

AGENDA FOR WSFS BUSINESS MEETING

Preliminary Business Meeting, Friday, Sept. 4, 1992

Presiding Officer
Secretary
Parliamentarian
Timekeeper

Bruce Pelz
George Flynn
Ben Yalow
Kevin Standlee

See pp. 139–146 of the MagiCon Souvenir Book for the text of the WSFS Constitution, Standing Rules, and Business Passed On from Chicon V. (And see the Appendix to this agenda for corrections to some errors in that text.)

A. Business Passed On from Chicon V

Items 1 through 9 were given first passage last year, and will become part of the WSFS Constitution if ratified at MagiCon. (Note that the explanations of these items in the Souvenir Book [pp. 145–146] are mostly those provided by the original makers of the motions, and thus are not necessarily objective.)

1. **Counting of “No Award”** (Souvenir Book, p. 145) (default debate time: 20 minutes)
(There should presumably be another “tentative” before the “winner” in line 5 of the new paragraph.)
2. **Splitting Distribution of the Hugo Rules from Pending Business** (Souvenir Book, p. 145) (default debate time: 20 minutes)
(There should be no comma after “Standing Rules”.)
3. **Calling the Hugo Award the Hugo Award** (Souvenir Book, p. 145) (default debate time: 20 minutes)
(In paragraph (3), the new title should be “Hugo Awards”.)
4. **Electronic Fanwriting Hugo Eligibility** (Souvenir Book, p. 145) (default debate time: 6 minutes)
5. **Constitution Passalong Requirement** (Souvenir Book, p. 145) (default debate time: 6 minutes)
(The Secretary has a question about this motion: The information in question is in fact in the possession of the Business Meeting Secretary, who is charged with this duty by Standing Rule 16, and who is in general only nominally a member of the Committee. Therefore, should the motion refer to the Secretary rather than “the Committee”?)
6. **Anti-Lame Duck Amendment** (Souvenir Book, p. 145) (default debate time: 6 minutes)
7. **Clarifying “No Award” Tallying** (Souvenir Book, pp. 145–146) (default debate time: 6 minutes)
8. **Natural Person Amendment** (Souvenir Book, p. 146) (default debate time: 20 minutes)
(The new section would go in Article 5 under the revised numbering.)
9. **Bid Notification Deadline** (Souvenir Book, p. 146) (default debate time: 6 minutes)

B. Committee Reports

10. Report of WSFS Mark Protection Committee (Souvenir Book, p. 146)

Nominations for Elected Members of Mark Protection Committee

Three members of the committee are to be elected for a three-year term. No more than three elected members may reside (when elected) in each of the regions described in Sec. 3.6 of the Constitution. The current elected members are:

- Elected until MagiCon: Tim Illingworth (overseas)
Bruce Pelz (Western)
Fran Skene (Western)
- Elected until ConFrancisco: Kent Bloom (Eastern)
Stephen Boucher (overseas)
Sue Francis (Central)
- Elected until Conadian: Scott Dennis (Central)
Donald Eastlake (Eastern)
Ben Yalow (Eastern)

Thus we may elect up to three members from the Western region, up to one member from the Central region, no members from the Eastern region, or up to three members from overseas. The election will take place at the Main Business Meeting.

11. Report of Special Committee to Codify Business Meeting Resolutions (Souvenir Book, p. 146)

12. Worldcon Reports (Souvenir Book, p. 146)

13. Report of Worldcon Runner's Guide Editorial Committee (see separate handout)

- note not off. pub of WSFS

C. New Business Submitted to MagiCon

14. Open the Site, Hal (see separate handout beginning "Preface: As the year 2001...") (default debate time: 20 minutes)

15. Northwest Territories Division Amendment (see separate handout) (default debate time: 20 minutes)

~~**16. No Representation Without Taxation! (see separate handout) (default debate time: 6 minutes)**~~

~~**17. Forbidding Reimbursement of Bidding Expenses (see separate handout) (default debate time: 20 minutes)**~~

~~**18. Back to the Future Amendment (see separate handout) (default debate time: 20 minutes)**~~

19. Another Service Mark Resolution (see separate handout) (default debate time: 6 minutes)

20. Yet Another Service Mark Resolution (see separate handout — same sheet as item 19) (default debate time: 6 minutes)

21. Clarifying Best Fan Writer Definition (see separate handout) (default debate time: 6 minutes)

AGENDA FOR WSFS BUSINESS MEETING

First Main Business Meeting, Saturday, Sept. 5, 1992

Presiding Officer
Secretary
Parliamentarian
Timekeeper

Bruce Pelz
George Flynn
Ben Yalow
Kevin Standlee

See pp. 139–146 of the MagiCon Souvenir Book for the text of the WSFS Constitution, Standing Rules, and Business Passed On from Chicon V. (And see the Appendix to Friday's agenda, available as a separate handout, for corrections to some errors in that text.) The debate times listed below were set by the Preliminary Business Meeting on Friday. Items missing from the numerical sequence were disposed of on Friday.

A. Business Passed On from Chicon V

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1. **Counting of "No Award"** (Souvenir Book, p. 145; corrected by inserting "tentative" before "winner" in line 5 of the new paragraph) (debate time: 5 minutes)
2. **Splitting Distribution of the Hugo Rules from Pending Business** (Souvenir Book, p. 145; there should be no comma after "Standing Rules") (debate time: 3 minutes)
3. **Calling the Hugo Award the Hugo Award** (Souvenir Book, p. 145; in paragraph (3), the new title should be "Hugo Awards") (debate time: 2 minutes)
4. **Electronic Fanwriting Hugo Eligibility** (Souvenir Book, p. 145) (debate time: 6 minutes)
5. **Constitution Passalong Requirement** (Souvenir Book, p. 145; the Preliminary Business Meeting amended this motion by substituting "the Business Meeting staff" for "the Committee") (debate time: 1 minute)
6. **Anti-Lame Duck Amendment** (Souvenir Book, p. 145) (debate time: 1 minute)
7. **Clarifying "No Award" Tallying** (Souvenir Book, pp. 145–146) (debate time: 6 minutes)
(The Secretary notes that the explanation of this motion in the Souvenir Book is completely wrong. The intent of this motion was to make no substantive change, but merely to clarify the current incomprehensible language.)
8. **Natural Person Amendment** (Souvenir Book, p. 146) (debate time: 5 minutes)
(The new section would go in Article 5 under the revised numbering.)
9. **Bid Notification Deadline** (Souvenir Book, p. 146) (debate time: 3 minutes)

B. Committee Reports

10. **Report of Mark Protection Committee** (Souvenir Book, p. 146) (postponed from Friday)

Election of Mark Protection Committee Members

Three members of the committee are to be elected for a three-year term. No more than three elected members may reside (when elected) in each of the regions described in Sec. 3.6 of the Constitution. The current elected members are:

Elected until MagiCon:	Tim Illingworth (overseas)
	Bruce Pelz (Western)
	Fran Skene (Western)
Elected until ConFrancisco:	Kent Bloom (Eastern)
	Stephen Boucher (overseas)
	Sue Francis (Central)
Elected until Conadian:	Scott Dennis (Central)
	Donald Eastlake (Eastern)
	Ben Yalow (Eastern)

Thus we may elect up to three members from the Western region, up to one member from the Central region, no members from the Eastern region, or up to three members from overseas. (The appointed members of the committee whose terms extend beyond MagiCon are: Ross Pavlac [Chicon V], Tom Veal [MagiCon], Kevin Standlee [ConFrancisco], and Linda Ross-Mansfield [Conadian]; a member will also be appointed by the 1995 Worldcon, and one by the 1995 NASFiC if there is one.) Those nominated at the Preliminary Business Meeting are:

- Bob Hillis* (Central)
- Tim Illingworth (overseas)
- John Lorentz (Western)
- Bruce Pelz (Western)
- Kevin Standlee** (Western)

Any three of these nominees may be elected. (Ballots will be provided.)

*At this writing Mr. Hillis has not furnished written acceptance of his nomination. It will be accepted if received before Saturday's meeting begins.

**If Mr. Standlee is elected, he will be replaced as the ConFrancisco appointee.

11. **Report of Special Committee to Codify Business Meeting Resolutions** (Souvenir Book, p. 146) (postponed from Friday)

12. **Worldcon Reports** (see Souvenir Book, p. 146)

C. New Business Submitted to MagiCon

14. **Open the Site, Hal**

ORIGINAL PREFACE: As the year 2001 is one of the most recognizable years in the science fiction genre, I believe it would be fitting that any city from any zone, or an off continent city, be given the opportunity to bid for the World Science Fiction Convention for that year.

(s) Steve Francis, David Francis

As amended by the Preliminary Business Meeting (and further edited by the Secretary), this motion reads as follows:

MOVED, to add the following proviso to Section 3.7 of the WSFS Constitution:

PROVIDED THAT for purposes of site selection for the 2001 Worldcon, the Eastern region shall be defined to include the entire world. Whatever site is chosen, there shall be no NASFiC in 2001.

(debate time: 10 minutes)

The effect of this motion on site selection would be as follows (with a non-North American bid allowed in any year):

Year	Current Rule	If Motion 14 Passes
1998	Eastern	Eastern
1999	Western	Western
2000	Central	Central
2001	Eastern	anywhere in world (except within 60 miles of 1998 site)
2002	Western	Western
2003	Central	Central
2004	Eastern	Eastern

- 15. Northwest Territories Division Amendment.** The original motion was made by Robert Sacks and 12 seconders. As amended by substitution at the Preliminary Business Meeting (but with the original preface), this motion reads:

WHEREAS the creation of new territories out of the Northwest Territories of Canada voids the northern boundary between the Western and Central regions,

MOVED, to amend Section 3.6 of the WSFS Constitution by replacing all appearances of “states and provinces” by “states, provinces, and territories”.

(debate time: 2 minutes)

- 17. Forbidding Reimbursement of Bidding Expenses** (see separate handout) (debate time: 20 minutes)
- 19. Another Service Mark Resolution** (see separate handout) (debate time: 2 minutes)
- 20. Yet Another Service Mark Resolution** (see separate handout — same sheet as item 19) (debate time: 1 minute)
- 21. Clarifying Best Fan Writer Definition** (see separate handout) (debate time: 1 minute)
- 22. Reduce NASFiC Lead Time Amendment** (see separate handout) (debate time: 10 minutes)

AGENDA FOR WSFS BUSINESS MEETING

Second Main Business Meeting, Sunday, Sept. 6, 1992

Presiding Officer
Secretary
Parliamentarian
Timekeeper

Bruce Pelz
George Flynn
Ben Yalow
Kevin Standlee

A. Site-Selection Business

Report of 1995 Site-Selection Voting Results (to be followed by a presentation by the winning committee)

Presentations by Future Selected Worldcons (each future selected Worldcon is allotted 15 minutes: 5 minutes for their own presentation, and 10 minutes to answer questions)

Presentations by 1996 Bidders (time permitting, each bidder for 1996 is allotted 5 minutes for presentations)

B. Committee Reports

Report of Mark Protection Committee (Souvenir Book, p. 146) (postponed from Friday)

(Note that at Saturday's Business Meeting the following were elected to a three-year term as committee members: Bruce Pelz, Tim Illingworth, John Lorentz.)

Report of Special Committee to Codify Business Meeting Resolutions (Souvenir Book, p. 146) (postponed from Friday)

Worldcon Reports (see Souvenir Book, p. 146)

If a non-North American bid wins the election for the 1995 Worldcon, there will be a Business Meeting Monday morning for the purpose of receiving a report on the 1995 NASFiC site selection. Otherwise, final adjournment will follow completion of the above matters.

Submitted Business

Short Title: Northwest Territories Division Amendment

Whereas the creation of new territories out of the Northwest Territories of Canada voids the northern boundary between the Western and Central zones,

To amend Article III, Section 6 of the WSFS Constitution,
to add "Nunavut" to the Central zone,
to add ~~"Denendah" and~~ other territories created out of the Northwest Territories to the Western zone,
~~to delete "The Northwest Territories" upon their extinction.~~

Robert E. Sacks (Robert E. Sacks)
Donald E. Eastlake, III (DONALD E. EASTLAKE, III)
Stuart C. Hellingger (STUART C. HELLINGGER)
Seth Breidbart (Seth Breidbart)
Tim Linnemann (TIM LINNEMANN)
Martin Hoare (MARTIN HOARE)
Larry van der Putte (LARRY VAN DER PUTTE)
Joe Stipan (JOE STIPAN)
Ross Pavlac (ROSS PAVLAC)
Don Cook (DON COOK)
Theresa A. Renner [TR] (THERESA A. RENNER [TR])
Elizabeth A. Magellan (ELIZABETH A. MAGELLAN)
Brian L. Burley (BRIAN L. BURLEY)

JAN 1992

Proposed amendment to the W.S.F.S. Constitution. Page 1 of 2

Preface: As the year 2001 is one of the most recognizable years in the Science Fiction genre, I believe it would be fitting that any city from any zone, or an off continent city, be given the opportunity to bid for the World Science Fiction Convention for that year.

Resolved: The World Science Fiction Society shall recognize any bid properly submitted by any city in any rotational zone to hold the World Science Fiction Convention for the year 2001.

If the Eastern Zone wins the site selection for 2001, there will be no effect on the rotation.

If the Central Zone or an off continent bid wins, the rotation will slip back one year with no change in the order of rotation.

If the Western Zone wins, the zone holding a Worldcon furthest back in time will be eligible to bid for 2002. This would be the Eastern Zone, whose last Worldcon would have been in 1998. The rotation following 2001 would be 2002 Eastern, 2003 Central, 2004 Western, etc. This would insure that if the Western Zone wins for 2001, that the three year spacing for succeeding Worldcons would be preserved.

After 2001 any off continent bid would be recognized unless an off continent bid wins for 2001. In that case the next year of eligibility for an off continent bid will be 2003 and thereafter.

copy: Joe, Becky, Tom
Bruce Pely

CONVENTION YEAR	NOT PASSED	PASSED	EASTERN WINS	WESTERN WINS	CENTRAL WINS	OFFCONTINENT WINS
1997	C	C				
1998	E	E				
1999	W	W				
2000	C	C				
2001	E	ALL ZONES →	E	W	C	O
2002	W		W	E	E	E
2003	C		C	C	W	W
2004	E		E	W	C	C
2005	W		W	E	E	E
2006	C		C	C	W	W

EFFECT:

NO CHANGE
 EAST HAS 2002 W AND C ARE REVERSED
 ROTATION SLIPS ONE YEAR
 ROTATION SLIPS ONE YEAR
 NO OFF CONTINENT BID IN 2002

Submitted to Magicon Business meeting:

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JAN 3, 1992

Seconded
ISJR #1213A

Short Title: Reduce NASFiC Lead Time Amendment

Amend the WSFS Constitution as Follows (deletions in ~~strike thru~~, additions in underline.)

3.8.1: Voting shall be by written ballot administered by the Following ~~then current~~ Worldcon, if there is no NASFiC held the following year ~~following the Worldcon that year~~, or by the NASFiC, if there is one held in the following year ~~following the Worldcon~~ ^{or by mail} with ballots cast at the administering convention, and only members of the administering convention allowed to vote.

3.5: ... The aforementioned rules and agreements, along with an announcement of intent to bid, must be filed with the Committee that will administer the voting ..., and as set by ~~the administering convention but no earlier than the close of the corresponding Worldcon voting~~ no later than one hundred eighty (180) days prior to the opening of the administering convention for a prospective NASFiC bid.

Kevin Standlee
Vincent G. Sanders
Stuart C. Hellinger
Winton E. Mathews Jr.
John Lorentz
Jeff B. Canfield

Mark L. Ols

Kevin Standlee
Vincent G. Sanders
Stuart C. Hellinger
Winton E. Mathews Jr.
John Lorentz
JEFF B. CANFIELD

Proposed amendment to WSFS Constitution:

Forbidding Reimbursement of Bidding Expenses

MOVED, to add the following section to Article III of the WSFS Constitution:

No Worldcon Committee shall reimburse its members or supporters for expenses incurred or donations made in support of the Committee when it was a bidding committee, nor shall any Worldcon memberships be sold at a discount by virtue of the member's having supported a bidding committee.

PROVIDED THAT this rule shall first apply to the Committee of the 19XX Worldcon.

The costs of Worldcon bidding have been increasing inexorably. One factor that encourages this increase is the custom of reimbursing members of bidding committees for their expenses or donations (treated as "loans"), so that the winning bid is subsidized by the membership of the resulting Worldcon rather than out of the bidders' pockets. This also means that a committee which considers itself likely to win can spend more lavishly, expecting that its costs will be reimbursed after it wins, while long-shot opponents must spend more conservatively. This motion is designed to counteract this process by forbidding the reimbursement of bidding costs, so that all bidders would have to pay for their own spending. Giving discounts to presupporters is a milder form of the same practice, and would thus also be forbidden.

M J O h

George Flynn

J. P. M.

Bob S. Hanson

Theresa L. Rens

Proposed amendment to WSFS Constitution:

Clarifying Best Fan Writer Definition

MOVED, to add to Section 2.2.12 of the WSFS Constitution (Best Fan Writer) the words "during the previous calendar year".

This would remedy an oversight made when the present version of the Constitution was adopted, and would define the period of eligibility for Best Fan Writer in the same way as for the other Hugo categories (it has customarily been interpreted in this way anyway; but since some people have recently questioned this point, it would be best to clarify it).

George Flynn

J. M.

Short title: Another Service Mark Resolution

Be It Resolved that the Mark Protection Committee is directed to investigate the possibility of protecting the Hugo™ rocket symbol and if in its judgement the protection is worthwhile, to begin the process of protecting it.

Explanation:

The rocket symbol for an SF award is a major service mark of WSFS and is presently not protected. The details of protecting a mark of this sort are complicated and best left to the MPC. This motion provides the sense of the WSFS business meeting that such protection is desirable.


George Flynn



Short title: Yet Another Service Mark Resolution

Be It Resolved that the Mark Protection Committee is directed to use its judgement in selecting which marks to protect in which countries to achieve maximum protection with available resources.

Explanation:

This makes clear that the MPC has the authority to use its judgement in choosing the how and where to protect our marks to make best use of limited resources.


George Flynn



BACK TO THE FUTURE AMENDMENT

MOVED: TO AMEND THE WSFS CONSTITUTION AS FOLLOWS:

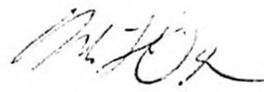
Change three years to two years wherever it appears in Article III;

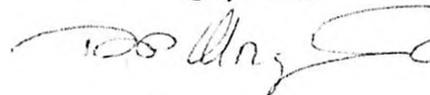
Change "the close of the previous Worldcon" to "six months prior to the official opening of the administering Worldcon" in Section 4 of Article III;

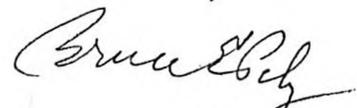
effective for 1998 and subsequent Worldcons and NASFiCs.

 Kent Blam
A00615

 SCOTT DENNIS
A00524

 Mark Olson

 TIM INLINGWORTH
A03145

 BRUCE PORE
A01632

No representation
without taxation!



Let it be resolved that no attendee
at the WSFS Business Meeting
shall be allowed to speak unless
displaying a volunteer chit that he
or she has worked for the convention
at which the meeting is held.

Joe Siclari
Janice Gelb
Melanie Herz
Edith St.

Janice Gelb
Melanie Herz
Edith St.

Proposed by: Janice Gelb
Seconded by: Joe Siclari

ATLANTA WINS 1995 NASFIC

unofficial until Monday Business Meeting 10 AM

	<u>1ST ROUND</u>	<u>2ND ROUND</u>	<u>3RD ROUND</u>
ATLANTA	152	172	184
95 IN 95	92	100	135
NONE OF THE ABOVE	80	93	
GOTHAM	51		
WRITE IN'S	2		
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TOTAL EXPRESSING PREFERENCE	377	365	319
NEEDED TO ELECT (MAJORITY)	189	183	160
NO PREFERENCE	4	16	62
TOTAL BALLOTS CAST	<u>381</u>		

P.S. It took approximately one hour
to count the ballots



Kevin Standlee
NASFIC Site Selection Administrator

Committee Reports

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September 30, 1992

To: Members of the NASFiC resolution committee

I have received the latest memo from the Secretary concerning new items to be placed before this committee. I wish to state for the record that this memo is the sole responsibility of the Secretary, who did not consult with me before sending it out.

I further wish to indicate my views on the current state of the committee, and what I believe its appropriate course should be. Some of them are philosophical in nature, and others are purely administrative.

1. The first, and most important point, is that I totally disagree with the last sentence of the Secretary's opening paragraph, "We would betray our obligations to North American Fandom if" I do not believe we have any obligations to "North American fandom." We are not a committee established by "North American fandom." We are a committee set up by WSFS, for the purposes of providing some motions or other reports to the next WSFS business meeting, at which time WSFS may choose to adopt some motions which would affect a NASFiC. Our only obligation as members of this committee is to *WSFS*, not to any other group.

2. At the last meeting, and in the report of that meeting, a number of deadlines were set, and a plan set forth for how to proceed. No other deadlines were set; no other procedural motions were passed; no notice was given that any other procedural matters needed to be discussed, at least until such time as the first set of mailings was completed several months from now. I object strongly to seeing new items come up at this time, without any notice or discussion.

I do except proposed rule 1 from the comments in the previous paragraph, since it is, as noted, merely a restatement of something already adopted by this committee. As such, I don't see it as being appropriately listed under "Proposed Rules."

3. I further see no need for a change from the past practice of all prior WSFS committees which have had such resolutions passed on to them for reporting the next year (and I've been a member of many of such committees.) They bring forth discussion positions, and then see if there is agreement or disagreement on those positions. Those positions which have agreement by a majority of the committee, if any, are adopted as majority reports of the committee. Any position held by one or more members, but which does not command a majority can, if the member(s) so desire, be presented as a minority report of the committee. This provides the Business Meeting, which is the only body which can act on anything, the greatest variety of advice, along with a reasoned argument as to the merits of the various options. Given the ability of any member of this committee, assuming the person can find one other WSFS member who supports a position, to introduce a proposed motion at the Business Meeting, it seems to be a

futile attempt to place any restrictions on minority reports. Furthermore, if a minority report turns out to represent the will of WSFS, then it would have been a severe error to try to suppress it.

4. In light of the above objections, I would strongly recommend that no other rules be passed by this committee, and that no further actions be taken by this committee except as discussed at our last meeting. This does NOT mean that members should not be working on their proposals for the next round of discussions — I would hope that they are. I merely feel that no other work would be appropriate at this time.

5. While I am not yet prepared to discuss my proposed ideas in detail, the summary given in the first paragraph of the Secretary's note causes me to give the following quick summary. Note that this is not a final form resolution, but merely a series of ideas. In general, (1) I think that having a convention which is perceived as being in competition with the Worldcon is bad; (2) I believe that any NASFiC too "near" the Worldcon would be so perceived; (3) the choice of a site by a Board of Directors is generally not one that appeals to the spirit of fandom, since all of the BoD types of resolutions have been generally shot down; and (4) I believe that this would imply that a NASFiC should be restricted so as not to "compete" with the Worldcon, and that it should be selected by a broader base (such as the members of one or more prior NASFiCs). Of course, these are exactly the sort of discussions that should be taking place in the work that is submitted according to our earlier agreed schedule, and I would hope that points such as these, both technical and philosophical, be discussed.

In summary, I believe that the last mailing from the Secretary was unnecessary, and the committee should proceed with its tasks, as it established them, on the schedule it set, with no further actions until people have had a chance to see what the other members feel.

Ben Yalow

The Business Meeting considered from the floor a constitutional amendment to remove all references to the NASFiC from the WSFS Constitution. An amendment was made to add provisos to delay the effect until the Business Meeting approved governing documents for a NASFiC organization and to surrender the NASFiC mark to that organization. (Exact texts of the motions are not available.) The entire matter was sent to a committee to report at ConFrancisco.

The Chairman of the Business Meeting appointed Terry Berry, Ed Kramer, Robert Sacks, Kevin Standlee, and Ben Yalow to the committee, authorized the committee to appoint up to 4 additional members, and delegated authority to name the Chair to the Chairman of the ConFrancisco Business Meeting (who named Ben Yalow as Chair). As Terry Berry had to leave to go to convention operations, Robert Sacks gave notice that the committee would meet upon adjournment of the Business Meeting in convention operations.

On Adjournment, Standlee and Yalow were detained by the arguments over counting site selection votes cast by day members, and Yalow requested Sacks not to have the meeting convene without him.

Berry, Kramer, and Sacks gathered in convention operations and developed the following program:

1. To invite the Texas NASFiC to appoint a member.
2. To appoint Mr (Richard) Russell.
3. To authorize Ed Kramer to sound out SFWA on having the NASFiC host the Nebula Awards.
4. To appoint Robert Sacks Secretary.
5. It is the intent of the committee to propose a standing organization to administer the NASFiC in a toned-downed version of the WSFS Constitution.
6. To appoint a first drafting subcommittee of Mr Russell as Chair, Mr Sacks, Mr Standlee, and Mr Yalow.

At 11:08 AM, Robert Sacks called the meeting to order because Terry Berry announced she had to leave. The three members present agreed to the program and signed it as approved. Mr Russell was present.

At 11:12 AM, as Mr Standlee and Mr Yalow entered, Mrs Berry insisted on leaving. Mr Yalow, supported by Mr Standlee, disagreed with the proceedings so far. He stated that no notice had been given, and no rule had been adopted allowing the majority to act in writing or individuals to give proxies.

At 11:18 AM, Ben Yalow called the meeting to order. Mr Kramer, Mr Sacks, and Mr Standlee were present, as was Mr Russell; Mrs Berry was absent.

A motion to conduct business in writing, by mail, and in person when we can, passed without dissent. Mr Yalow stated that this rule could not apply retroactively.

A motion to appoint Mr (Richard) Russell to committee, passed without objection. (Mr Russell was present and assumed membership.)

A motion to invite Mr (Willie) Siros to serve, passed without objection. (Mr Siros subsequently accepted membership.)

On the motion to authorize Ed Kramer to sound out SFWA on having the NASFiC Organization host the Nebula Awards (Banquet), there was heated debate. Yalow took the position that no WSFS Committee could contact SFWA without the consent of the Business Meeting, and that any contact with SFWA would give them the opportunity to seize the marks and conventions. Kramer expressed doubts that SFWA would agree to any time for the Nebula Awards Banquet except the present April date. The motion was defeated 1 in favor - 3 against, 1 abstention, 1 absent.

A motion to appoint Ed Kramer a subcommittee to propose things the new organization can do, passed without objection.

A motion to appoint Robert Sacks Secretary, passed without objection.

A motion declaring it is the intent of the committee to propose a standing organization to administer the NASFiC in a toned-downed version of the WSFS Constitution, met with a procedural argument by Yalow that we could not state our intent until we had concluded our work. He asked leave to present his program, which was:

1. To ask Tim Illingworth to appoint a member.
2. To think of an additional person, not immediately needed.
3. That all members of this committee think about what they want this organization's rules to look like in as much detail as they feel qualified to propose;

By December 1, drafts shall be sent to the Secretary, in as much or as little detail as you like, with a December 15 mail out by the Secretary of all proposals, and a comment return deadline of February 1. Comments will be mailed out (by the Secretary) by February 15.

Then we see if we have convergence or divergence. A motion to appoint Mr Russell as Chairman of the first drafting subcommittee with anyone who wants to participate, and request anyone else with substantive proposals to send them to Mr Russell, using Mr Yalow's schedule (Dec 1 drafts to Mr Russell, Dec 15 mail out; Feb 1 comments to Mr Russell, Feb 15 mail out), passed without dissent.

A motion to invite Tim Illingworth to join, passed without objection. Sacks did question the appropriateness given the intent of the proponents of removing the NASFiC, a North American concern, from the WSFS Constitution; Yalow pointed out that it was still a WSFS concern, and we had been given the power to do it. (Mr Illingworth subsequently accepted membership.)

At 11:57 AM, the committee adjourned. The Chairman requested minutes and roster in two weeks.

Completed 4:07 PM, 12 September 1992

Robert E Sacks
Robert E Sacks, Secretary

therefore the meeting had not validly been called to order;

Sacks & Kramer agreed that each of the points of the program were subject to discussion and vote.

These two corrections agreed upon by the Chair & Secretary, Mon. eve., 14 Sept 92.

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Gentlemen and Mrs Berry,

12 September 92

I have already commended to Mr Russell my "Thoughts on WSFS Inc." which have been distributed over the last year and included in the draft of the Worldcon Runner's Guide, with the caveat that for the NASFiC it is too large. I propose that this committee, the ad hoc WSFS Committee "on the Future of the NASFiC", develop into the provisional committee of the NASFiC Organization, and that we NOT propose a full set of Governing Documents to waste the time and patience of the Business Meeting, but simply report as appendix the documents we intend to use.

I move we report to the Business Meeting at ConFrancisco the following motion:

"Separation of the NASFiC from WSFS"
That the WSFS Constitution be amended by removing all references to the NASFiC, including section 1.2.4, and replacing section 3.8 by "A Worldcon site outside of North America may be selected by a majority vote at any Worldcon. The site selection rotation will continue with the next region the following year.", with the proviso that the NASFiC mark be surrendered to the NASFiC Organization on the condition that no NASFiC be scheduled opposite a Worldcon over Labor Day weekend or the preceding August Bank Holiday weekend, and that the ad hoc WSFS Committee "on the Future of the NASFiC" continue as an independent "Provisional Committee of the NASFiC Organization" to develop the NASFiC Organization which will receive the NASFiC mark upon ratification at Conadian; the report of the Committee at Conadian shall be limited to a report of the entity to receive the mark.

Debate on this motion is due to the Secretary, November 1. This in no way interferes with the first drafting effort Mr Russell is conducting.

Deadlines for comments, proposals, debates are as follows:

- Nov. 1 - to the Secretary
- Dec. 1 - to the Chairman of the first drafting subcommittee
- Dec. 1 - to the substantive program subcommittee, unless Mr Kramer publishes a different deadline
- Jan. 1 - to the Secretary
- Feb. 1 - to the Chairman of the first drafting subcommittee
- Mar. 1 - to the Secretary, final motions
- May 1 - to the Secretary, final debate
- July 1 - to the Secretary, final votes, text of reports
- Sep. 2 - first day of ConFrancisco; possible meeting.

Per Mr Yalow, the Secretary or subcommittee chairman will attempt a mailing no later than the 15th of the same month as the deadline.

Bookone/February, Lunacon/March, and Disclave/May look like possible venues for meetings. Please advise which conventions you will attend, and whether you would like such a meeting held.

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20 September 92

Gentlemen and Mrs Berry,

The discussions I had with Ben last Monday have caused me to think of a few holes in our purpose and procedures. It is my intention to report a relatively simple motion that will be adopted by the Business Meeting, and create a NASFiC Organization that will survive, yet avoid conflicts with the Worldcon and the perceived problems with the Worldcon. If I understand Ben, he feels that it is more important that all possible solutions are enumerated and considered at length than any be reported and adopted, and that the best solution is one where the NASFiC only exists in years where there is no Worldcon in North America, selected by the membership of the preceding NASFiC; in other words, all the disadvantages of the present system, and none of the advantages. Such an organization would have no continuing existence, and would therefore probably not survive. We would betray our obligations to North American fandom if we prepared a NASFiC Organization with such disadvantages.

Ben would like the condition or restriction on the NASFiC mark strengthened to block a NASFiC competing with a North American Worldcon within 2 weeks of it. I have no problem with this, but I would like to allow a cooperative NASFiC-Worldcon arrangement: the NASFiC being scheduled for the 2 days before or after the Worldcon in the same location; I also don't want to make the restriction too complicated or too attractive to break.

Please consider the following amendment to the condition:
To add to the condition "or within 2 weekends of a North American Worldcon over Labor Day weekend in a different city,"

Debate on the following 3 motions is due to the Secretary, November 1:

Rule on Minority Reports: Any "Minority" Report shall require agreement of at least 2 members of the committee who do not agree to the Majority or any other "Minority" Report; all members may make limited comments, pro or con, to be included as an appendix.

The Chair is invited to prepare an appendix listing all options; other members may add comments why some options are not desirable.

To include in the Report to ConFrancisco:

While the committee would welcome the addition of instructions to the charge to the Provisional Committee, we object that any amendment to write detailed rules for the NASFiC Organization or that would require the Business Meeting to consider detailed rules is not germane to the motion.

We don't have rules governing decision making, and I do not wish to trust interpretations of RROR, R or NR since they allow majorities of majorities to make binding decisions. I have had experience with bodies that deliberate by mail; I propose the following rules for vote by November 1 to the Secretary. They establish majority of the entire committee as the voting rule, provide for reasonable handling of abstentions and absentees, and protect us from decisions by temporary pluralities of a bare majority quorum participating on a vote or at a meeting. I will be putting the rules for vote separately where there is a substantive question involved. For instance, Rule 1 is a paraphrase of what we already adopted; rules 1a, 1b, and 1c add new ways of voting. I would appreciate instructions from the Chair in each case whether we need a majority of those voting or a majority of the entire committee to adopt the rule, and what effect the defeat of the rule has.

WSFS Committee on the Future of the NASFiC

Proposed Rules

- Rule 1. Votes may be cast with the Secretary in meeting, in writing, or by mail.
- Rule 1a. Votes may also be cast with the Secretary verbally in person.
- Rule 1b. Votes may also be cast with the Secretary verbally by telephone.
- Rule 1c. Votes may also be cast with the Secretary by facsimile transmission.
- Rule 2a. The Secretary shall give at least two weeks notice of any in-person meeting, and must give notice of an in-person meeting at the direction of the Chair or one third of the members.
- Rule 2b. Meetings in person may decide matters by the requisite majority vote of the entire committee. On questions not decided, the debate and votes cast shall be recorded, and the absent members polled to complete the vote.
- Rule 3a. On any question, if members abstaining or absent constitute a plurality, the question is not decided.
- Rule 3b. Prior to the second mail ballot on a question, if the votes of the absent members would affect the decision, the question is not decided.
- Rule 3c. When a question is not decided, on subsequent ballots members may change their votes, or leave them as cast without any need to return an additional ballot.
- Rule 3d. An amendment or subsidiary motion shall be automatically defeated if not decided after 2 mail ballots. A main motion shall be automatically defeated if not decided after 3 mail ballots.
- Rule 4a. New substantive main motions may not be put for vote without the opportunity for debate and amendment. Amendments and subsidiary motions delay only the first mail ballot for one ballot.
- Rule 4b. Should an amendment or subsidiary question not be decided, the main question may be put unaltered. If the amendment was not decided, it may be renewed after passage of the main motion, without additional debate, but as a new main motion.
- Rule 5. When consistent main motions, amendments, or an amendment and main motion both pass, they both take effect. When conflicting main motions, amendments, or an amendment and main motion both pass, the motion with the larger majority takes effect in the area of conflict.

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The worst challenge thus far to the World Science Fiction Society's Worldcon trademark has been stopped by the WSFS Mark Protection Committee.

In late 1990 it was noticed that the Association of Energy Engineers (AEE) was widely promoting a major early 1991 conference under the name "Worldcon". When initially contacted, the AEE engaged in a variety of stalling tactics while simultaneously attempting to register "Worldcon" for their conferences. They argued that their conferences were so different from real Worldcons that there was no possibility of confusion.

Faced with this intransigence, the Mark Protection Committee appealed for the financial and legal assistance of several Worldcon committees. Massachusetts Convention Fandom, Inc. (MCFI: Noreascon), the Southern California Institute for Fan Interests, Inc. (SCI-FI: L.A.con), and Worldcon Atlanta Inc. (WAI: Confederation) responded.

The Mark Protection Committee attorneys had to repeatedly threaten legal action on behalf of WSFS and the three supporting Worldcon committees (all of whom had agreed to be co-plaintiffs if necessary). Eventually, AEE agreed to post disclaimers at their 1991 conference and not to use the name Worldcon for their 1992 conference, but still refused to withdraw their application to register "Worldcon".

The AEE registration application received the first level of approval in the trademark office but the Mark Protection Committee attorneys filed a strong protest against this action. Ultimately, the AEE abandoned their application. Over six months have passed without any attempt by the AEE to revive or refile this application. It seems reasonably certain that it is dead.

The costs of this effort, shared equally by the Mark Protection Committee, MCFI, SCI-FI, and WAI, were in the low four figures. This is very low and much less than they would have been if it had been actually necessary to go to court.

WSFS was lucky in having a particularly strong case. As potential proof of confusion, WAI had received a number of telephone calls intended for AEE, whose headquarters is also in the Atlanta area. The AEE conference was being held in the Anaheim Convention Center, site of the last SCI-FI Worldcon. And the uniting of the Mark Protection Committee with three Worldcon committee corporations from around the country as potential co-plaintiffs probably convinced the AEE of the seriousness of the World Science Fiction Society.

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Report of the WSFS Mark Protection Committee to the 1992 WSFS Business Meeting

1. During the past year, the Mark Protection Committee successfully protected the WORLDCON mark as detailed in the attached press release.
2. The committee submits the following resolution to the Business Meeting and requests that it be adopted:
RESOLVED, that the Mark Protection Committee is authorized to negotiate royalties for commercial use of WSFS marks.
3. Please note that the committee membership listing in the Magicon Program Book is incomplete. ConFrancisco has appointed Kevin Standlee as its representative on the committee and Conadian has appointed Linda Ross-Mansfield its representative.
4. The Mark Protection committee wishes to remind all Worldcon and NASFiC bidding and operating committees that they are required to act in their own name and not in the name of WSFS.
5. See the Mark Protection Committee annual financial report provided separately.
6. The Mark Protection Committee will meet at 5pm on Monday, 7 September 1992, in Room 13A (the Green Room).

Donald E. Eastlake, III
Chairman

Appendix: Corrections to Printed Documents:

Constitution, Sec. 1.8, line 5: “reports regarding the disbursement”

Constitution, Sec. 2.2.1, line 3: “eligible for the year” (*I believe last year's Business Meeting assented to the Secretary's making this perfecting change.*)

Standing Rule 20, first sentence: “These Standing Rules shall continue in effect until altered or rescinded by a motion from the floor of any Business Meeting made by any WSFS member and adopted by majority vote of the Business Meeting.” (*As amended last year.*)

(Corrections to items 1–9 are noted in the agenda above under the respective items.)