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\$3.50 - must be paid by 1 June, Mark

MEMBERSHIP LAPSED: Don Ashby, John Berry, Kitty Vigo (all for lack of activity), Kevin Dillon (fees unpaid). Ken Ford did not respond to invitation to join.

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If you've been watching the waiting list those names may come as something of a surprise. Explanation: Stephen Campbell and Sue Pagram have moved; I do not know their new addresses, and I have not heard from them in twelve months; it seems a reasonable

THE GREAT ANZAPA MASSACREE The deadline for this mailing was 7 April, and under normal circumstances I would have been typing this official organ on the following day, Saturday 8 April. But we've had two mail strikes in these parts (the overtime ban in Adelaide continues), so I extended the deadline to 14 April. Just for the fun of it, to show you how silly the Constitution is in some respects, and to show you how easy it is to fall short of minac, here is a list of the people who would have been dropped this time round if I had enforced the rules. (Some probably will be dropped anyway. I'm writing this on 12 April, and five people are still candidates for the big drop.)

Don Ashby; John Berry; Catherine Circosta; Kevin Dillon (fees); Leigh Edmonds; Bruce Gillespie; Gary Mason (1 page); John McPharlin; Michael O'Brien; Keith Taylor (1 page); Brian Thurogood; Kitty Vigo; Ken Ford; Mark Lawrence. Well, we still would have had 16 members. Or would we? The Constitution demands 'six quarto pages of self-written material'. Paul Anderson, Allan Bray, Michael Clark, Roman Orszanski, Marc Ortlieb and John Rowley would be out if I insisted on quarto pages, and we'd be down to 10 members. But four of those ten - Peter Darling, John Foyster, Susan Wood and Bill Wright - have been granted extensions during the last year, and extensions are not provided for in the Constitution. If I had been that tough, I might well have thrown Denny Lien out for using American quarto, and agreed retrospectively with Handfield that Eric Lindsay shouldn't be in. At this point no doubt Christine-and-Derrick, Andrew and Irwin would have resigned in protest, and I would be left talking to myself.

JOHN FOYSTER suggests an easier method of dumping 29 members in this mailing. His envisioned holocaust could be avoided simply by adding a few words to the second sentence of clause 4: 'Mailing deadlines, *not earlier than the first day of those months*, may be announced by the Official Bloody Editor.'

BRIAN THUROGOOD suggests that we change the six-pages rule to a word-count rule. Well, good luck to you, mate. Back in '69 or '70 I put up an amendment to that effect - 3000 words, I think I suggested - and the idea was greeted with a little opposition and much apathy, and the amendment was lost. Since the Constitution assumes that members can't count to 30 (that's the only reason for requiring 35 copies of contributions), I rather doubt that a word-count rule would ever be passed.

Of Brian's three pages in this mailing, incidentally, only one is self-written. Brian should really be turfed out for not contributing 'six quarto pages of self-written material' in the required period, but he has said such nice things about me in Kosmic Kiwi that I've let him stay in.

YOUR NEW O.B.E. is Gary Mason, boy attorney. The official teller, Bill Wright, tells me that 19 members voted and one abstained (eight members didn't vote - not-voting is different from abstaining). Gary got 14 votes, Derrick 5. Members who haven't read the Constitution lately are advised to do so. Gary has mellowed over the years, but he still isn't as generous as I have been these past twelve months.

ANZAPACON Altogether I've heard about half a dozen reports on the meeting held at Unicon to discuss Anzapacon, but I haven't heard anything directly from Leigh Edmonds or John Foyster, who I gather are organizing it. If the reports are correct, I... well, I don't know what to think. Certainly it's not the kind of convention I had in mind, and equally certainly, I just won't be able to attend if there's a no-smoking rule. I'm not in a position to argue about this, and neither is John Foyster; he can't stand it and I can't do without it. I don't smoke at John's place (I go outside), and when John stays at our place I try to smoke as little as possible. So the main question about Anzapacon is: Why hold it at John Foyster's place?

I gather it's a big place, where John lives now, but is it big enough for a convention with 60 or 70 members? I'm told that the idea is to invite only the current members of ANZAPA and selected ex-members and waitlisters. My idea was to invite all members of ANZAPA, past, present and prospective — and I said as much in the last official organ.

The best reason for holding it at John's place is that it would be a very cheap convention. The best reason for limiting membership to current members and selected persons is that it would keep out undesirable elements. These are precisely the things I would have in mind if I were holding a party — but not what I had in mind when I suggested a convention to celebrate ANZAPA's tenth anniversary.

ANZAPA is pretty financial at present (sound economic management, folks! — I learnt it all from Bill Hayden), and could probably subsidize the convention to the extent of about \$100, if you agree. I suggest we hold a regular, old-fashioned, Australian convention (the sort we used to have before we started getting grandiose ideas, like living in hotels and flying-in overseas guests of honour), and for sheer nostalgia's sake have suggested we try to book the Capri Theatre at Murrumbidgee. Maybe we could find some other place closer to town, or to St Kilda or Carlton or wherever most members without cars would be staying. That's something we would have to leave to the discretion of Melbourne members. Basically, we need a place where we can show films (fannish, mainly) and mount displays and so on, and maybe do a bit of collating if the program turns out that way. And we need places for interstate and out-of-town members to sleep in. And somewhere to eat. St Kilda and Carlton have it all over Murrumbidgee in the latter respect. But Melbourne's a pretty civilized town, on the whole, and the weekend of 7-8 October isn't a holiday there, so it shouldn't be too hard to find places where you can sleep and eat.

I have two main feelings about this convention, or party, or reunion, or whatever you care to call it. The first is that it should be fannish, the second that it should be instructive. Fannish is easy: we can have a party any time we like. The 'instructive' bit is not so easily organized. We are involved in the hobby of publishing fanzines. Most of us could do with some practical advice in such matters as how to use the machines available to us — typewriters, duplicators and so on. And we

could certainly do with some advice on fannish ethics and tradition. Are you obliged to write mailing comments in your apazine? Has the Paul Stevens Show really been going since 1937? And so on.

In other words, we aren't getting together to discuss science fiction — and we aren't planning to have a convention of the conventional kind. We are fans, in particular fanzine fans, and we're getting together to celebrate ten years of ANZAPA and to learn something about how ANZAPA came into existence, and how we can do what we are doing better, and maybe make ANZAPA better (good as it is), and maybe, if we're very lucky, learn things that will not only make us more proficient fanzine-publishers but also more capable communicators.

Yes, it's a lot to aim for, but it's worth trying, don't you think?

Gary Mason has outlined in this mailing the kind of convention we had in mind. He has missed a few details I would have mentioned, but basically the convention he's talking about is the one I would like to see. I particularly like the idea of conscripting office-machine people (IBM, Olivetti, Adler, Roneo, Gestetner, Fordigraph and so on) to tell us (a) what they are marketing at the moment, and (b) how to get the best out of their machines. I'm sure this could be organized, and that it would be most useful to us. (I mean, after twelve years I am still learning things about typing stencils and operating Roneo duplicators...) I would love to hear Noel Kerr, a former member of ANZAPA, on the subjects of electrostencils and the preparation of material for offset. Wouldn't you? (Noel is a printer by trade, and devoted to his profession and hobby. I mention that in case you've never heard of him.) These are examples of what I had in mind.

And of course there would be panels — discussions and reminiscences and so on, about how we go about putting fanzines together and why we bother — and slide-shows and films and... Gary and I reckon that between us we have about 500 slides that would be of interest to people interested in Australian fandom. That's just two of us. There must be thousands more slides we could look at. Maybe we could get Rusty Hevelin's Aussiecon slide-show: that would really be something. And there are films: the two Aussie-Fan films for a start (neither of which I have seen with sound), and others, like Ron Clarke's films of Advention 1 (1972) and the bus trip to Heicon, and some overseas films we could probably get if we acted soon.

The Constitution doesn't provide for tenth-anniversary celebrations. What you must do, I guess, if you prefer the ideas I've outlined to the rumoured Anzapacon that Leigh and John have in mind, is write to me or Gary or John or Leigh with your ideas and opinions, and between us we'll sort out something definite by next mailing.

And let's not forget the matter of waitlisters and former members attending this convention! The more the merrier, I say! (What do you say?)

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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Receipts: Fraser	1.00	
Stokes	1.00	
McCormack	1.00	
Fitch	1.00	152.94
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Provision for postage, April: 40.00		111.49
Balance, 17 April		\$111.49

ON THE NEXT PAGE is a proposed special rule. It shouldn't be necessary to say that only members may vote (that is, the twenty-five members listed), but I understand that some waitlisters and persons-invited-to-join have submitted ballots at various times, so maybe it's necessary after all.

And that marks the end of this 'exiting instalment' (thank you, Paul Anderson) of the ANZAPA official organ. I can't deny (thank you, Douglas Lockwood) that it hasn't been fun.

JB, OBE

16.4.78

Doodle here, McPharlin

PROPOSED SPECIAL RULE

Gary Mason (whom God preserve) of Nailsworth proposeth:

SPECIAL RULE 4

(a) Notwithstanding anything in section 8 of the Constitution to the contrary, a meeting that complies with this rule may propose and pass an amendment to the Constitution, provided that a majority of the number of members for the time being votes in favour of the amendment.

(b) Members not living in the State or Territory where the meeting is held (or, where the meeting is not held in Australia, the country where the meeting is held) may vote by proxy at a meeting that complies with this rule.

(c) A meeting complies with this rule if two-thirds of the members for the time being are physically present at it, and all members have been notified of the meeting at least 28 days prior to its being held.

I am in favour of this Special Rule

I am not in favour of this Special Rule

Delete one, sign here —

and return this form by 23 May 1978 to:

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Irwin was selected at random from a select list of people who have not so far acted as teller for an ANZAPA vote. Congratulations, Irwin!

Gary's reason for proposing this Special Rule is outlined in his contribution to this mailing.

You are not obliged to use this form to register your vote.



