run for, respectively, official editor and secretary-treasurer; and advise that they have so filed with Widner. In order to eliminate this country-wide difficulty, both Mr. Laney and I, Elmer Perdue, have decided to file, for vice-president and for president, respectively. This way, we don't have that atrocious geographical separation that makes blitzing, finance-transferral, and begging for officer's reports such a difficult thing. Inasmuch as we have no notice of other candidates, it is necessary to leave them off the ballot. Write-in votes are encouraged; we have no desire soever to make this look or be like a rigged affair.

are a few amendments and one substitute constitution up for vote. Completists may preserve the completeness of their mailing even the the ballot is sent off, because the ballot is but a reprint of the pages that follow.

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#### PROPOSED CONSTITUION OF THE FANTASY AMATEUR PRESS ASSOCIATION

- 1. Function: The Fantasy Am tour Press Association operates in the general fit 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 inter-

est in fantasy amateur activity

either (a) contributions in the form of verse, drawing, fiction, or nonfiction writing, published intwo fantasy amateur publications not produced in the same dity area

or (b) position as edator 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.

- Renewals. To be eligible to renew his membership, a member must have published or had published inFAPA mailings or postpostings during the preceding year at least eight 82 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 en all members, sufficient to pay for it, and members not complying will not receive that mailing.
- Members are not obliged to distribute their fanzines thru the FAPA, but all items included in the mailings are produced at the publishers 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 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 sidesof a controversy over construction have been presented.

(c) The secretarytreasurer receives membership applications and renewals. He keeps track of members' standingin regard to sustaining-activity. Each quarter he sends the official editor a list of members' names and addresses, description of oredentials, 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 fromhis own incash 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 ballets 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 secretarytheasurer in writing. The hallots 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 balles deadline. A plurality is sufficient to elect.

Officers serve for one year. Ne 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 the 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.

- Amendments: Amendments to this constitution must be proposed inwriting. 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 the annual election. A majority of the members must vote onan amendment, and a majority of such voters must be favorable, for the amendment to be adopted.
- 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 wise within the sovereignty of the organization.

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

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Ballots to be in H. W. Jr. 's hands by August 25, 1947.

By command of general Rossman:

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