

CONSTITUTION

of the World Science Fiction Society, April 1982

ARTICLE I — Name, Objectives, Membership, and Organization

- SECTION 1:** The name of this organization shall be the World Science Fiction Society, hereinafter referred to as WSFS.
- SECTION 2:** WSFS is an unincorporated literary society whose functions are:
- To choose the recipients of the annual Science Fiction Achievement Awards (the Hugos),
 - To choose the locations and Committees for the annual World Science Fiction Conventions,
 - To attend those Conventions, and
 - To perform such other activities as may be necessary or incidental to the above purposes.
- SECTION 3:** The Membership of WSFS shall consist of all people who have paid membership dues to the Convention Committee of the current World Science Fiction Convention.
- SECTION 4:** Members of the Society paying the minimum fee towards membership with their site-selection ballots shall be members of the selected Convention with the right to receive all generally distributed publications. Such members may convert to members with the right of general attendance at the selected Convention and its Business Meeting by paying, within ninety (90) days of site selection, an additional fee, set by the selected Convention Committee, of not more than the minimum voting fee and not more than the difference between the voting fee and the attending fee for new members.
- SECTION 5:** Authority and responsibility for all matters concerning the Convention, except those reserved herein to the Society, shall rest with the Convention Committee, which shall act in its own name and not in that of the Society.
- SECTION 6:** Each Convention Committee should dispose of surplus funds remaining after accounts are settled for the current Convention for the benefit of the Society as a whole. Each Convention Committee shall retain an independent accountant at least a year before their Convention and shall publish a financial statement prepared by said accountant within ninety (90) days after their Convention and a final financial statement within a year.

ARTICLE II — Science Fiction Achievement Awards (the Hugos)

- SECTION 1:** Selection of the Science Fiction Achievement Awards, known as the Hugos, shall be made as follows in the subsequent Sections of this Article.
- SECTION 2:** *Best Novel:* A science fiction or fantasy story of forty thousand (40,000) words or more appearing for the first time during the previous calendar year. A work originally appearing in a language other than English shall also be eligible in the year in which it is first issued in English translation. A story, once it has appeared in English, may thus be eligible only once. Publication date, or cover date in the case of a dated periodical, takes precedence over copyright date. A serial takes its appearance to be the date of the last installment. Individual stories appearing as a series are eligible only as individual stories and are not eligible taken together under the title of the series. An author may withdraw a version of his work from consideration if he feels that that version is not representative of what he wrote. The Convention Committee may relocate a story into a more appropriate category if it feels that it is necessary, provided that the story is within five thousand (5,000) words of the new category limits.
- SECTION 3:** *Best Novella:* The rules shall be the same as those for Best Novel, with length between seventeen thousand five hundred (17,500) and forty thousand (40,000) words.
- SECTION 4:** *Best Novelette:* The rules shall be the same as those for Best Novel, with length between seven thousand five hundred (7,500) and seventeen thousand five hundred (17,500) words.
- SECTION 5:** *Best Short Story:* The rules shall be the same as those for Best Novel, with length less than seven thousand five hundred (7,500) words.
- SECTION 6:** *Best Non-Fiction Book:* Any non-fictional work relating to the field of science fiction or fantasy appearing for the first time in book form during the previous calendar year.
- SECTION 7:** *Best Dramatic Presentation:* Any production in any medium of dramatized science fiction or fantasy which has been publicly presented for the first time in its present dramatic form during the previous calendar year. In the case of individual programs presented as a series, each program is individually eligible, but the series as a whole is not eligible.
- SECTION 8:** *Best Professional Artist:* An illustrator whose work has appeared in the field of professionally published science fiction or fantasy during the previous calendar year.
- SECTION 9:** *Best Professional Editor:* The editor of any professional publication devoted primarily to science fiction or fantasy during the previous calendar year.

- SECTION 10:** *Best Fanzine:* Any generally available fannish publication devoted to science fiction, fantasy, or related subjects, which has published four (4) or more issues, at least one (1) of which appeared in the previous calendar year. The words "fanzine" and "fannish" shall be defined only by the will of the membership, and the Convention Committee shall impose no additional criteria.
- SECTION 11:** *Best Fan Writer:* Any person whose writing has appeared in magazines of the type defined in Section 10 above.
- SECTION 12:** *Best Fan Artist:* An artist or cartoonist whose work has appeared through publication in magazines of the type defined in Section 10 above or through other public display during the previous calendar year. Any person whose name appears on the final Awards ballot for a given year under the Professional Artist category shall not be eligible for the Fan Artist Award for that year.
- SECTION 13:** *Additional Category:* Not more than one special category may be created by the current Convention Committee with nomination and voting to be the same as for the permanent categories. The Convention Committee is not required to create any such category; such action by a Convention Committee should be under exceptional circumstances only; and the special category created by one Convention Committee shall not be binding on following Committees. Awards created under this Section shall be considered to be Science Fiction Achievement Awards, or Hugos.
- SECTION 14:** *Name and Design:* The Hugo Award shall continue to be standardized on the rocket ship design of Jack McKnight and Ben Jason. Each Convention Committee may select its own choice of base design. The name (Hugo) and the design shall not be extended to any other award.
- SECTION 15:** *No Award:* At the discretion of an individual Convention 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 cancelled for that year. In addition, the entry "No Award" shall be mandatory in each category of Hugo on the final ballot. In any event, No Award shall be given whenever the total number of valid ballots cast for a specific category is less than twenty-five percent (25%) of the total number of final Award ballots (excluding those cast for No Award) received.
- SECTION 16:** *Nominations:* Selection of nominees for the final Award voting shall be done by a poll, conducted by the Convention Committee, in which each Society member shall be allowed to make five (5) equally weighted nominations in every category. Nominations shall be solicited for, and the final Award ballot shall list, only the Hugo Awards and the John W. Campbell Memorial Award for Best New Writer. Assignment to the proper category of nominees nominated in more than one category, and eligibility of nominees, shall be determined by the Convention Committee. No nominee shall appear on the final Award ballot if it received fewer nominations than the lesser of either: five percent (5%) of the number of nomination ballots cast in that category, or the number of nominations received by the third-place nominee in that category.
- SECTION 17:** *Voting:* Final Award voting shall be by mail, with ballots sent only to Society members. Final Award ballots shall include name, signature, address, and membership-number spaces to be filled in by the voter. Final Award ballots shall standardize nominees given in each category to not more than five (5) (six (6) in the case of tie votes) plus "No Award." 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)). Voters shall indicate the order of their preference for the nominees in each category.
- SECTION 18:** *Tallying:* Counting of all votes shall be the responsibility of the Convention Committee, which is responsible for all matters concerning the Awards. In each category, votes shall first be tallied by the voter's first choices. If no majority is then obtained, the nominee 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. The complete numerical vote totals, including all preliminary tallies for first, second, . . . places, shall be made public by the Convention Committee within ninety (90) days after the convention.
- SECTION 19:** *Exclusions:* No member of the current Convention Committee nor 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 Convention Committee, then this exclusion shall apply to members of the Subcommittee only.

ARTICLE III — Future Convention Selection

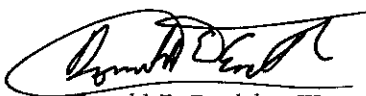
- SECTION 1:** The Society shall choose the location and Committee of the Convention to be held two (2) years from the date of the current Convention. Voting shall be by mail or ballot cast at the current Convention with run-off ballot as described in Article II, Section 18, and shall be limited to Society members who have paid at least ten dollars (\$10.00) towards membership in the Convention whose site is being selected. The current Convention Committee shall administer the mail balloting, collect the advance membership fees, and turn over those funds to the winning Committee before the end of the current Convention. The minimum voting fee can be modified for a particular year by unanimous agreement of the current Convention Committee and all bidding committees who have filed before the mail ballots are set. 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 2:** 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" after the bidders and with equal prominence. The minimum fee in force shall be listed on all site-selection ballots.

- SECTION 3:** The name and address information shall be separated from the ballots and the ballots counted only at the Convention with two (2) witnesses from each bidding committee allowed to observe. Each bidding committee may make a record of the name and address of every voter. 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. "None of the above" shall be treated as a bid for tallying. If it wins, the duty of site selection shall devolve on the Business Meeting of the current Convention. If the Business Meeting is unable to decide by the end of the Convention, the Committee for the following Convention shall make the selection without undue delay. When a site and Committee are chosen by a Business Meeting or Convention Committee, they are not restricted by region or other qualifications and the choice of an out-of-rotation site shall not affect the regional rotation for subsequent years. If no bids qualify to be on the ballot, the selection shall proceed as though "None of the above" had won.
- SECTION 4:** Bids from prospective Committees shall be allowed on the ballot by the current Convention Committee only upon presentation of adequate evidence of an agreement with the proposed sites' facilities, such as a conditional contract or a letter of agreement. To be eligible for site selection, a bidding committee must state the rules under which the Convention 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. Written copies of these rules must be made available by the bidding committee to any member of the Society on request.
- SECTION 5:** To ensure equitable distribution of sites, North America is divided into three (3) regions as follows: *Western:* Baja California, New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, Saskatchewan, and all states and provinces westward; *Central:* Central America, Mexico (except as above), and all states and provinces between Western and Eastern regions; and *Eastern:* Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, New York, Quebec, and all states and provinces eastward. Convention sites shall rotate in the order Western, Central, Eastern region.
- SECTION 6:** A Convention site outside of North America may be selected by a majority vote at any Convention. In the event of such outside Convention being selected, there shall be an interim Continental Convention in the region whose turn it would have normally been, to be held in the same year as the overseas World Science Fiction Convention, with rotation skipping that region the following year. To skip a region without giving it an interim Continental Convention shall require a three-quarters (3/4) majority vote. Selection of the site of such Continental Convention may be by vote of the Business Meeting or by such other method as the competing bidders might agree upon.
- SECTION 7:** Each World Science Fiction Convention Committee shall provide a reasonable opportunity for *bona fide* bidding committees for the Convention to be selected one year hence to make presentations.
- SECTION 8:** With sites being selected two (2) years in advance, there are therefore at least two Convention Committees in existence at any given time. If one should become unable to perform its duties, the surviving Convention Committee shall determine what it is to do, by mail poll of the Society if there is time for one, or by decision of the Committee if there is not time.

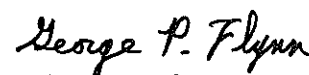
ARTICLE IV — Constitution and Powers of the Business Meeting

- SECTION 1:** Any proposal to amend the Constitution of WSFS shall require for passage a majority of all the votes cast on the question at the Business Meeting of the Society at which it is first debated, and also ratification by a simple majority vote of those members present and voting at a Business Meeting of the Society held at the World Convention immediately following that at which the amendment was first approved. Failure to ratify in the manner described shall void the proposed amendment.
- SECTION 2:** Any change to the Constitution of WSFS shall take effect at the end of the World Science Fiction Convention at which such change is ratified.
- SECTION 3:** The conduct of the affairs of the Society 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 4:** Business Meetings of the Society shall be held at advertised times at each World Science Fiction Convention. The current Convention Committee shall provide the Presiding Officer and Staff for each Meeting. Meetings shall be conducted in accordance with *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised*, the Standing Rules, and such other rules as may be published by the Committee in advance.
- SECTION 5:** The Constitution of WSFS, together with an explanation of proposed changes approved but not yet ratified, and the Standing Rules shall be printed by the current Convention Committee, distributed with the Hugo nomination ballots, and printed in the Convention book, if there is one.

The above copy of the WSFS Constitution is hereby Certified to be true, correct, and complete:


Donald E. Eastlake, III
Presiding Officer

1982/4/30
Denvention II Business Meeting


George P. Flynn
Secretary

Business Passed on to Chicon IV

Items 1 through 5 were passed for the first time at Denvention II, and will become part of the WSFS Constitution if ratified at Chicon IV.

- ITEM 1:** MOVED, to amend the WSFS Constitution as follows:
- A) Insert the following as a new section in Article I:
Every Worldcon Committee shall include the following notice in each of its publications: " 'World Science Fiction Society', 'WSFS', 'World Science Fiction Convention', 'Worldcon', 'Science Fiction Achievement Award', and 'Hugo Award' are registered service marks of the World Science Fiction Society, an unincorporated literary society."
 - B) Substitute "Hugo Awards" for all occurrences of "Hugos".
 - C) Insert "(hereinafter referred to as the Worldcon)" after the first occurrence of "World Science Fiction Convention" and substitute "Worldcon" for "World Science Fiction Convention" and "Convention" (except in the phrase "Continental Convention") thereafter.
- ITEM 2:** MOVED, to amend Article IV, Section 2, of the WSFS Constitution by adding the following:
except that no change imposing additional costs or financial obligations upon Convention Committees shall be binding upon any Committee already selected at the time when it takes effect.
- ITEM 3:** MOVED, to amend Article II, Section 7, of the WSFS Constitution by altering the last sentence to read:
In the case of individual programs presented as a series, each program is individually eligible, but the series as a whole is not eligible; however, a sequence of installments constituting a single dramatic unit may be considered as a single program (eligible in the year of the final installment).
- ITEM 4:** MOVED, to amend Article III of the WSFS Constitution by inserting the following new section between the current Sections 3 and 4:
The deadline for bids from prospective Committees to be included on the ballot, as well as all information needed for filing such bids, shall be published by the current Committee and sent to all members of the Society at least four (4) months before the deadline for such bids. (Publication in a progress report prior to the date specified shall meet this requirement.)
- ITEM 5:** MOVED, to amend Article II of the WSFS Constitution by adding the following new section:
Extended Eligibility: In the event that a potential Hugo 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 the Society.
- ITEM 6:** Report of the WSFS Mark Registration Committee: This Committee was continued at the Denvention II Business Meeting to seek protection for the names used by WSFS.
- ITEM 7:** Report of the WSFS Constitution Drafting Committee: This Committee was formed at the Denvention II Business Meeting with instructions to report to Chicon IV. The draft new Constitution for the World Science Fiction Society was referred to it. The new draft produced by this committee appears elsewhere in this Program Book.

New Business for Chicon IV

As of the time this text was set for the Program Book, the following pieces of new business had been received. The first item is numbered zero because, as a change to the Standing Rules, it is expected that it will be considered before the business passed on by Denvention II. Additional business can be submitted as set forth in the Standing Rules.

- ITEM 0:** MOVED, to amend Rule 2 of the Standing Rules for the Governance of the WSFS Business Meeting by inserting the words "(for procedural reasons, as opposed to simple dislike of the motion in question)" after the words "object to consideration".
The above motion was submitted by Louis Epstein and Gregory Baker.
- ITEM 8:** MOVED, to amend Article III, Section 5, of the WSFS Constitution by deleting all text beginning with "Central:" and substituting the following, provided that this change shall not take effect until after the selection of the Worldcon site for 1986:

Southern: Central America, Mexico (except as above), Oklahoma, Arkansas, Kentucky, West Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, and all states southward; and *Northern*: all states and provinces east of the Western region and north of the Southern region. Convention sites shall rotate in the order Western, Southern, Northern region.

The above motion was submitted by Jon Estren and Wilma Fisher. This motion would replace the current Central and Eastern regions by new Southern and Northern regions; the submitters state that this change would encourage growth in the South as well as stronger bid campaigns in the North.

ITEM 9: MOVED, to amend Article II, Section 10, of the WSFS Constitution by adding the word "Amateur" between the words "Best" and "Fanzine" in the title of the category. The following sentence to be inserted between the first and second sentences of the current description:

Fanzines and similar publications which pay contributors and/or staff in other than copies of the publications and/or provide a substantial portion of their editor's income are not eligible for this award.

The above changes, when added to the current wording, to become Section 11 of Article II of the WSFS Constitution. The WSFS Constitution to be further amended by the addition of a new Section 10, the current Sections 11 through 18 to be renumbered one higher, and the new Section 10 to read:

Best Semi-Professional Publication: Any generally available fannish publication devoted to science fiction, fantasy, or related subjects which has published four (4) or more issues, at least one (1) of which appeared in the previous calendar year. To qualify for this category a publisher/editor must pay his/her contributors and/or staff in other than copies of the publication and/or derive a substantial portion of his/her income from the sale of the publication and/or advertising therein. Any publication that receives at least 25% of its nominations in this category can only appear in this category and is not eligible in the "Best Amateur Fanzine" category.

If this amendment is accepted it will necessitate minor revisions in the wording of the "Best Fan Writer" and "Best Fan Artist" categories.

This motion was submitted by Marty Cantor and Mike Glicksohn. The submitters state the following: The intent of this motion is to recreate the original concept behind the Best Amateur Fanzine category, namely to recognize excellence in a part-time fannish hobby activity and to recognize that those editors/publishers who make at least a substantial portion of their incomes from their publications deserve recognition for their efforts in a manner that removes them from unfair competition with true amateurs.

ITEM 10: MOVED, to amend the WSFS Constitution by deleting Article II, Section 10, "Best Fanzine", and in Sections 11 and 12 replacing the phrase "magazines of the type defined in Section 10 above" with "any generally available fannish publication devoted to science fiction, fantasy, or related subjects".

This motion was submitted by Keir Santanos and John Mitchell. It eliminates the Best Fanzine Hugo Award category.

ITEM 11: MOVED, to amend the WSFS Constitution by deleting Article II, Section 19, substituting "Awards Subcommittee" for "Committee" or "Convention Committee" throughout Article II except for Sections 13 and 14, and adding the following as Article II, Section 2:

Awards Subcommittee: The Convention Committee shall select three persons who have not engaged in activities eligible for awards as defined in this Article to serve as an Awards Subcommittee. The Awards Subcommittee shall have sole authority to solicit and count nominations and votes for awards as defined in this Article and to decide questions of eligibility.

This motion was submitted by Louis Epstein and Gregory Baker. It mandates use of an Awards Subcommittee, which was previously optional.

ITEM 12: MOVED, to amend the WSFS Constitution by deleting Article II, Section 6.

This motion was submitted by Louis Epstein and Gregory Baker. It eliminates the Best Non-Fiction Book Hugo.

ITEM 13: MOVED, to amend the WSFS Constitution by deleting Article II, Section 7.

This motion was submitted by Louis Epstein and Robert Sacks. It eliminates the Best Dramatic Presentation Hugo.

ITEM 14: MOVED, to amend the WSFS Constitution by substituting the following for Article II, Sections 9 and 10:

Best Professional Magazine: Any periodical devoted to science fiction and/or fantasy published during the previous calendar year, produced primarily by persons for whom it is the main source of income.

Best Amateur Magazine: Any periodical devoted to science fiction and/or fantasy published during the previous calendar year, produced primarily by persons for whom it is not the main source of income.

Best Non-Periodical Editor: Any person engaged in the editing of science fiction and/or fantasy for non-periodical publication (editors of anthology series shall be eligible).

This motion was submitted by Louis Epstein and Laurie Mann.

ITEM 15: MOVED, to amend the WSFS Constitution by inserting the words "with the right of general attendance at the current convention" between the words "members" and "who" in the second sentence of Article III, Section 1.

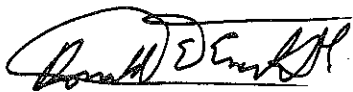
This motion was submitted by Louis Epstein and Gregory Baker. It restricts site-selection voting to those holding an attending membership in the current convention (but does not require them to be in attendance to vote).

Standing Rules for the Governance of the Worldcon Business Meeting

- RULE 1:** Business of the Annual Meeting of the World Science Fiction Society shall be transacted in one or more sessions called Preliminary Business Meetings and one or more Main Business Meetings. The first session shall be designated as a Preliminary Business Meeting. At least eighteen (18) hours shall elapse between the final Preliminary Business Meeting and the one or more Main Business Meetings. One Business Meeting session shall also be designated the Site-Selection Meeting where site-selection business shall be the special order of business.
- RULE 2:** The Preliminary Business Meetings may not pass, reject, or ratify amendments to the Constitution, but the motions to "object to consideration", to "table", to "divide the question", to "postpone" to a later part of the Preliminary Business Meetings, and to "refer" to a committee to report later in the same Annual Business Meeting are in order when allowed by *Robert's Rules*. The Preliminary Business Meetings may alter or suspend any of the rules of debate included in these Standing Rules. Motions may be amended or consolidated at these Meetings with the consent of the original maker. Absence from these Meetings of the original maker shall constitute consent to amendment and to such interpretations of the intent of the motion as the Presiding Officer or the Parliamentarian may in good faith attempt.
- RULE 3:** The deadline for the submission of non-privileged new business shall be two hours after the official opening of the Convention or eighteen hours before the first Preliminary Business Meeting, whichever is later.
- RULE 4:** Six (6) identical legible copies of all proposals requiring a vote shall be submitted to the Presiding Officer before the deadline given in Rule 3 above. All proposals or motions of more than seventy-five (75) words shall be accompanied by at least one hundred (100) additional identical, legible copies for distribution to and intelligent discussion by the Meeting attendees unless they have actually been distributed to the attendees at the convention by the Convention Committee. All proposals or motions shall be legibly signed by the maker and at least one seconder. 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. The Presiding Officer will reject as out of order any proposal or motion which is obviously illegal or hopelessly incoherent in a grammatical sense.
- RULE 5:** Debate on all motions of less than fifty (50) words shall be limited to six (6) minutes. Debate on all other motions shall be limited to twenty (20) minutes; if a question is divided, these size criteria and time limits shall be applied to each section. Time shall be allotted equally to both sides of a question. Time spent on points of order or other neutral matters arising from a motion shall be charged one half to each side. The Preliminary Business Meeting may alter these limits for a particular motion by a majority vote.
- RULE 6:** Debate on all amendments to main motions shall be limited to five (5) minutes, to be divided as above.
- RULE 7:** Unless it is an amendment by substitution, an amendment to a main motion may be changed only under those provisions allowing modification through the consent of the maker of the amendment, i.e., second-order amendments are not allowed except in the case of a substitute as the first-order amendment.
- RULE 8:** A person speaking to a motion may not immediately offer a motion to close debate or to refer to a committee. Motions to close debate will not be accepted until at least one speaker from each side of the question has been heard, nor will they be accepted within one minute of the expiration of the time allotted for debate on that motion. The motion to table shall require a two-thirds vote for adoption.
- RULE 9:** In keeping with the intent of the limitations on debate time, the motion to postpone indefinitely shall not be allowed.
- RULE 10:** A request for a division of the house (an exact count of the voting) will be honored only when requested by at least ten percent (10%) of those present in the house.
- RULE 11:** 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 12:** These Standing Rules, and any others adopted by a Preliminary Business Meeting, may be suspended for an individual item of business by a two-thirds majority vote.
- RULE 13:** The sole purpose of a request for a "point of information" is to ask the Presiding Officer or the Parliamentarian for his opinion of the effect of a motion or for his guidance as to the correct procedure to follow. Attempts to circumvent the rules of debate under the guise of "points of information" or "points of order" will be dealt with as "dilatatory motions" as specified in *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised*.
- RULE 14:** Citations to Articles, Sections, or specific sentences of the Society Constitution or Standing Rules are for the sake of easy reference only. They do *not* form a part of the substantive area of a motion. Correct enumeration of Articles, Sections, and Rules and correct insertions and deletions will be provided by the Secretary of the Business Meeting when the Constitution and Standing Rules are certified to the next Worldcon. Therefore, motions from the floor to renumber or correct citations will not be in order. The Secretary will also adjust any other Section of the Constitution equally affected by an amendment unless otherwise ordered by the Business Meeting. 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 and to that of the next available Business Meeting as soon as they are discovered.

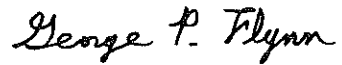
- RULE 15:** At all sessions of the Business Meeting, the hall will be divided into smoking and non-smoking sections by the Presiding Officer of the Meeting.
- RULE 16:** The World Science Fiction Society Business Meeting is a mass meeting of the Society's membership which the Convention is required to sponsor in accordance with the WSFS Constitution and these Standing Rules. Therefore, (1) the quorum is the number of people present and (2) the decisions of the Chair as to who is entitled to the floor are not subject to appeal. The motion to adjourn the Main Meeting will be in order *after* the amendments to the Constitution proposed at the last Worldcon Business Meeting for ratification at the current Business Meeting have been acted upon.
- RULE 17:** If time permits at the Site-Selection Meeting, bidders for the convention one year beyond the date of the Worldcon being voted upon will be allotted five (5) minutes each to make such presentations as they may wish.
- RULE 18:** These Standing Rules shall continue in effect until altered, suspended, or rescinded by the action of any Business Meeting. Amendment, suspension, or rescission of these Standing Rules may be done in the form of a motion from the floor of any Business Meeting made by any member of the Business Meeting, and such action will become effective immediately after the end of the Business Meeting at which it was passed.

The above copy of the Standing Rules for the Governance of the Worldcon Business Meeting is hereby Certified to be true, correct, and complete:



Donald E. Eastlake, III
Presiding Officer

1982/4/30
Convention II Business Meeting



George P. Flynn
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