

## CONSTITUTION OF THE SOUTHERN FANDOM PRESS ALLIANCE

**ARTICLE I: Purpose.** The purpose of the Southern Fandom Press Alliance is to coordinate SF-fantasy fan activity in the field of amateur publishing in the Southern states, to serve as a core for other fan activity in said states, and to keep Southern fandom in full contact with the rest of fandom.

### **ARTICLE II: Membership.**

**Section 1. Membership** will be open to any person residing in the states of Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia, and the Caribbean possessions of the United States. Either a permanent address or a temporary address (as for college students or military personnel) will satisfy this requirement.

**Section 2.** Persons residing outside the above named states and possessions may join, as long as they comprise no more than 25% of the active membership, and are approved for membership by the Official Editor.

**Section 3.** Once a person has become a member, he will remain a member unless one of the following occurs:

- a. He fails to pay his dues within one month after receiving official notice that they are due.
- b. He fails to meet the activity requirements set by the Official Editor.
- c. He tenders his resignation to the Official Editor.
- d. A motion of expulsion is introduced against him by the Official Editor which is approved by 2/3 of the members voting. Neither the Official Editor nor the member concerned may vote on the passage of the motion.

**Section 4.** The Official Editor may set a maximum limit to the size of the SFPA. When the membership reaches this size, subsequent applicants will be placed on a Waiting List in order of their application, and as vacancies occur in the active membership waitlisters will be admitted in order of their standing on the list.

### **ARTICLE III: Official Editor.**

**Section 1.** The only official officer of the SFPA will be the Official Editor.

**Section 2.** The Official Editor receives bundles of publications from members and distributes them in quarterly bundles to all members. He publishes the Official Organ, to accompany each quarterly mailing, which will contain as a minimum a listing of the publications in the bundle, a roster of members and waitlisters (if any), and a financial statement itemizing expenditures and receipts since the preceding mailing. Each time the Constitution is amended it will be printed in full in the Official Organ, and in any case it will be printed at least once during the term of each Official Editor. All official rulings of the Official Editor will be printed at the same time that the Constitution is printed, and new rulings or changed rulings will be printed in the earliest possible issue of the Official Organ after the ruling is made. If a ruling changes an existing ruling, it may not be applied until after it has appeared in the Official Organ.

**Section 3.** The Official Editor handles all the funds and makes all the rules, subject to the limitations set forth in the Constitution.

### **ARTICLE IV: Elections and Impeachments.**

**Section 1.** The Official Editor will be elected annually by a vote of the whole membership, the ballot to circulate with the spring mailing. Any candidate otherwise eligible may file with the current Official Editor at any time before the deadline for the spring mailing, and his name will appear on the ballot.

Section 2. The Official Editor must be a person resident in one of the Southern states, as defined in Article II, Section 1. If he is under 21 years of age, he must have a Treasurer who is 21 years old or over to take responsibility for the disbursement of SFFA funds.

Section 3. A majority of the votes cast will be necessary to elect the Official Editor. If no candidate receives a majority, a special election will be held between the two highest candidates to decide the winner. In the event of ties, the incumbent Official Editor will break them. If he is personally involved in a tie, he must break it in favor of his opponent.

Section 4. A petition signed by 3/4 of the active membership will be necessary and sufficient to compel the Official Editor to resign and an emergency election to be held to elect a Temporary Mailing Editor to fill the balance of his term. The President of the SFFA will publish and count the ballots for such an election.

ARTICLE V. Egobee Poll. Each year concurrently with the election of the Official Editor, an Egobee Poll will be held. Exact categories and point-scoring will be determined by the Official Editor. The person finishing highest in the poll will hold the honorary title of President of the SFFA, an office with no duties, responsibilities, or power, except as outlined in Article IV, Section 4, above. If the new Official Editor scores highest in the Egobee Poll, the candidate with the second highest number of points is considered President.

ARTICLE VI: Amendments.

Section 1. The Official Editor may present any amendment he desires to the membership for consideration.

Section 2. Upon receipt of a petition signed by 20% of the active membership to present a certain amendment for consideration, the Official Editor must do so with the next mailing.

Section 3. An amendment is adopted if 2/3 of the members voting approve it.

#### INITIAL RULINGS OF THE OFFICIAL EDITOR

1. The membership limit will be 20 members.
2. The activity requirement shall be 6 pages of material in any two consecutive mailings, at least 4 pages of which are to be the member's own original writing.
3. Dues will be \$1 per year.
4. Single mailings will be sold for 50¢ each, or 25¢/50pp., whichever is greater.
5. Married couples may belong to SFFA, paying one set of dues and receiving one mailing, but if both fulfill activity requirements both may vote in elections.
6. Material by non-members in a member's publication must not comment on items in other members' SFFA publications. Such material will not be circulated through the mailings. If a waitlist ever exists, members may frank in comments by waitlisters, or the waitlisters may circulate publications themselves for a fee of 25¢ per sheet per mailing.
7. Anyone who fails to meet the activity requirement is out of the SFFA, unless he can convince the OE that he had a valid reason.
8. Pressing affairs render the OE unable to perform his duties for one mailing, an Emergency Officer will be appointed to carry out the duties of the OE for the duration of the emergency.