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Accrual Basis

St. Louis Science Fiction, Ltd. d/b/a Archon
Profit & Loss
January through December 2007

	<u>Jan - Dec 07</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Artist Payments	-25,018.69
Income	170,468.00
Refunds	-275.00
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Total Income	145,174.31
Expense	
Advertising & Promotion	613.77
Appearance Fees	5,000.00
Bank Charges	5,927.17
Charitable Contribution	500.00
Depreciation	18,901.43
Equipment Rental	10,746.78
Facilities Rental	43,282.79
Food and Beverage	13,059.97
Guest Expenses	14,040.25
Miscellaneous	220.00
Photography	543.39
Postage	5,139.63
Printing	22,630.46
Prizes and Awards	758.27
Professional Fees	150.00
Shipping	100.00
Storage	1,950.00
Supplies	9,935.68
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Total Expense	153,499.59
Net Ordinary Income	-8,325.28
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
Interest Income	295.95
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Total Other Income	295.95
Net Other Income	295.95
Net Income	<hr/> -8,029.33 <hr/>

**2009 World Science Fiction "Anticipation"
Financial Report to the Business Meeting
July 2, 2009**

	Category	Quantity	Rate	Actuals \$ Canadian
	Revenue			
Memberships	Votes	901	45	40,545
	Supporting	306	55	16,830
Attending	Conversions	379	90	34,110
	To end of 2007	544	150	81,600
	To Denvention 3	601	190	114,190
	To end of 2008	265	215	56,975
	To July 2009	689	240	165,360
Weekend	Pre-reg	13	175	2,275
Children	Pre-reg	32	75	2,400
Family memberships		10	450	4,500
Sales				
	Dealer's Room Tables	47	250	3,200
Pre-con				
	T-shirts	4	12	48
	Tote bags	3	7	21
	Donations			90
Sponsorships				
	Passed on from Bid			9,394
	Passalong from Philcon			2,500
	Passalong from LACon			41,098
	Passalong from Nippon			840
	Passalong from Denvention			25,000
Ad sales				
	PR1			300
	PR2			300
	PR3			840
	PR4			120
	Registration package giveaway		1500	
	John Robert Colombo Sponsorships			300
	Aurora Table Sponsorship			100
Financial				
	Interest			1,718
	Currency conversions			2,593
Other				

	Denvention Hugo Mailing refund			2,565
	Denvention Projector Refund			800
Total Revenue				610,611
Chair				
	Planning Meetings, amenities			200
Travel (Division heads)				
	Programming and Events			100
	Exhibits			500
	Legal			293
Bid				
	Pre-supports	481	25	12,025
	Bon amis	50	100	5,000
	Bid Committee	12	400	4,625
Hugos				
	Awards (Bases)	30	145	452
	Shipping			9
	Boxes	30	20	23
	Mailing (ballots)			720
	Printing (ballots)			2,824
Site Selection				43
	Shipping			31
Post Hugo Party (At Denvention)				
	Food and drink			1,491
	Gifts (USB pens)			1,935
Public Relations				
Advertising	Advertising (Canadian cons)			375
	Advertising (US cons)			1,375
	Advertising (other)			300
	Promotions – Flyers			31
	Promotions – Postcards			655
	Misc.			100
Press				
	Printing/photocopies			7
Parties and tables				
	Denvention			1,519
	Smofcon			308
	Tables			30
	Other Conventions			708
	Misc.			15

Misc. Shipping and Mailing			
	Stamps		191
	Misc.		70
International agents			
	Mailing		16
Finance and Facilities			
Treasury			
	Other		155
Finance			
	Bank Fees (monthly)		240
	Bank Fees (variable)		442
	Credit Card Fees		2,215
	Paypal Fees		3,913
	Auditor		2,258
Facilities			
	Palais des congres		43,452
	Delta Hotel		2,000
	Alcool Permit		210
Registration			
	Forms -- Printing		367
	Mailbox		271
	Return address Stamps		43
	Office Supplies		345
Badges	Badge Holders		5,396
Programming and Event			
Minor Tech			
	Screens		1,399
Exhibits			
Goh Exhibits			
	Taral Wayne		148
Exhibits			
	Phone cards		413
Member Services			
Progress reports			
	PR1 Printing	1000	1,263
	PR1 Mailing		921

	PR2 Printing	1000	1,248
	PR2 Mailing		713
	PR3 Printing	1200	2,220
	PR3 Mailing		3,602
	PR4 Printing	1250	2,342
	PR4 Mailing		2,942
	Misc.		89
Operations			
Convention Office			
	Storage		860
	Total expense		115,437
Balance			
Cash in Bank:			
	Business Banking Canadian*		123,441
	Business Banking US (in \$ Cdn)		56,312
	Short Term Investment Account		70,000
	US Term Investment Account (in \$ Cdn)		44,440
	Investment Account #2		26,981
	Investment Account #4		70,000
	Investment Account #5		70,098
	Paypal Canadian Balance		30,305
	Paypal US Balance (in \$ Cdn)		3,597
	Total Cash in Bank		495,174
*Adjusted for deposits in transit, timing issues			



























AUSSIECON 4 - 68th WORLD SCIENCE FICTION CONVENTION

FINANCIAL STATEMENT for period August 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009

Presented to the Business Meeting of the 67th Worldcon

Montreal, CANADA August 2009

Income/Expense			
Income		AUD	USD
	Memberships	108,777.64	16,642.98
	Pass along funds - Denvention		20,000.00
	Grant - VICSF	29,000.00	
Total Income		137,777.64	36,642.98
Expenses			
	Advertising	780.91	530.00
	Agent Expenses	45.42	120.40
	Bank Charges	10.91	51.80
	Credit Card Fees	1,979.49	
	Promotion	1,906.91	
	Administration	432.95	
	Web costs	1,253.64	
	Facilities	10,000.00	
	Progress Reports	152.29	407.57
	Postage	741.43	
	Travel	2,405.86	
	Devention		650.74
Total Expenses		19,709.81	1,760.51
Nett Income		118,067.83	34,882.47

Balance Sheet			
Assets			
	Cheque Account	78,838.41	35,842.47
	Interest Bearing Deposit	50,000.00	
Total Assets		128,838.41	35,842.47
Liabilities			

Denvention3 Balance Sheet
as of July 12, 2009

Income

Advertising.	\$1,400.00
Art Show.	\$9,905.93
At Con	\$211,966.26
Corporation Income . .	\$11,593.77
Dealer's Room.	\$37,900.00
Donations.	\$1,000.00
Interest	\$10,774.01
Memberships.	\$545,385.67
Misc	\$445.66
Mobie Rental	\$1,313.57
Pass Along	\$57,975.00
Program Book	\$2,520.14
 Total Income	 \$892,180.01

Expenses

Advertising.	\$7,576.38
Artists.	\$72,888.77
Art Show Construction.	\$2,065.27
Art Show Sales Tax . .	\$5,701.32
Badges	\$4,263.10
Bank Fees.	\$401.57
Banquet Contract . . .	\$35,679.80
Bid Expenses	\$12,272.96
Catering	\$3,534.52
Child Services	\$12,540.00
Computer Equipment . .	\$21,641.67
Con Suite.	\$14,919.42
Corkage Waiver	\$4,500.00
Credit Card Expenses .	\$6,305.38
Dealer's Room.	\$424.00
Decorators	\$60,429.91
Donations.	\$30,500.00
Equipment Rental . . .	\$19,648.20
Events	\$7,946.01
Exhibits	\$2,132.09
Facilities	136,969.88
Filing Fees.	\$824.00
GOH Airline	\$1,686.91
GOH Expenses.	\$1,035.25
Hotels.	\$13,427.42
Hotels Attrition. . . .	\$2,000.07

Hugos	\$7,608.24
Insurance	\$9,711.22
IRS	\$480.00
Mailing	\$2,678.59
Mark Protection Comm.	\$2,000.00
Membership Refunds. .	\$84,045.00
Misc.	\$22,828.94
Mobie Rental.	\$5,130.00
Nippon 2007	\$1,362.95
Office Equipment. . .	\$3,059.42
Office Supplies . . .	\$5,054.76
Party Supplies. . . .	\$5,561.76
Pass Along.	\$40,000.00
Petty Cash.	\$20,741.00
PO Box.	\$390.00
Postage	\$10,163.82
Printing.	\$46,139.53
Programming	\$34.00
Registration.	\$2,438.17
Sales to Members. . .	\$15,389.63
Security.	\$16,048.75
Shipping.	\$8,000.28
Site Fund	\$17,702.64
Storage	\$3,272.00
SWFA Dues	\$65.00
Transport	\$409.89
Volunteers.	\$3,122.16
Web Hosting	\$796.82
 Total Expenses. . . .	 \$815,548.47
 Balance	 \$76,631.54
Checking	\$4,812.64
Savings.	\$72,774.01
 Total.	 \$77,586.65

Site Selection Income . .	\$37,352.16
Transfer to Aussie Con. .	\$36,397.05
Fees.	\$955.11

Hugo Eligibility Rest of the World (HEROW)

Committee Report 2009

The HEROW committee was continued at the Denvention 3 Business Meeting. Discussions took place online in 2009. All active committee members agreed that there is still a need to extend eligibility of works first published outside the USA, and the following motions are submitted to the Business Meeting at Anticipation:

Short Title: We Need Another HEROW

Moved, To continue the Hugo Eligibility for the Rest of the World (HEROW) Committee as previously charged, with a new Chair and members appointed by the Chair of the Business Meeting, and with the Chair of the HEROW Committee authorized to add additional members to the committee.

Moved: The HEROW Committee (unanimously)

Short Title: This Year's Model

Moved, To extend eligibility for all works that are allowed by a resolution under the following sections of the WSFS Constitution:

3.2.3: The Business Meeting may by a 3/4 vote provide that works originally published outside the United States of America and first published in the United States of America in the current year shall also be eligible for Hugo Awards given in the following year.

3.2.4: A work shall not be eligible if in a prior year it received sufficient nominations to appear on the final award ballot.

This motion extends eligibility for the Hugo Award; therefore, it requires a 3/4 vote.

Moved: The HEROW Committee (unanimously)

Active Committee:

Todd Dashoff	Vincent Docherty (Chair)	Paul Haggerty
Colin Harris	Tim Illingworth	Saul Jaffe
Perianne Lurie	Jim Mann	Mark Olson
Kevin Standlee	Gayle Surette	Ben Yalow

LACon IV 2009 Financial Report

DATE	ACCOUNT	DESCRIP	AMOUNT
9/1/2006	Opening		\$75,000.00
9/8/2006	Rotsler Award	2006 Winner	-\$300.00
2/3/2007	LACon Masque Photo Exhibit	display expenses	-\$27.71
2/3/2007	LACon Masque Photo Exhibit	display expenses	-\$21.08
4/25/2007	Worldcon History	Worldcon History	-\$20.00
5/17/2007	Worldcon History	Worldcon History	-\$913.00
6/14/2007	Donations - TAFF	report published	-\$100.00
6/24/2007	Octavia Bulter Fund		-\$1,500.00
6/30/2007	Worldcon History	Worldcon history	-\$45.00
8/20/2007	Donations	Nippon Worldcon - Hugo Party	-\$5,000.00
10/1/2007	Donations	ISL	-\$3,000.00
10/28/2007	Rotsler Award	2007 Winner	-\$300.00
12/9/2007	Local Fandom	LASFS Storage Shed Rental	-\$935.00
2/18/2008	Local Fandom	Cell Phone Booster	-\$327.00
3/17/2008	Local Fandom	Cell Phone Booster	-\$150.00
3/17/2008	Local Fandom	Master Card Machines	-\$1,685.00
5/2/2008	Donations - TAFF	con report	-\$62.77
5/9/2008	Projects - Photos		-\$468.71
5/21/2008	Donations - TAFF	report	-\$500.00
6/18/2008	Misc.	memory for computer	-\$69.00
6/18/2008	Projects - Photos		-\$106.09
7/13/2008	Projects - Photos		-\$205.68
7/13/2008	Donation	Seattle Worldcon	-\$500.00
7/13/2008	Worldcon History		-\$1,429.00
8/21/2008	Projects - Photos		-\$254.39
11/20/2008	Donations	Nippon	-\$10,000.00
10/2/2008	Projects - Photos		-\$207.84
12/4/2008	Projects - Photos		-\$339.43
12/4/2008	Worldcon History		-\$17.30
12/23/2008	Worldcon History		-\$17.30
2/3/2009	Donations	Eaton Conferance	-\$1,500.00
2/3/2009	Storage	SCIFI Shed	-\$3,223.00
2/27/2009	Donations	Shed rent	-\$935.00
2/27/2009	Donations	75th Anniversary	-\$500.00
3/14/2009	Admin	Paper for large printer	-\$75.96
3/17/2009	Equipment	Large cutter	-\$311.00
4/15/2009	Donations - DUFF	Duff Report	-\$500.00
5/4/2009	Projects - Photos	Moffatt picture transfer	-\$308.51
5/19/2009	Donations - TAFF	2005 TAFF Report	-\$500.00
			\$38,645.23

LONG LIST COMMITTEE REPORT FOR 2009

We have been moderately active this year and have several on-going investigations:

- We are still trying to get a final report on Nippon total membership and attendance.
- Erle Korshak has requested a change in the way we report who was Chairman of the 1940 Worldcon, Chicon I. Peoples' memories differ, so we have been looking for contemporary documentation. Nothing definitive has been found, but what we have found tends to support the story as we presently have it on the Long List, so no changes have been made. We will keep the matter open, but not do anything unless new documentation turns up.
- Another person raised an issue about the proper name of the 1978 Worldcon: "Iguanacon" or "Iguanacon 2", believing that that I2 was a joke and should not be the official name. We investigated and discovered that the committee used both forms, but by the time of the convention, Iguanacon 2 seemed to be more common, so we have retained that designation.
- The very early awards were not in any way standardized, and some seem to have been given which had some but not all of the characteristics of a Hugo award (the rocket trophy, the name, and voting by convention members). We continue to be interested in learning more about the exact status of some of the early awards, but have come to no conclusion as yet that any changes are warranted.

REPORT OF MARK PROTECTION COMMITTEE ACTIONS

September 2008 - July 2009

Members of the Mark Protection Committee from September 2008 through July 2009 were as follows, with the expiration of membership listed in parentheses after their name: Kent Bloom (appointed by Denvention Three until 2010), Stephen Boucher (elected for until 2011), Scott Dennis (elected until 2009), Donald E. Eastlake III (elected until 2009), Tim Illingworth (elected until 2010), Bob MacIntosh (appointed by Nippon 2007 until 2009), Steve Norris (appointed by TuckerCon/Archon 31 until 2009), Ruth Sachter (elected until 2009), Adrienne Seal (appointed by Anticipation until 2011), Kevin Standlee (elected until 2010), Don Timm (alternate appointed by Nippon 2007 until 2009), Ben Yalow (elected until 2010), Mark Linneman (appointed by Aussiecon 4 until 2012), Mark Olson (elected until 2012) and Linda Deneroff (elected until 2012). Sue Francis and Lynn Anderson left the committee at the conclusion of the 2008 meeting, and we thank them for their services to this committee. By unanimous consent Kevin Standlee was reappointed chairman; Tim Illingworth, vice chairman; Linda Deneroff, secretary; and Scott Dennis, treasurer.

This was certainly a very busy year. Major accomplishments of the Mark Protection Committee between September 2008 and July 2009 include the following.

1. We continued to move forward in registering the Hugo rocket. Our attorney, Esther Horwich) recommended that we use 1955 design as our claim of “first use” because that was when the rocket reached a form recognizably similar to the current design. (The 1953 trophy is very different from the current one.) Our attorney also recommended that we register our trademark in the category of “educational and entertainment services” which will give us protection for the rocket as goods, since arguably use by another in an award context would cause confusion. (It does not fit into a category for goods very well, since those categories were designated in the early 1900s and have not been recently updated, and our attorney does not recommend registering it in the category of goods alone.) We intend to register the rocket design when our attorney is ready to proceed with the registration, and we continue to ask Worldcons to include “the distinctive design of the Hugo Awards rocket” among the service marks that WSFS claims.
2. We were asked by our attorney to make inquiries as to when rocket was used in connection with advertising the Worldcon. We found a page from the 1955 Worldcon progress report showing not only photos of the trophy but also mention of “Hugo” in association with it (<http://www.fanac.org/fanzines/Clevention/Clevention1r4-03.html>). We sent this and photos of the 1955 Worldcon Hugo Banquet from the same website to our attorney to further our claim.

3. We received an enquiry from Charles Pappas regarding knowledge of any photos of the 1939 Worldcon. Mr. Pappas does a monthly historical column for *Exhibitor Magazine* (which covers the trade show industry) called Archive, and runs old photos of trade shows (and/or exhibits in those shows) in the publication. Each photo is accompanied with historical information that puts the show and the company in the context of its time and place. Kevin referred him to <<http://fanac.org/worldcon/NYcon/w39-p00.html>> (the FANAC Fan History Project website).
4. The MPC sponsored a Hugo Awards logo design contest and voted to set aside up to \$300 to pay for a trophy and any related administrative costs the contest. An email vote was taken. Nine members voted, and the measure passed unanimously.

The first four items took place in December 2008. The next three items took place in January 2009.

5. Steve Davidson contacted MPC with a merchandise proposal that would use the words “Hugo Awards” with our permission. He said he could not afford any royalties up front but was willing to pay a small royalty based on sales. Scott suggested \$1 was a reasonable royalty, and is pleased that someone else is taking our mark seriously. The contract was signed on February 6, 2009. A copy of the contract is available upon request to the committee.
6. We became aware of a group organizing what they originally described as an “online worldcon” <<http://community.livejournal.com/flycon2009/profile>>. Before we could contact them to advise them of the potential confusion this would cause, they changed their description to an “online world-wide con.” This eliminated any potential confusion, and we took no further action.
7. Michael Walsh forwarded us an eBay listing that included an erroneous reference to “Worldcon” that almost certainly was intended to be “Wizard World.” Kevin wrote and asked the seller to correct the listing to avoid confusion. The vendor apologized and corrected his listing.
8. In February, Steven Silver forwarded us an announcement from the State of Virginia declaring June 27 Will F. Jenkins Day. The announcement credited WSFS with the creation of the Sidewise Award for Alternate History, which is incorrect. The Sidewise Award was not established by the WSFS, nor is it affiliated with Worldcon, except to generally be presented there.
9. In March we were once more informed that Cinema Chicago was presenting the “Hugo Television Awards” (generally referred to as the Gold Hugo or Silver Hugo). Unfortunately, there is nothing we can do about this since they

have been giving their awards for so long that they probably have carved out a portion of the name space for themselves.

10. Again in March, we were asked whether we assert any sort of right to a royalty over the use of the Hugo Awards name. We do not assert a royalty over the *name* “Hugo Award.” We only ask that they use the Hugo Award service mark only to describe actual Hugo Award things, and use the mark properly.

The next four items took place in April 2009.

11. We were asked whether someone needed to go through Wikipedia and make sure our service marks were listed on pages regarding Worldcon and/or Hugo categories. The short answer is no. The long answer is Coca-Cola’s pages do not have their trademark notices plastered over Wikipedia’s entries, and they would have been all over it if there were a problem.
12. Our Hugo Awards Logo Contest finally went “live.” See <http://www.thehugoawards.org/?p=356> for the front-page announcement and <http://www.thehugoawards.org/logocontest.htm> for the Logo Contest Page proper. (See the Hugo Award Marketing Committee’s attached report for further information about the Logo Contest.)
13. Our attorney filed our revised “generic” (no special typography) registration for NASFIC. For the record, as of April 2009, our original “stylized” registration was Registration Number 1436766 and was cancelled effective January 18, 2008. (So for about a year, no form of NASFIC was registered at all. Fortunately, no harm was done.) Our new “generic” registration is Serial Number 77629499 (no Registration Number assigned yet), with a filing date of December 9, 2008, and a “Published for Opposition” date of April 14, 2009. All our marks, including this one, are now correctly pointing at Mark Olson’s address as the physical site and show Esther Horwich as our Agent. This catches up on several years of neglect on the registration details.
14. In May we were contacted by Gérard Kraus regarding an incentive in Luxembourg to celebrate Hugo Gernsback's 125th birthday. He requested our assistance in obtaining a Hugo Award to display at a three month exhibit in the national literary centre in order to highlight the importance of Mr. Gernsback outside of Luxembourg to locals as well as to potentially display it at the University of Luxembourg's future Science faculty building. Kevin raised the concern that the custodians of the trophies that go into the annual display may face undue criticism if they “give away” a trophy to anything other than a Worldcon itself. But it points out that nobody actually “owns” the exhibit materials. The MPC referred this information to the Hugo Awards Marketing Committee for possible use. Anticipation has agreed to add a trophy to the

current production run since the Luxembourg exhibit organizers are willing to pay the marginal production and transportation costs.

15. Also in May, Adrienne Seel, Anticipation's appointee to the MPC, reported that the Canadian trademark office continues to maintain their objections to our marks. She will give us a detailed summary later, but the key issue remains the lack of legal personhood. She is still hoping to find away around that. Another issue concerns the need for an address. In addition, apparently, a fee was not paid for a certified copy of a U.S. trademark registration. (This dates back to 2006.) It is \$50 per application. Adrienne is inclined to just pay it but will double check the records first. We sent Ken Smookler certified copies of all of our U.S. trademark registrations ages ago, so Adrienne should have them, but it was unclear if we had to pay a different fee on the Canadian end to give them our certified copies for which we have already paid.

Report of the WSFS Nitpicking and Flyspecking Committee

Standing Rule 7.7: Nitpicking and Flyspecking Committee. The Business Meeting shall appoint a Nitpicking and Flyspecking Committee. The Committee shall:

- (1) Maintain the list of Rulings and Resolutions of Continuing Effect
- (2) Codify the Customs and Usages of WSFS and of the Business Meeting.

In accordance with object (1), the committee continues to maintain the list of Rulings and Resolutions of Continuing effect through the WSFS web pages at <http://www.wsfs.org> and will continue to do so.

Pursuant to BM-2001-1 and subsequent related resolutions, the committee has, once every six months, reminded seated Worldcons of the requirement for legibility of badges, of the Business Meeting's request that Hugo Administrators publicize the list of works published by Best Editor nominees, and of the existence of standard lists of Worldcons and Hugo Awards.

The committee is willing to serve for another year.

Don Eastlake, Tim Illingworth, Kevin Standlee and Pat McMurray

WORLDCON RUNNERS GUIDE EDITORIAL COMMITTEE

The basic transcription of the Worldcon Runners' Guide from the Noreascon site is complete. The pages appear to have the same content, with the notices and formatting preserved as best as possible.

There is much work left to be done. The new site is set up using Mediawiki software, essentially the software behind Wikipedia, though with far fewer customizations. There are several things that should be done, and some guidance from the WSFS BM, would be appreciated. But don't go crazy about it. In particular, we need:

1. a Privacy Policy, explaining what information will be collected, who can see it, who we will give it to;
2. a Copyright notice – Reuse of the Eighth Edition copyright is OK, but is it enough for a wiki?

“This guide is Copyright © 2002 by the Worldcon Runners' Guide Editorial Committee on behalf of the World Science Fiction Society.

It may be copied and distributed providing that:

1. The entire document be copied as a whole.
2. No fee is to be charged for this guide other than to cover duplicating and postage costs.”

Creative Commons has some nice choices that are closer to the intent, I think, of taking each page (not the whole document) as a whole and no charge for the content. If people can contribute to the guide, they need to be explicitly told they are contributing the rights to WSFS;

3. Disclaimers (use at your own risk, we did our best but YOYO, etc.);
4. Themes (colors and layout)
5. Illustrations
6. Access policy, as in who can add to or edit the contents? Obviously there are strong opinions on this since everyone is an expert, but I for am willing to take volunteers as they present themselves;
7. Style Guides – as the wiki develops, it should adhere to a style, in order to preserve a consistent feel across the articles.

8. General Policies, dispute resolution, American / British/ Canadian English usage (Americain/Britannique/Canadien Anglais traitement), etc.

By the time the Business Meeting gets this, I should have locked down the Eighth Edition pages to edits. I intend to open pages for the Ninth Edition with essentially the same content, and leave them open to edits. Thus a visitor can see both side by side and take their choice of content.

Suggestions welcome,

Bill Taylor
Committee Chair

**2009 WSFS BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA
ANTICIPATION, THE 2009 WORLDCON
Including Business Passed On from Denvention 3**

1. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee reports may include motions. Motions made by committees consisting of more than one person need not be seconded.

1.1 Mark Protection Committee (Including Nominations for MPC)

The Mark Protection Committee will meet, normally sometime on Thursday evening of the convention. A formal report is unlikely to be available until the Saturday Business Meeting at the earliest.

Nominations for the WSFS Mark Protection Committee are in order at the Preliminary Business Meeting. Nominees must accept nomination and indicate their current residence zone within one hour of the end of the Preliminary Business Meeting.

The members whose terms of office expire at this Worldcon are: Scott Dennis (Central), Donald Eastlake III (East), Ruth Sachter (West). Due to zone residency restrictions, we can elect at most one person from the Western zone, three from the Central zone, one person from the Eastern zone, and three people from the Rest of the World, but not more than three people overall. Write-in votes are allowed, but write-in candidates must submit their consent to election by the close of balloting. (See the head table staff for a nomination acceptance form.)

Mark Protection Committee members are

- **Elected 2006, term ending in 2009:** Scott Dennis (Central), Donald Eastlake III (East), Ruth Sachter (West);
- **Elected 2007, term ending in 2010:** Ben Yalow (East), Kevin Standlee (West), Tim Illingworth (RotW);
- **Elected 2008, term ending in 2011:** Stephen Boucher (RoTW), Mark Olson (East), Linda Deneroff (West).
- **Worldcon Representatives:** Nippon 2007 – Bob Macintosh, Archon 31, the 9th NASFiC – Steve Norris, Denvention 3 – Kent Bloom, Anticipation – Adrienne Seel, Aussiecon 4 – Mark Linneman.

The Hugo Awards Marketing Committee (HAMC) members are Kevin Standlee (Chair), Vincent Docherty, Grant Kruger, Craig Miller, Cheryl Morgan, Mark Olson. As this is a sub-committee of the MPC their report is made to the MPC Committee.

1.2 Nitpicking & Flyspecking Committee

The Nitpicking and Flyspecking Committee members are Don Eastlake, Tim Illingworth, Pat McMurray, Mark Olson and Kevin Standlee

1.3 Worldcon Runners' Guide Editorial Committee

The Worldcon Runners' Guide Editorial Committee members are Bill Taylor (Chair), Sharon Sbarsky and any others appointed by the Chair of the committee.

1.4 Hugo Eligibility Rest of the World (HEROW) Committee

The HEROW Committee members are Vincent Docherty (Chair), Todd Dashoff, Paul Haggerty, Colin Harris, Tim Illingworth, Saul Jaffe, Perriane Lurie, Jim Mann, Mark Olson, Kevin Standlee, Gayle Surrette, and Ben Yalow.

1.5 Formalization of Long List Entries (FOLLE) Committee

The FOLLE Committee members are Mark Olson (Chair), Vincent Docherty, Dave Grubbs, Colin Harris, Richard Lynch, Craig Miller, Joe Siclari, and Kevin Standlee.

2. WORLDCON REPORTS

2.1 Past Worldcons & NASFiC

2.1.1 The Millennium Philcon (2001)

2.1.2 L.A. con IV (2006)

2.1.3 Nippon 2007

2.1.4 Archon 31, the 9th NASFiC (2007)

2.1.5 Denvention 3 (2008)

2.2 Seated Worldcons

2.2.1 Anticipation (2009)

2.2.2 Aussiecon 4 (2010)

3. BUSINESS PASSED ON FROM DENVENTION 3

The following Constitutional Amendments were approved at Denvention 3 and passed on to Anticipation for ratification. If ratified, they will become part of the Constitution at the conclusion of Anticipation.

3.1 Short Title: Marking Peter Weston's Contribution

Moved, to amend section 3.5 of the WSFS Constitution to reflect the contribution of Peter Weston in refining the current design of the Hugo Award trophy while continuing to recognize the efforts of the original designers, by adding words as follows:

Section 3.5: Name and Design. The Hugo Award shall continue to be standardized on the rocket ship design of Jack McKnight and Ben Jason as refined by Peter Weston. Each Worldcon Committee may select its own choice of base design. The name (Hugo Award) and the design shall not be extended to any other award.

3.2 Short Title: One Fewer Award

[Secretary: There is obviously a complex interaction between this motion and that at 3.3. If both motions are ratified the Secretary will resolve the texts so as to maintain the sense of both motions. Specifically, the ratification of item 3.3 does not restore constitution section 3.3.11]

Moved, to amend the WSFS Constitution for the purpose of eliminating the Best Semiprozine category while preventing works that currently qualify as semiprozines from competing in the Best Fanzine category by ~~striking out~~ and adding words as follows:

1. Strike out subsection 3.3.11, Best Semiprozine:

~~**3.3.11: Best Semiprozine.** Any generally available non-professional publication devoted to science fiction or fantasy which by the close of the previous calendar year has published four (4) or more issues, at least one (1) of which appeared in the previous calendar year, and which in the previous calendar year met at least two (2) of the following criteria:~~

- ~~(1) had an average press run of at least one thousand (1000) copies per issue,~~
- ~~(2) paid its contributors and/or staff in other than copies of the publication,~~
- ~~(3) provided at least half the income of any one person,~~
- ~~(4) had at least fifteen percent (15%) of its total space occupied by advertising,~~
- ~~(5) announced itself to be a semiprozine.~~

2. Amend subsection 3.3.12 to include a definition of works formerly considered semiprozines, making them ineligible for Best Fanzine:

3.3.12: Best Fanzine. Any generally available non-professional publication devoted to science fiction, fantasy, or related subjects which by the close of the previous calendar year has published four (4) or more issues, at least one (1) of which appeared in the previous calendar year, and which ~~does not qualify as a semiprozine~~ meets no more than one (1) of the following criteria:

(1) had an average press run of at least one thousand (1000) copies per issue,

(2) paid its contributors and/or staff in other than copies of the publication,

(3) provided at least half the income of any one person,

(4) had at least fifteen percent (15%) of its total space occupied by advertising.

Any publication may declare itself ineligible for this category for a particular year.

3. Strike out references to semiprozine in sections 3.3.13 and 3.3.14:

3.3.13: Best Fan Writer. Any person whose writing has appeared in ~~semiprozines or fanzines~~ or in generally available electronic media during the previous calendar year.

3.3.14: Best Fan Artist. An artist or cartoonist whose work has appeared through publication in ~~semiprozines or fanzines~~ or through other public display during the previous calendar year.

3.3 Short Title: Making the Web Eligible

[Secretary: There is obviously a complex interaction between this motion and that at 3.2. If both motions are ratified the Secretary will resolve the texts so as to maintain the sense of both motions. Specifically, the ratification of item 3.3 does not restore constitution section 3.3.11]

Moved: To amend Sec 3.3 to clarify the eligibility of works published in electronic or other non-print forms by ~~striking out~~ and adding words as follows:

Amend 3.3.5 as follows:

3.3.5: Best Related Book Work. Any work ~~whose subject is~~ related to the field of science fiction, fantasy, or fandom, appearing for the first

time ~~in book form~~ during the previous calendar year or which has been substantially modified during the previous calendar year, and which is either non-fiction or, if fictional, is noteworthy primarily for aspects other than the fictional text, and which is not eligible in any other category.

Amend 3.3.8 as follows:

3.3.8: Best Editor Short Form. The editor of at least four (4) anthologies, collections or magazine issues (or their equivalent in other media) primarily devoted to science fiction and / or fantasy, at least one of which was published in the previous calendar year.

Amend 3.3.11 as follows:

3.3.11: Best Semiprozine. Any generally available non-professional publication devoted to science fiction or fantasy which by the close of the previous calendar year has published four (4) or more issues (or the equivalent in other media), at least one (1) of which appeared in the previous calendar year and which in the previous calendar year met at least two (2) of the following criteria:

- (1) had an average press run of at least one thousand (1000) copies per issue,
- (2) paid its contributors and/or staff in other than copies of the publication,
- (3) provided at least half the income of any one person,
- (4) had at least fifteen percent (15%) of its total space occupied by advertising,
- (5) announced itself to be a semiprozine.

Amend 3.3.12 as follows:

3.3.12: Best Fanzine. Any generally available non-professional publication devoted to science fiction, fantasy, or related subjects which by the close of the previous calendar year has published four (4) or more issues (or the equivalent in other media), at least one (1) of which appeared in the previous calendar year, and which does not qualify as a semiprozine.

3.4 Short Title: Short Title Best Graphic Story

Moved to amend the WSFS Constitution by adding the following:

3.3.X: Best Graphic Story. Any science fiction or fantasy story told in graphic form appearing for the first time in the previous calendar year.

Provided that this category shall be automatically repealed unless ratified by the 2012 Business Meeting.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1 Resolutions

4.1.1 Extending Eligibility

Items under this heading may be voted upon and final action taken by the Preliminary Business Meeting.

Moved, To extend for one year the eligibility of The Seven Beauties of Science Fiction by Istvan Csicsery-Ronay, published on 26 November 2008 by Wesleyan University Press, based on limited availability, as authorized by Section 3.4.

Proposed by: Farah Mendlesohn

Seconded by: Niall Harrison

Commentary:

1) The Seven Beauties of Science Fiction had an official publication date in late 2008, but it was not widely distributed until 2009. Review copies were not sent out until 2009.

2) The book did not arrive either to those who ordered copies, or those who were sent review copies, until late January 2009. The very first review came out on February 14, 2009 at a blog called The Feminist Review (<http://feministreview.blogspot.com>), and the first review in a science fiction venue was at Strange Horizons on March 30, 2009.

3) Furthermore because this is a non-fiction book the majority of its notice can be expected to be in the critical journals, and these have a three-month time-lag. Reviews are due from the Journal of the Fantastic in the Arts, Science Fiction Studies, New York Review of Science Fiction, Extrapolation, and Foundation, but none of

these came out until spring 2009 because all these journals are on schedules that run from every second month to every fourth month.

4.1.2 Short Title: Promoting Worldcon

Resolved, That WSFS convention committees (Worldcons and NASFiCs) are encouraged to be more proactive in marketing their conventions, including having a prominent and positive presence at Dragon*Con, Comic-Con International, and other major events of a similar nature such as the Chicago and New York Comic Cons; and for non North American Worldcons, similar events where there is potential to attract new book readers to Worldcon.

Resolved, That WSFS convention committees are encouraged to market their conventions to younger book readers who may not be aware of the existence of their conventions by organizing book giveaways and other targeted marketing within their local area.

Proposed by: James Bacon, Vincent Docherty

4.2 Standing Rules Amendments

Items under this heading may be voted upon and final action taken by the Preliminary Business Meeting. Standing rules amendments take effect at the conclusion of the 2009 Business Meeting unless given earlier effect by specific provision and a two-thirds vote. In all amendments, new text is shown in underline type and stricken text is shown in ~~strikethru type~~.

4.3 Constitutional Amendments

Items under this heading have not yet received first passage, and will become part of the constitution only if passed at Anticipation and ratified at Aussiecon 4. The Preliminary Business Meeting may amend items under this heading, set debate time limits, refer them to committee, and take other action as permitted under the Standing Rules.

4.3.1 Short Title: Youth Memberships

Moved, To require WSFS conventions to sell discounted memberships to younger persons, by adding text as follows:

1. Amend subsection 1.5.7:

1.5.7: Other memberships and fees shall be at the discretion of the Worldcon Committee except as provided in section 1.A.

2. Inserting the following new section after existing section 1.5:

Section 1.A: Youth Memberships.

1.A.1: Notwithstanding any of the other provisions in section 1.5, Worldcons shall provide for discounted attending memberships for younger persons, as provided in the following sections.

1.A.1.1: Young Adult. Ages: Between 18 and 25. Maximum price: 50% of an unrestricted attending membership. Membership rights: All attending membership rights including voting.

1.A.1.2: Teen. Ages: Between 13 and 17. Maximum price: 25% of an unrestricted attending membership. Membership rights: All attending membership rights including voting.

1.A.1.3: Youth. Ages: Between 7 and 12. Maximum price: 20% of an unrestricted attending membership. Membership rights: Right to attend (possibly with restrictions on when and where), but not voting rights.

1.A.1.4: Child. Ages: Less than 7. Maximum price: Free with an accompanying paying Adult or Young Adult member. Membership rights: Attendance in the custody of a paying Adult or Young Adult, but not voting rights.

1.A.2: All ages referenced in this subsection are the age of the person as of the first day of the convention.

1.A.3: All ranges of ages are inclusive.

1.A.4: The percentages specified in this section are to be applied to the undiscounted basic attending membership price of the convention at all times.

1.A.5: Conventions may sell memberships to these classes of persons at costs lower than those specified in this section.

1.A.6: Memberships purchased under the provisions of this section may be transferred to any other person who would otherwise meet the age criteria for that membership.

1.A.7: A person may buy a membership at a higher (less discounted) level than the one for which s/he would otherwise be qualified. A person who does so shall have the membership rights for the class s/he purchases.

3. Include the following provision following Section 1.A:

Provided that Section 1.A shall apply only to conventions selected in and after the year following the ratification of this amendment. This provision shall be included in the text of the Constitution until the end of the fourth Worldcon after its ratification, and thereafter shall automatically be removed from the Constitution.

Moved by: James Bacon, Vincent Docherty

5. SITE SELECTION BUSINESS

These items are scheduled for the Site Selection meeting on Sunday.

5.1 Report of the 2010 Site Selection & presentation by winners

5.2 Question time for the seated Worldcon

5.2.1 Aussiecon 4 (2010)

5.3 Presentations by future Worldcon bids

5.3.1. Presentation by bidders for 2012

5.3.2. Presentation by bidders for years after 2012

6. ADJOURNMENT

6.1 Adjournment Sine Die

Hugo Awards Marketing Committee

Report to Mark Protection Committee and WSFS, July 2009

Accomplishments in 2008-9

1. Logo Contest. After a couple of years of discussion mentioned in our previous reports, we launched the Hugo Award Logo Contest in April 2009 and accepted entries through the end of May. Response was gratifying and overwhelming. We received 390 entries from 24 countries. The panel of judges (Irene Gallo, Neil Gaiman, Chip Kidd, and Geri Sullivan) selected a winner, which will be unveiled during this year's Hugo Award ceremony. We have already started working with this year and next year's Hugo Administrators regarding the use of the logo.

We thank the judges and the contest sponsors:

- **SCIFI** donated \$500 for a cash prize.
- The **MPC** funded the production of the winner's trophy, which ended up costing approximately \$250 including shipping.
- **Neil Gaiman** donated several signed books.

2. Hugo Awards Web Site. We continue to maintain the official Hugo Awards Web Site, <http://www.TheHugoAwards.org/> (The old www.hugo.org site redirects there.) We got so much traffic at Nominations time that our service provider, Laughing Squid, moved us onto a faster server and asked us to make changes to the site to improve response times. The site is currently averaging over 500 visits a day. Traffic is up 348% over last year. (See attachment for more web-related statistics.) We continue to field questions regarding the Hugo Awards through the web site, and make correction when prompted to do so by the FOLLE Committee.

3. Hugo Award Publicity. Sam Jordison's tour through past Hugo winners in *The Guardian* continues to attract lots of attention, and has apparently done so well that they are launching a parallel tour of BFS/WFA winners. We got a huge amount of publicity thanks to the *Watchmen* film ("only graphic novel ever to have won..."), including a full-page photo of Dave Gibbons' trophy in his book, *Watching the Watchmen*.

4. Hugo Award Voter Package. The upgraded voter package has proved very popular. Total nominations are up 65% on last year, and it got us a very nice article in the Ottawa Citizen.

(<http://www.ottawacitizen.com/opinion/op-ed/reading+list+grows/1524132/story.html>)

5. Marketing the Hugo Award to the Mainstream Press. Anticipation's PR people have done good work on assembling a list of mainstream press contacts, which they have shared with us. This list of contacts should remain available for the shared use of future Worldcons for similar marketing purposes. Note that in the past year we fielded enquiries regarding the Hugo Award from the BBC and from Entertainment Weekly, both of which requested an official logo they could use.

Plans for 2009-10

The committee recommends that the MPC continue the HAMC for another year. Assuming the MPC does so, the HAMC plans to undertake the following projects:

1. Registration of logos. Research and, as soon as practical (and subject to funding from the MPC), undertake registration of the logo selected in the Hugo Awards Logo Contest as service marks. We anticipate coming to the MPC and the Business Meeting in 2010 with a recommended change to the standard service mark notice.

2. Incorporation of logos in as many places as possible. Work with the 2010 and 2011 Worldcons to publicize the Hugo Award logo to establish it as the official logo of the Award.

3. Hugo Voter Package. Discuss with John Scalzi taking the load of organizing the Hugo Voter Package off of him and formalizing relationships with publishers so we can get this done every year, (preferably through the Hugo Award web site so that Worldcons don't have to reinvent the wheel each year). Work with future Worldcons to attempt to establish standard processes for this package so that they can use it to market membership sales, particularly supporting membership sales.

4. Hugo Awards Web Site. Begin a redesign of the existing TheHugoAwards web site in cooperation with the winner of the Hugo Award Logo Contest, who has offered to assist. We assume that the Hugo Awards web site will remain at its current host (LaughingSquid) and content-management system (WordPress) for the next few years at the very least. Plans in the MPC to redesign Worldcon.org and WSFS.org will remain separate, and those site re-launches, if they do happen, will be separate from TheHugoAwards.org for the next few years at least.

5. Hugo Winner Stickers. Investigate selling “Hugo Award Winner” stickers incorporating the Hugo Award Winner Logo to publishers for book covers, and/or licensing the use of the Hugo Award Winner Logo for winning books/works. Revenue from such projects would be used to pay for ongoing maintenance and registration of WSFS marks, reducing the need to call on Worldcon committees for additional funding.

6. Hugo Award Merchandise. Investigate possible Hugo merchandise in addition to what has already been licensed through the MPC, with the proceeds to be used, as above, for ongoing mark registration and maintenance. Should we be able to raise sufficient revenue, the MPC might be able to return additional funds to future Worldcons.

Web Site Statistics

Top traffic sources

Excludes 'bots and the obvious (direct requests, Google, Yahoo, Wikipedia, etc.)

- Girl Genius (3,733 visits)
- Anticipation (3,457 visits)
- Neil's Journal (3,372 visits)
- BoingBoing (2,465 visits)
- GallifreyOne (2,033 visits)

Top visiting countries

The site logged visits from 189 different countries. Top sources (in order):

- USA
- UK
- Canada
- Australia
- Spain
- Germany
- Italy
- Poland
- France
- Turkey

(Japan was 15th)

Financial Report
Millennium Philcon
June 30, 2009

Expenses- July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009

Bank Service Charges	\$	420.00
Equipment Rental		<u>313.56</u>
Total Expenses	\$	733.56

Surplus Distributions

Denvention 2008	\$	-
Anticipation 2009		-
Philadelphia Science Fiction Society		-
Capital Equipment for Loan to Conventions		<u>-</u>

Total Surplus Distributions -

Surplus Balance June 30, 2008	\$	55,019.00
Expenses Paid July 1, 2008- June 30, 2009		733.56
Surplus Distributions- 7/1/08-6/30/09		<u>0.00</u>
Surplus Balance June 30, 2009	\$	54,285.44

World Science Fiction Society

Resolutions and Rulings of Continuing Effect

2008 Business Meeting, Denver, Colorado.

Donald E Eastlake III, Presiding Officer
Kevin Standlee, Deputy Presiding Officer
Pat McMurray, Secretary
Jared Dashoff, Timekeeper
Lisa Hayes, Official Videographer
Gary Blog, Copying Support

CH-2008-01

Subject to overriding local law, copyright on recordings of business meetings is jointly held between the person making the recording, the administering Worldcon, and WSFS as a whole.

CH-2008-02

Section 3.11.4 allows committees to omit nominees receiving fewer than five votes; however, it does not prohibit committees from including them in the “they also ran” list if they wish to do so.

BM-2008-01

WSFS grants permission to the Worldcon Runners’ Guide Editorial Committee to make non-exclusive use of the existing committee materials in its ongoing work.

CONSTITUTION

of the World Science Fiction Society,
August 2008

Article 1 - Name, Objectives, Membership, and Organization

Section 1.1: Name. The name of this organization shall be the World Science Fiction Society, hereinafter referred to as WSFS or the Society.

Section 1.2: Objectives. WSFS is an unincorporated literary society whose functions are:

- (1) To choose the recipients of the annual Hugo Awards (Science Fiction Achievement Awards).
- (2) To choose the locations and Committees for the annual World Science Fiction Conventions (hereinafter referred to as Worldcons).
- (3) To attend those Worldcons.
- (4) To choose the locations and Committees for the occasional North American Science Fiction Conventions (hereinafter referred to as NASFiCs).
- (5) To perform such other activities as may be necessary or incidental to the above purposes.

Section 1.3: Restrictions. No part of the Society's net earnings shall be paid to its members, officers, or other private persons except in furtherance of the Society's purposes. The Society shall not attempt to influence legislation or any political campaign for public office. Should the Society dissolve, its assets shall be distributed by the current Worldcon Committee or the appropriate court having jurisdiction, exclusively for charitable purposes. In this section, references to the Society include the Mark Protection Committee and all other agencies of the Society but not convention bidding or operating committees.

Section 1.4: Membership. The Membership of WSFS shall consist of all people who have paid membership dues to the Committee of the current Worldcon.

Section 1.5: Memberships.

1.5.1: Each Worldcon shall offer supporting and attending memberships.

1.5.2: The rights of supporting members of a Worldcon include the right to receive all of its generally distributed publications.

1.5.3: The rights of attending members of a Worldcon include the rights of supporting members plus the right of general attendance at said Worldcon and at the WSFS Business Meeting held thereat.

1.5.4: Members of WSFS who cast a site-selection ballot with the required fee shall be supporting members of the selected Worldcon.

1.5.5: Voters have the right to convert to attending membership in the selected Worldcon within ninety (90) days of its selection, for an additional fee set by its committee. This fee must not exceed two (2) times the site-selection fee and must not exceed the difference between the site-selection fee and the fee for new attending members.

1.5.6: The Worldcon Committee shall make provision for persons to become

supporting members for no more than one hundred and twenty-five percent (125%) of the site-selection fee, or such higher amount as has been approved by the Business Meeting, until a cutoff date no earlier than ninety (90) days before their Worldcon.

1.5.7: Other memberships and fees shall be at the discretion of the Worldcon Committee.

Section 1.6: Authority. Authority and responsibility for all matters concerning the Worldcon, except those reserved herein to WSFS, shall rest with the Worldcon Committee, which shall act in its own name and not in that of WSFS.

Section 1.7: The Mark Protection Committee.

1.7.1: There shall be a Mark Protection Committee of WSFS, which shall be responsible for registration and protection of the marks used by or under the authority of WSFS.

1.7.2: The Mark Protection Committee shall submit to the Business Meeting at each Worldcon a report of its activities since the previous Worldcon, including a statement of income and expense.

1.7.3: The Mark Protection Committee shall hold a meeting at each Worldcon after the end of the Business Meeting, at a time and place announced at the Business Meeting.

1.7.4: The Mark Protection Committee shall determine and elect its own officers.

Section 1.8: Membership of the Mark Protection Committee.

1.8.1: The Mark Protection Committee shall consist of:

(1) One (1) member appointed to serve at the pleasure of each future selected Worldcon Committee and each of the two (2) immediately preceding Worldcon Committees

(2) One (1) member appointed to serve at the pleasure of each future selected NASFiC Committee and for each Committee of a NASFiC held in the previous two years, and

(3) Nine (9) members elected three (3) each year to staggered three-year terms by the Business Meeting.

1.8.2: No more than three elected members may represent any single North American region, as defined in Section 1.8.5. Each elected member shall represent the region (if any) in which the member resided at the time they were elected.

1.8.3: Newly elected members take their seats, and the term of office ends for elected and appointed members whose terms expire that year, at the end of the Business Meeting.

1.8.4: If vacancies occur in elected memberships in the Committee, the remainder of the position's term may be filled by the Business Meeting, and until then temporarily filled by the Committee.

1.8.5: To ensure equitable distribution of representation, North America is divided into three (3) regions as follows:

(1) Western: Baja California, New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, Saskatchewan, and all states, provinces, and territories westward including Hawaii, Alaska, the Yukon, and the Northwest Territories.

(2) Central: Central America, the islands of the Caribbean, Mexico (except as above), and all states, provinces, and territories between the Western and Eastern regions.

(3) Eastern: Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, New York, Quebec, and all states, provinces, and territories eastward including the District of Columbia, St. Pierre et Miquelon, Bermuda, and the Bahamas.

Article 2 - Powers and Duties of Worldcon Committees

Section 2.1: Duties. Each Worldcon Committee shall, in accordance with this Constitution, provide for

- (1) administering the Hugo Awards,
- (2) administering any future Worldcon or NASFiC site selection required, and
- (3) holding a WSFS Business Meeting.

Section 2.2: Marks. Every Worldcon and NASFiC Committee shall include the following notice in each of its publications:
"World Science Fiction Society", "WSFS", "World Science Fiction Convention", "Worldcon", "NASFiC", and "Hugo Award" are service marks of the World Science Fiction Society, an unincorporated literary society.

Section 2.3: Official Representative. Each future selected Worldcon Committee shall designate an official representative to the Business Meeting to answer questions about their Worldcon.

Section 2.4: Distribution of Rules. The current Worldcon Committee shall print copies of the WSFS Constitution, together with an explanation of proposed changes approved but not yet ratified, and copies of the Standing Rules. The Committee shall distribute these documents to all WSFS members at a point between nine and three months prior to the Worldcon, and shall also distribute them to all WSFS members in attendance at the Worldcon upon registration.

Section 2.5: Bid Presentations. Each Worldcon Committee shall provide a reasonable opportunity for *bona fide* bidding committees for the Worldcon to be selected the following year to make presentations.

Section 2.6: Incapacity of Committees. With sites being selected two (2) years in advance, there are at least two selected current or future Worldcon Committees at all times. If one of these should be unable to perform its duties, the other selected current or future Worldcon Committee shall determine what action to take, by consulting the Business Meeting or by mail poll of WSFS if there is sufficient time, or by decision of the Committee if there is not sufficient time. Where a site and Committee are chosen by a Business Meeting or Worldcon Committee pursuant to this section, they are not restricted by exclusion zone or other qualifications.

Section 2.7: Membership Pass-along. Within ninety (90) days after a Worldcon, the

administering Committee shall, except where prohibited by local law, forward its best information as to the names and postal addresses of all of its Worldcon members to the Committee of the next Worldcon.

Section 2.8: Financial Openness. Any member of WSFS shall have the right, under reasonable conditions, to examine the financial records and books of account of the current Worldcon or NASFiC Committee, all future selected Worldcon or NASFiC Committees, the two immediately preceding Worldcon Committees, and the Committees of any NASFiCs held in the previous two years.

Section 2.9: Financial Reports.

2.9.1: Each future selected Worldcon or NASFiC Committee shall submit an annual financial report, including a statement of income and expenses, to each WSFS Business Meeting after the Committee's selection.

2.9.2: Each Worldcon or NASFiC Committee shall submit a report on its cumulative surplus/loss at the next Business Meeting after its convention.

2.9.3: Each Worldcon or NASFiC Committee should dispose of surplus funds remaining after accounts are settled for its convention for the benefit of WSFS as a whole.

2.9.4: In the event of a surplus, the Worldcon or NASFiC Committee, or any alternative organizational entity established to oversee and disburse that surplus, shall file annual financial reports regarding the disbursement of that surplus at each year's Business Meeting, until the surplus is totally expended or an amount equal to the original surplus has been disbursed.

Article 3 - Hugo Awards

Section 3.1: Introduction. Selection of the Hugo Awards shall be made as provided in this Article.

Section 3.2: General.

3.2.1: Unless otherwise specified, Hugo Awards are given for work in the field of science fiction or fantasy appearing for the first time during the previous calendar year.

3.2.2: A work originally appearing in a language other than English shall also be eligible for the year in which it is first issued in English translation.

3.2.3: The Business Meeting may by a 3/4 vote provide that works originally published outside the United States of America and first published in the United States of America in the current year shall also be eligible for Hugo Awards given in the following year.

3.2.4: A work shall not be eligible if in a prior year it received sufficient nominations to appear on the final award ballot.

3.2.5: Publication date, or cover date in the case of a dated periodical, takes precedence over copyright date.

3.2.6: Works appearing in a series are eligible as individual works, but the series as a whole is not eligible. However, a work appearing in a number of parts shall be eligible for the year of the final part.

3.2.7: In the written fiction categories, an author may withdraw a version of a

work from consideration if the author feels that the version is not representative of what that author wrote.

3.2.8: The Worldcon Committee shall not consider previews, promotional trailers, commercials, public service announcements, or other extraneous material when determining the length of a work. Running times of dramatic presentations shall be based on their first general release.

3.2.9: The Worldcon Committee may relocate a story into a more appropriate category if it feels that it is necessary, provided that the length of the story is within the lesser of five thousand (5,000) words or twenty percent (20%) of the new category limits.

3.2.10: The Worldcon Committee may relocate a dramatic presentation work into a more appropriate category if it feels that it is necessary, provided that the length of the work is within twenty percent (20%) of the new category boundary.

3.2.11: The Worldcon Committee is responsible for all matters concerning the Awards.

Section 3.3: Categories.

3.3.1: Best Novel. A science fiction or fantasy story of forty thousand (40,000) words or more.

3.3.2: Best Novella. A science fiction or fantasy story of between seventeen thousand five hundred (17,500) and forty thousand (40,000) words.

3.3.3: Best Novelette. A science fiction or fantasy story of between seven thousand five hundred (7,500) and seventeen thousand five hundred (17,500) words.

3.3.4: Best Short Story. A science fiction or fantasy story of less than seven thousand five hundred (7,500) words.

3.3.5: Best Related Book. Any work whose subject is related to the field of science fiction, fantasy, or fandom, appearing for the first time in book form during the previous calendar year, and which is either non-fiction or, if fictional, is noteworthy primarily for aspects other than the fictional text.

3.3.6: Best Dramatic Presentation, Long Form. Any theatrical feature or other production, with a complete running time of more than 90 minutes, in any medium of dramatized science fiction, fantasy or related subjects that has been publicly presented for the first time in its present dramatic form during the previous calendar year.

3.3.7: Best Dramatic Presentation, Short Form. Any television program or other production, with a complete running time of 90 minutes or less, in any medium of dramatized science fiction, fantasy or related subjects that has been publicly presented for the first time in its present dramatic form during the previous calendar year.

3.3.8: Best Editor Short Form. The editor of at least four (4) anthologies, collections or magazine issues primarily devoted to science fiction and / or fantasy, at least one of which was published in the previous calendar year.

3.3.9: Best Editor Long Form. The editor of at least four (4) novel-length works primarily devoted to science fiction and / or fantasy published in the previous calendar year that do not qualify as works under 3.3.8.

[A Constitutional Amendment which created Sections 3.3.8 and 3.3.9 adopted at L.A.con IV included the following proviso, which could effectively repeal Sections 3.3.8 and

3.3.9:]

Provided that this amendment may be repealed by a simple majority vote at either the 2009 or 2010 Main Business Meeting.

[If this amendment is repealed in this way, the following amendments will be made to the Constitution:

1. Section 3.3.8 will revert to:

3.3.8: Best Professional Editor. *The editor of any professional publication devoted primarily to science fiction or fantasy during the previous calendar year. A professional publication is one which had an average press run of at least ten thousand (10,000) copies per issue.*

2. Section 3.3.9 will be removed.

3. Sections 3.3.10 to 3.3.15 will be renumbered to 3.3.9 to 3.3.14, unless other changes have been made in the interim which would affect these numbers.]

3.3.10: Best Professional Artist. An illustrator whose work has appeared in a professional publication in the field of science fiction or fantasy during the previous calendar year.

3.3.11: Best Semiprozine. Any generally available non-professional publication devoted to science fiction or fantasy which by the close of the previous calendar year has published four (4) or more issues, at least one (1) of which appeared in the previous calendar year, and which in the previous calendar year met at least two (2) of the following criteria:

- (1) had an average press run of at least one thousand (1000) copies per issue,
- (2) paid its contributors and/or staff in other than copies of the publication,
- (3) provided at least half the income of any one person,
- (4) had at least fifteen percent (15%) of its total space occupied by advertising,
- (5) announced itself to be a semiprozine.

3.3.12: Best Fanzine. Any generally available non-professional publication devoted to science fiction, fantasy, or related subjects which by the close of the previous calendar year has published four (4) or more issues, at least one (1) of which appeared in the previous calendar year, and which does not qualify as a semiprozine.

3.3.13: Best Fan Writer. Any person whose writing has appeared in semiprozines or fanzines or in generally available electronic media during the previous calendar year.

3.3.14: Best Fan Artist. An artist or cartoonist whose work has appeared through publication in semiprozines or fanzines or through other public display during the previous calendar year. ~~Any person whose name appears on the final Hugo Awards ballot for a given year under the Professional Artist category shall not be eligible in the Fan Artist category for that year.~~

3.3.15: Additional Category. Not more than one special category may be created by the current Worldcon Committee with nomination and voting to be the same as for the permanent categories. The Worldcon Committee is not required to create any such category; such action by a Worldcon Committee should be under exceptional circumstances only; and the special category created by one Worldcon Committee shall not be binding on following Committees. Awards created under this paragraph shall be considered to be Hugo Awards.

Section 3.4: Extended Eligibility. In the event that a potential Hugo Award nominee

receives extremely limited distribution in the year of its first publication or presentation, its eligibility may be extended for an additional year by a three fourths (3/4) vote of the intervening Business Meeting of WSFS.

Section 3.5: Name and Design. The Hugo Award shall continue to be standardized on the rocket ship design of Jack McKnight and Ben Jason. Each Worldcon Committee may select its own choice of base design. The name (Hugo Award) and the design shall not be extended to any other award.

Section 3.6: "No Award". At the discretion of an individual Worldcon Committee, if the lack of nominations or final votes in a specific category shows a marked lack of interest in that category on the part of the voters, the Award in that category shall be canceled for that year.

Section 3.7: Nominations.

3.7.1: The Worldcon Committee shall conduct a poll to select the nominees for the final Award voting. Each member of either the administering or the immediately preceding Worldcon as of January 31 of the current calendar year shall be allowed to make up to five (5) equally weighted nominations in every category.

3.7.2: The Committee shall include with each nomination ballot a copy of Article 3 of the WSFS Constitution and any applicable extensions of eligibility under Sections 3.2.3 or 3.4.

3.7.3: Nominations shall be solicited only for the Hugo Awards and the John W. Campbell Award for Best New Writer.

Section 3.8: Tallying of Nominations.

3.8.1: Except as provided below, the final Award ballots shall list in each category the five eligible nominees receiving the most nominations. If there is a tie including fifth place, all the tied eligible nominees shall be listed.

3.8.2: The Worldcon Committee shall determine the eligibility of nominees and assignment to the proper category of works nominated in more than one category.

3.8.3: Any nominations for "No Award" shall be disregarded.

3.8.4: If a nominee appears on a nomination ballot more than once in any one category, only one nomination shall be counted in that category.

3.8.5: No nominee shall appear on the final Award ballot if it received fewer nominations than five percent (5%) of the number of ballots listing one or more nominations in that category, except that the first three eligible nominees, including any ties, shall always be listed.

3.8.6: The Committee shall move a nomination from another category to the work's default category only if the member has made fewer than five (5) nominations in the default category.

3.8.7: If a work receives a nomination in its default category, and if the Committee relocates the work under its authority under subsection 3.2.9 or 3.2.10, the Committee shall count the nomination even if the member already has made five (5) nominations in the more-appropriate category.

Section 3.9: Notification and Acceptance. Worldcon Committees shall use reasonable

efforts to notify the nominees, or in the case of deceased or incapacitated persons, their heirs, assigns, or legal guardians, in each category prior to the release of such information. Each nominee shall be asked at that time to either accept or decline the nomination. If the nominee declines nomination, that nominee shall not appear on the final ballot. In addition, in the Best Professional Artist category, the acceptance should include citations of at least three (3) works first published in the eligible year.

Section 3.10: Voting.

3.10.1: Final Award voting shall be by balloting in advance of the Worldcon. Postal mail shall always be acceptable. Only WSFS members may vote. Final Award ballots shall include name, signature, address, and membership-number spaces to be filled in by the voter.

3.10.2: Final Award ballots shall list only the Hugo Awards and the John W. Campbell Award for Best New Writer.

3.10.3: "No Award" shall be listed in each category of Hugo Award on the final ballot.

3.10.4: The Committee shall, on or with the final ballot, designate, for each nominee in the printed fiction categories, one or more books, anthologies, or magazines in which the nominee appeared (including the book publisher or magazine issue date(s)).

3.10.5: Voters shall indicate the order of their preference for the nominees in each category.

Section 3.11: Tallying of Votes.

3.11.1: In each category, tallying shall be as described in Section 6.3. 'No Award' shall be treated as a nominee. If all remaining nominees are tied, no tie-breaking shall be done and the nominees excluding No Award shall be declared joint winners.

3.11.2: No Award shall be given whenever the total number of valid ballots cast for a specific category (excluding those cast for "No Award" in first place) is less than twenty-five percent (25%) of the total number of final Award ballots received.

3.11.3: "No Award" shall be the run-off candidate.

3.11.4: The complete numerical vote totals, including all preliminary tallies for first, second, ... places, shall be made public by the Worldcon Committee within ninety (90) days after the Worldcon. During the same period the nomination voting totals shall also be published, including in each category the vote counts for at least the fifteen highest vote-getters and any other candidate receiving a number of votes equal to at least five percent (5%) of the nomination ballots cast in that category, but not including any candidate receiving fewer than five votes.

Section 3.12: Exclusions. No member of the current Worldcon Committee or any publications closely connected with a member of the Committee shall be eligible for an Award. However, should the Committee delegate all authority under this Article to a Subcommittee whose decisions are irrevocable by the Worldcon Committee, then this exclusion shall apply to members of the Subcommittee only.

Section 3.13: Retrospective Hugos. A Worldcon held 50, 75, or 100 years after a Worldcon at which no Hugos were presented may conduct nominations and elections for Hugos which would have been presented at that previous Worldcon. Procedures shall be as for the current Hugos. Categories receiving insufficient numbers of nominations may be dropped. Once retrospective Hugos have been awarded for a Worldcon, no other Worldcon shall present retrospective Hugos for that Worldcon.

Article 4 - Future Worldcon Selection

Section 4.1: Voting.

4.1.1: WSFS shall choose the location and Committee of the Worldcon to be held two (2) years from the date of the current Worldcon.

4.1.2: Voting shall be by written ballot cast either by mail or at the current Worldcon with tallying as described in Section 6.3.

4.1.3: The current Worldcon Committee shall administer the voting, collect the advance membership fees, and turn over those funds to the winning Committee before the end of the current Worldcon.

4.1.4: The site-selection voting totals shall be announced at the Business Meeting and published in the first or second Progress Report of the winning Committee, with the by-mail and at-convention votes distinguished.

Section 4.2: Voter Eligibility.

4.2.1: Voting shall be limited to WSFS members who have purchased at least a supporting membership in the Worldcon whose site is being selected.

4.2.2: The supporting membership rate shall be set by unanimous agreement of the current Worldcon Committee and all bidding committees who have filed before the ballot deadline. If agreement is not reached, the default fee shall be the median (middle value) of the US dollar fees used in the previous three (3) Worldcon site selections.

Section 4.3: Non-Natural Persons. Corporations, associations, and other non-human or artificial entities may cast ballots, but only for "No Preference". "Guest of" memberships may only cast "No Preference" ballots. Memberships transferred to individual natural persons may cast preferential ballots, provided that the transfer is accepted by the administering convention.

Section 4.4: Ballots. Site-selection ballots shall include name, signature, address, and membership-number spaces to be filled in by the voter. Each site-selection ballot shall list the options "None of the Above" and "No Preference" and provide for write-in votes, after the bidders and with equal prominence. The supporting membership rate shall be listed on all site-selection ballots.

Section 4.5: Tallying.

4.5.1: The name and address information shall be separated from the ballots and the ballots counted only at the Worldcon. Each bidding committee should provide at least two (2) tellers. Each bidding committee may make a record of the name and address of every voter.

4.5.2: A ballot voted with first or only choice for "No Preference" shall be ignored for site selection. A ballot voted with lower than first choice for "No Preference" shall be ignored if all higher choices on the ballot have been eliminated in preferential tallying.

4.5.3: "None of the Above" shall be treated as a bid for tallying, and shall be the run-off candidate.

4.5.4: All ballots shall be initially tallied by their first preferences, even if cast for a bid that the administering Committee has ruled ineligible. If no eligible bid achieves a majority on the first round of tallying, then on the second round all ballots for ineligible bids shall be redistributed to their first eligible choices, and tallying shall proceed according to Section 6.3.

4.5.5: If "None of the Above" wins, or if two or more bids are tied for first place at the end of tallying, the duty of site selection shall devolve on the Business Meeting of the current Worldcon. If the Business Meeting is unable to decide by the end of the Worldcon, the Committee for the following Worldcon shall make the selection without undue delay.

4.5.6: Where a site and Committee are chosen by a Business Meeting or Worldcon Committee following a win by 'None of the Above', they are not restricted by exclusion zone or other qualifications.

4.5.7: Where a site and Committee are chosen by a Business Meeting or Worldcon Committee following a tie in tallying, they must select one of the tied bids.

Section 4.6: Bid Eligibility.

4.6.1: To be eligible for site selection, a bidding committee must file the following documents with the Committee that will administer the voting:

- (1) an announcement of intent to bid;
- (2) adequate evidence of an agreement with its proposed site's facilities, such as a conditional contract or a letter of agreement;
- (3) the rules under which the Worldcon Committee will operate, including a specification of the term of office of their chief executive officer or officers and the conditions and procedures for the selection and replacement of such officer or officers.

4.6.2: The bidding committee must supply written copies of these documents to any member of WSFS on request.

4.6.3: For a bid to be allowed on the printed ballot, the bidding committee must file the documents specified above no later than 180 days prior to the official opening of the administering convention.

4.6.4: To be eligible as a write-in, the bidding committee must file the documents specified above by the close of the voting.

4.6.5: If no bids meet these qualifications, the selection shall proceed as though "None of the Above" had won.

Section 4.7: Site Eligibility. A site shall be ineligible if it is within five hundred (500) miles or eight hundred (800) kilometres of the site at which selection occurs.

Section 4.8: NASFiC

If the selected Worldcon site is not in North America, there shall be a NASFiC in

North America that year. Selection of the NASFiC shall be by the identical procedure to the Worldcon selection except as provided below or elsewhere in this Constitution:

4.8.1: Voting shall be by written ballot administered by the following year's Worldcon, if there is no NASFiC in that year, or by the following year's NASFiC, if there is one, with ballots cast at the administering convention or by mail, and with only members of the administering convention allowed to vote.

4.8.2: NASFiC Committees shall make all reasonable efforts to avoid conflicts with Worldcon dates.

4.8.3: The proposed NASFiC supporting membership rate can be set by unanimous agreement of the administering Committee and all bidding committees who have filed before the ballot deadline. If agreement is not reached, the default fee shall be the median (middle value) of the US dollar fees used in the previous three (3) Worldcon site selections.

4.8.4: If "None of the Above" wins, or if no eligible bid files by the deadline, then no NASFiC shall be held and any supporting membership payments collected for the NASFiC site selection shall be refunded by the administering convention without undue delay.

Article 5 - Powers of the Business Meeting

Section 5.1: WSFS Business Meetings.

5.1.1: Business Meetings of WSFS shall be held at advertised times at each Worldcon.

5.1.2: The current Worldcon Committee shall provide the Presiding Officer and Staff for each Meeting.

5.1.3: Standing Rules for the Governance of the Business Meeting and related activities may be adopted or amended by a majority vote at any Business Meeting. Amendments to Standing Rules shall take effect at the close of the Worldcon where they are adopted; this rule may be suspended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote.

5.1.4: Meetings shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of (in descending order of precedence) the WSFS Constitution; the Standing Rules; such other rules as may be published in advance by the current Committee (which rules may be suspended by the Business Meeting by the same procedure as a Standing Rule); the customs and usages of WSFS (including the resolutions and rulings of continuing effect); and the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised*.

5.1.5: The quorum for the Business Meeting shall be twelve members of the Society physically present.

Section 5.2: Continuation of Committees. Except as otherwise provided in this Constitution, any committee or other position created by a Business Meeting shall lapse at the end of the next following Business Meeting that does not vote to continue it.

Section 5.3: Constitutional Pass-along. Within two (2) months after the end of each Worldcon, the Business Meeting staff shall send a copy of all changes to the Constitution and Standing Rules, and all items awaiting ratification, to the next

Worldcon Committee

Article 6 - Constitution

Section 6.1: Conduct. The conduct of the affairs of WSFS shall be determined by this Constitution together with all ratified amendments hereto and such Standing Rules as the Business Meeting shall adopt for its own governance.

Section 6.2: Natural Persons. In all matters arising under this Constitution, only natural persons may introduce business, nominate, or vote, except as specifically provided otherwise in this Constitution. No person may cast more than one vote on any issue or more than one ballot in any election. This shall not be interpreted to prohibit delivery of ballots cast by other eligible voters.

Section 6.3: Tallying of Votes. Votes shall first be tallied by the voter's first choices. If no majority is then obtained, the candidate who places last in the initial tallying shall be eliminated and the ballots listing it as first choice shall be redistributed on the basis of those ballots' second choices. This process shall be repeated until a majority-vote winner is obtained. If two or more candidates are tied for elimination during this process, the candidate that received fewer first-place votes shall be eliminated. If they are still tied, all the tied candidates shall be eliminated together.

Section 6.4: Run-off. After a tentative winner is determined, then unless the run-off candidate shall be the sole winner, the following additional test shall be made. If the number of ballots preferring the run-off candidate to the tentative winner is greater than the number of ballots preferring the tentative winner to the run-off candidate, then the run-off candidate shall be declared the winner of the election.

Section 6.5: Amendment. The WSFS Constitution may be amended by a motion passed by a simple majority at any Business Meeting but only to the extent that such motion is ratified by a simple majority at the Business Meeting of the subsequent Worldcon.

Section 6.6: Commencement. Any change to the Constitution of WSFS shall take effect at the end of the Worldcon at which such change is ratified, except that no change imposing additional costs or financial obligations upon Worldcon Committees shall be binding upon any Committee already selected at the time when it takes effect.

The above copy of the World Science Fiction Society's Constitution is hereby Certified to be True, Correct, and Complete:

Donald Eastlake III, Chair
Patrick McMurray, Secretary
2008 Business Meeting

Standing Rules for the Governance of the World Science Fiction Society Business Meeting

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Group 1: Meetings

Rule 1.1: Meeting and Session. The Annual Meeting of the World Science Fiction Society shall consist of one or more Preliminary Business Meetings and one or more Main Business Meetings. The first meeting shall be designated as a Preliminary Business Meeting. All meetings at a Worldcon (preliminary, main, or otherwise) shall be considered a single "session" as defined in the Parliamentary Authority (see section 5.1 of the WSFS Constitution), regardless of whether such gatherings are called "meetings" or "sessions."

Rule 1.2: Preliminary Business Meeting(s). The Preliminary Business Meeting may not directly reject, pass, or ratify amendments to the Constitution; however, all motions adhering to a Constitutional amendment are in order if otherwise allowed. The Preliminary Business Meeting may not refer a Constitutional amendment to a committee unless the committee's instructions are to report to the Main Business Meeting. The Preliminary Business Meeting may not postpone consideration of a Constitutional amendment beyond the last Preliminary Business Meeting. The Preliminary Business Meeting may not amend a Constitutional amendment pending ratification. The Preliminary Business Meeting may consider any business not expressly forbidden to it by the Standing Rules or expressly reserved to the Main Business Meeting.

Rule 1.3: Main Business Meeting(s). The Main Business Meeting may reject, pass, or ratify amendments to the Constitution. One Main Meeting shall be also be designated as the Site-Selection Meeting, where Site-Selection business shall be the special order of business.

Rule 1.4: Scheduling of Meetings. The first Main Meeting shall be scheduled no less than eighteen (18) hours after the conclusion of the last Preliminary Meeting. No meeting shall be scheduled to begin before 10:00 or after 13:00 local time.

Rule 1.5: Smoking. If smoking is allowed in the place where the Business Meeting is held, the Presiding Officer shall divide the room into smoking and non-smoking sections at the beginning of each meeting.

Rule 1.6: Recording of Sessions: The Presiding Officer may arrange for the recording of meetings in any medium and for the distribution of such recordings. Individual members may also record meetings at their own discretion, subject to the will of the assembly as authorized by rule 5.9.

Group 2: New Business

Rule 2.1: Deadline for Submission of New Business. The deadline for submission of non-privileged new business to the Business Meeting shall be two (2) hours after the official opening of the Worldcon or eighteen (18) hours before the first Preliminary Meeting, whichever is later. The Presiding Officer may accept otherwise qualified motions submitted after the deadline, but all such motions shall be placed at the end of the agenda.

Rule 2.2: Requirements for Submission of New Business. Two hundred (200) identical, legible copies of all proposals for non-privileged new business shall be submitted to the Presiding Officer before the deadline in Rule 2.1 unless such proposals are distributed to the attendees at the Worldcon by the Worldcon Committee. All proposals must be legibly signed by a maker and at least one seconder.

Rule 2.3: Interpretation of Motions. The Presiding Officer shall reject as out of order any proposal or motion that is obviously illegal or hopelessly incoherent. In the absence of the maker of a motion or instructions to the contrary, the Presiding Officer shall be free to interpret the meaning of any motion.

Rule 2.4: Short Title. Any item of new business considered by the Business Meeting shall contain a short title.

Group 3: Debate Time Limits

Rule 3.1: Main Motions. The Presiding Officer shall designate the default debate time for main motions. The Business Meeting may, by majority vote, set the initial debate time limit for any motion to any positive whole number of minutes.

Rule 3.2: Allotment of Time. If a question is divided, the time limits applicable to the question before it was divided shall apply to each portion of the divided question. Debate time shall be allotted equally to each side of a question. Time spent on points of order or other neutral matters arising from a motion shall be divided equally and charged to each side.

Rule 3.3: Amendments. Debate on all amendments to main motions shall be limited to five (5) minutes, allotted equally to each side. Time spent on debate of an amendment shall be charged against the time for the main motion.

Rule 3.4: Motions Allowed After Expiration. Motions that adhere to the main motion shall not be out of order because of the expiration of debate time, but shall be undebatable.

Rule 3.5: Minimum Substantive Debate. If the debate time expires before either or both sides of the question have had an opportunity for substantive debate, any side that has not had such an opportunity shall have two (2) minutes to be used solely for the purpose of substantive debate.

Group 4: Official Papers

Rule 4.1: Indicating Revisions. The Business Meeting staff shall clearly indicate all changes (including deletions) from the previous year's version when they provide the Constitution and Standing Rules for publication prior to the following Worldcon. However, the failure to indicate such changes shall not affect the validity of the documents.

Rule 4.2: Corrections. Any correction of fact to the Minutes or to the Constitution or Standing Rules as published should be brought to the attention of the Secretary of the Business Meeting in question and of the next available Business Meeting as soon as they are discovered.

Rule 4.3: Numbers, Titles, References, and Technical Corrections. Numbers and titles of the various parts of the Constitution and Standing Rules are for the sake of easy reference only. They do not form a substantive part of these documents nor of any motion to amend these documents. The Business Meeting Secretary shall incorporate into these documents appropriate changes as required by newly adopted amendments. When making any such adjustments required by this section, the Business Meeting Secretary shall change article and section numbers, titles, and internal cross-references as necessary to maintain a consistent, parallel structure, which shall not be altered unless the Business Meeting explicitly so directs. The Business Meeting Secretary may change punctuation, capitalization, grammar, and other wording in the Constitution and Standing Rules only insofar as such changes clarify meaning and enhance consistency, and only insofar as such changes do not modify the substantive meaning of the documents.

Group 5: Variations of Rules

Rule 5.1: Nonstandard Parliamentary Authority. If a Worldcon Committee adopts for the governance of the Business Meeting a parliamentary authority other than that specified in the Constitution, the Committee must in timely fashion publish information about how to obtain copies of the authority in question.

Rule 5.2: Constitutional and Standing Rule Amendments. Motions to Amend the Constitution, to Ratify a Constitutional Amendment, and to Amend the Standing Rules shall be considered ordinary main motions, except as otherwise provided in the Standing Rules or Constitution. An object to consideration shall not be in order against ratification of a constitutional amendment.

Rule 5.3: Postpone Indefinitely. The motion to Postpone Indefinitely shall not be allowed.

Rule 5.4: Amend; Secondary Amendments. Secondary amendments (amendments to amendments) are not allowed except when the primary amendment is to substitute.

Rule 5.5: Previous Question. A person speaking to a motion may not immediately offer a motion to close debate. The motion for the Previous Question (also known as the motion "close debate," "call the question," and "vote now") shall not be in order when there is less than one minute of debate time remaining, nor when either or both sides of the debate have yet to speak to a question. Before voting on the motion for the Previous Question, the Presiding Officer shall, without debate, ask for a show of hands of those persons who still wish to speak to the matter under consideration.

Rule 5.6: Lay on the Table. The motion to Lay on the Table shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote for adoption.

Rule 5.7: Adjournment. The incidental main motion to adjourn *sine die* shall not be in order until all Special and General Orders have been discharged.

Rule 5.8: Suspension of Rules. Rules protecting the rights of absentees, including this rule, may not be suspended.

Rule 5.9: Start/Stop Recording: If the meeting is being recorded, a motion to Stop Recording or to Start Recording is a privileged motion and shall be handled in the same way as a motion to Enter or Leave Executive Session.

Group 6: Mark Protection Committee Elections

Rule 6.1: Nominations. Nominations for election to the Mark Protection Committee shall be allowed from the floor at each Preliminary Business Meeting. To be listed on the ballot, each nominee must submit to the Secretary of the Business Meeting the nominee's consent to nomination and the nominee's current region of residence. A nominee shall be ineligible if the nominee could not be elected due to the regional residence restrictions. The deadline for submitting such consent to nomination shall be set by the Secretary.

Rule 6.2: Elections. Elections to the Mark Protection Committee shall be a special order of business at a designated Main Business Meeting. Voting shall be by written preferential ballot with write-in votes allowed. Votes for write-in candidates who do not submit written consent to nomination and region of residence to the Presiding Officer before the close of balloting shall be ignored. The ballot shall list each nominee's name and region of residence. The first seat filled shall be by normal preferential ballot procedures as defined in Section 6.3 of the WSFS Constitution. There shall be no run-off candidate. After a seat is filled, votes for the elected member and for any nominee who is now ineligible due to regional residence restrictions shall be eliminated before conducting the next ballot. This procedure shall continue until all seats are filled. In the event of a first-place tie for any seat, the tie shall be broken unless all tied candidates can be elected simultaneously. Should there be any partial-term vacancies on the committee, the partial-term seat(s) shall be filled after the full-term seats have been filled.

Group 7: Miscellaneous

Rule 7.1: Question Time. During the Site-Selection Meeting, fifteen (15) minutes of program time shall be allocated to each future seated Worldcon committee. During the first five (5) minutes, each committee may make such presentations as they wish. The remaining time shall be allocated for questions to be asked about that committee's Worldcon. Questions may be submitted in writing at any previous meeting. Questions submitted in writing shall have priority over other questions if the person who submitted the question is present and still wishes to ask the question. No person may ask a second question as long as any person wishes to ask a first question. Questions are limited to fifteen (15) seconds and responses to two (2) minutes. If time permits at the Site-Selection Meeting, committees bidding for the right to host any Worldcon whose selection will take place in the next calendar year shall be allocated five (5) minutes of program time to make such presentations as they wish. The time limits in this rule may be modified by majority vote.

Rule 7.2: Dilatory Actions; Misuse of Inquiries. The sole purpose of a "point of information" or "parliamentary inquiry" is to ask the Presiding Officer for an opinion of the effect of a motion or for guidance as to the correct procedure to follow. The Presiding Officer shall treat as dilatory any

attempts to circumvent the rules of debate under the guise of points of information, parliamentary inquiries, or other queries and requests.

Rule 7.3: Counted Vote. The Presiding Officer shall take a counted vote upon the request of ten percent (10%) of those members attending the meeting.

Rule 7.4: Carrying Business Forward. Motions other than Constitutional amendments awaiting ratification may be carried forward from one year to the next only by being postponed definitely or by being referred to a committee.

Rule 7.5: Continuing Resolutions. Resolutions of continuing effect ("continuing resolutions") may be repealed or amended by majority vote of subsequent Business Meetings without notice, and shall be automatically repealed or amended by applicable amendments to the Constitution or Standing Rules or by conflicting resolutions passed by subsequent Business Meetings.

Rule 7.6: Committees. All committees are authorized to organize themselves in any lawful manner and to adopt rules for the conduct of their business, which may include conducting balloting by mail and limiting debate, subject to any contrary provisions of the Constitution, the Standing Rules, or instructions given to the committee by the Business Meeting.

Rule 7.7: Nitpicking and Flyspecking Committee. The Business Meeting shall appoint a Nitpicking and Flyspecking Committee. The Committee shall:

(1) Maintain the list of Rulings and Resolutions of Continuing Effect

(2) Codify the Customs and Usages of WSFS and of the Business Meeting.

Rule 7.8: Worldcon Runners' Guide Editorial Committee. The Business Meeting shall appoint a Worldcon Runners' Guide Editorial Committee. The Committee shall maintain the Worldcon Runners' Guide, which shall contain a compilation of the best practices in use among those who run Worldcons.

The above copy of the Standing Rules for the Governance of the WSFS Business Meeting is hereby Certified to be True, Correct, and Complete:

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