

The DUFF Ballot 1995 -- North America to Australasia

Since 1972, the Down Under Fan Fund, a fan-supported fellowship, has encouraged closer ties between science fiction fans in Australasia and North America through an alternating annual exchange of representatives. DUFF is supported by voluntary contributions from fans all over the world. DUFF delegates attend Worldcon or a national convention in the host country and visit fans they might otherwise never meet in person. Delegates are responsible for raising funds and administering DUFF until a new delegate from their continent is elected, and are expected to publish trip reports.

Donations: DUFF exists solely on the donations and contributions of fans and fan organisations. Please give generously. Anyone may contribute, and donations in excess of the voting donation are gratefully accepted. Checks should be made out to Richard Smith (in North America) or Alan Stewart (in Australasia). Money should always be sent in the administrators home currency.

Voting: DUFF uses the preferential system of balloting to guarantee an automatic runoff and a majority win. You rank the candidates in order of preference (1, 2, 3...). If there is no absolute majority for one candidate after the first count of votes, first-place votes for the lowest-ranking candidate are dropped and the second-place votes on those ballots are assigned to the candidates named. This goes on until one candidate has a majority. It is therefore important to vote for second, third, etc., places, especially if you choose to write in a candidate. (You are not required to fill in more than your name, address and first choice.)

Ballots must be signed and accompanied by a donation of at least \$4 in United States currency or \$6 in Australian currency. You must return the entire ballot (both sides). You may vote only once.

Voters' Eligibility: Anyone who has been active in fandom since October 1993 or before may vote. "Active in fandom" means involved in fannish pursuits, such as fanzine writing, convention running or club participation. (If you're not sure whether you're active in fandom, you probably aren't.) Voting is limited to natural persons.

Candidates: Three North American and two Australasian fans have stood as nominators for each of the candidates. Each candidate has provided a \$25 bond, a brief written platform and a description of previous Australasian travel, and promised (barring acts of God) to travel to Thylacon, the 1995 Australian National Convention, June 10-12, in Hobart, Tasmania, and to serve as administrator of the fund until a new North American delegate is elected.

Deadline: Ballots must be postmarked by 28 February and reach an administrators by 5 March, 1995.

DUFF 1995 -- Voting Ballot

Please print clearly and legibly. List in order of preference (1, 2, 3, etc.):

- Nancy Tucker
- Pat & Roger Sims
- Lucy Schmeidler

- Write-in _____
- Hold Over Funds
- No Preference

Name

Signature

Street

Voters must be natural persons who have been active in fandom since before October 1993. If you think you may be unknown to the administrators, please give the name of a fan or fan group (other than a candidate or nominator) who can vouch that you meet these criteria:

City

State/Province

Postal Code

Country

Phone

E-mail

\$ _____

Donation (Your generosity is appreciated)

Reference

Reference address

1995 DUFF Candidates' Platforms

Nancy Tucker

I've been active in fandom for 20 years, a regular contributor to ApaCorps and a current member of The Secret Garden, assisted Larry Tucker with his audio and video fanzines, performed in a "radio" skit at ConClave, audio- and video-taped fannish activities since the '70s, been active in the Science Fiction Oral History Association since its founding, currently vice-president and editor of the *SFOHA Newsletter*, held numerous convention committee positions including three years as chairman of ConFusion, and assisted with several Worldcon masquerades. I enjoy meeting people, partying and am officially licensed by Bob Tucker to lead Smooths!

Previous Australasian travel: None

Nominators: Mike Glicksohn, Rusty Hevelin, Eric Lindsay, Marc Ortlieb, Wilson "Bob" Tucker.

Pat & Roger Sims

Besides having jolly fun running for DUFF, Pat and Roger feel we would be good representatives from this side of the Pacific Ocean. Roger has been active in fandom since 1949, Pat since 1962. Roger has been a Worldcon co-chair; a Worldcon fan guest of honor; member of two apas; editor of *Fantasy-Scope*; contributor to *Mimosa*. Pat edits Roger's pubbing, runs the Cincinnati Fantasy Group's con suites and is its treasurer. Her activities would serve well in administering DUFF funds. If selected, we promise to visit as many fans in Australia as possible. Pat's daily trip journal would be supplemented by Roger and pubbed by the end of 1995.

Previous Australasian travel: We were fortunate enough to be able to attend Aussiecon I (Daffodil Charter) in 1975, meeting fans in Sydney, Melbourne, and Hobart.

Nominators: Stephen Boucher, Bill Bowers, Robin Johnson, Dick & Nicki Lynch, Bruce Pelz.

Lucy Schmeidler

Although I read SF in the '50s, I only learned of organised fandom in 1980, when a chance-met acquaintance interested me in Lunacon, and through that, the other area conventions. In 1989, I helped found the Jewish Science Fiction league. I am currently a member of the New York Science Fiction Society (Lunarians) and the Science Fiction Association of Bergen County, US correspondent of the SF Review radio show (Adelaide) and editor of *Jews in Space*, the newsletter of the Jewish science fiction community. I have also had some short fiction and nonfiction published in US and Australian magazines.

Previous Australasian travel: None

Nominators: Terry Dowling, Shariann Lewitt, Peter McNamara, Robert J. Sawyer, F. Paul Wilson.

Send this entire ballot with US\$4 or A\$6 (or more) donation to an administrator by 28 February, 1995.

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