

# THE RETURN OF OBERON

A SORT OF PETITION TO MEMBERS OF ANZAPA  
TO RESTORE MICHAEL O'BRIEN  
TO THE BOSOM OF THE ASSOCIATION

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One of the sad things about Anzapacon for me was that Michael O'Brien wasn't there. Not only that, but because he had nothing in the mailing (apart from the four pages in Leigh's anthology, which apparently doesn't count) and hadn't paid his dues for the current year, Anzapacon marked the end of Mike's membership — which, you probably know, is unique in that it goes back unbroken to Mailing 3, February 1969. (I resigned and rejoined once, between mailings, so my membership is not strictly continuous from Mailing 1.) Every organization needs living fossils, and that would be a good enough reason to keep Michael in ANZAPA, but there are better reasons.

A few of us wondered whether Michael had lost interest. I rang him a few nights ago, and he certainly hasn't: he's just been caught up in the kind of personal business that interrupts fannish activity — the sort of thing that happens to all of us from time to time and is no excuse as far as the OBE is concerned. A few people now enjoying membership do so because they were experiencing similar difficulties when (as OBE) I rang to ask them whether they would like to ask me for an extension, so I know how often this happens. Mind you, it's not part of the OBE's job to do this sort of thing. Mike said he'd wanted very much to be at Anzapacon, but he just couldn't make it, and he'd had some funny dreams about being there, chatting to Michael Creaney and Robin Johnson, and I said Michael Creaney wasn't there but Robin was, only not the way you'd remember him, and Mike said he couldn't imagine a skinny Robin Johnson, and (you know) we just talked of this and that, and he's obviously pretty dejected about being dropped from ANZAPA and not getting a copy of the tenth anniversary mailing, and I said I would do what I could.

What I can do is propose a Special Rule, a slightly unusual one, but I'm assured it's Constitutional. So Sally and I propose THAT *Michael O'Brien be restored to membership of ANZAPA, he having undertaken to fulfil his membership obligations immediately on being so restored.*

The proposal requires no seconder, but is supported by (among others) Bill Wright and Gary Mason.  
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