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CONSTITUTION OF THE FANTASY AMATEUR PRESS ASSOCIATION

Article 1 - Name - The name of this organization shall be the Fantasy Amateur Press Association.

Article 2 - Purpose - Its purpose shall be to unite in fraternity the writers, artists, and editors of amateur publications pertaining to fantasy; to promote such publishing; to better the abilities of the members in their fields; and to provide an appreciative audience for the amateur fantasy enthusiast.

Article 3 - Membership - Membership, with the exception of the librarian of the amateur press, shall be limited to those who can show proof by credential of their interest in fantasy amateur activity, which shall consist of one of the following: (a) Contributions, in form of poetry, drawing, fiction, or non-fiction writing, published in two fantasy amateur publications not produced in the same city. (b) Position as editor or publisher of at least one issue of a fantasy amateur publication. The credential shall have been published within the year prior to acceptance of application.

Article 4 - Limitation of membership - Not more than fifty persons shall be members of the Fantasy Amateur Press Association at any one time.

Article 5 - Privileges - Active members in good standing shall be entitled to run for office, vote in all elections, receive the official organ and all publications mailed with it in the official mailings, use the Association emblem on stationery or masthead or in any other honorable way, and participate in all other activities and benefits. Members, with the exception of the librarian of the amateur press, who shall have had credentials published during the preceding twelve months, but none thru the FAPA, shall have the foregoing privileges with the exceptions that they shall not vote nor receive office, nor rejoin upon expiration of dues until any previous applications for membership shall have been disposed of.

Article 6 - Official Organ - The official organ shall be called the Fantasy Amateur and shall be issued quarterly by the Official Editor and paid for out of the Association treasury. It shall have not less than four pages, and shall contain the reports of the various officials, a list of all members, and description of credentials for all new members. Other material therein shall be at the discretion of the Official Editor.

Article 7 - Officers - The officers shall be: President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, and Official Editor. No person shall be elected to the same office more than once in five years.

Article 8 - Elections - Elections shall be held by mail. Candidates whose names are to appear on the ballots shall file with the Secretary-Treasurer in writing. The ballots shall be included in the June mailing each year. All votes to be counted shall be in by July 1. The ballots shall be counted by a committee delegated by the President. A plurality shall be sufficient to elect. Officers shall serve for one year beginning July 14th.

Article 9 - Duties of Officers - (a) The President shall direct the activities of the Association; appoint members to fill vacated offices till the next July 14th; appoint auxiliary officials to fulfill duties not provided for elsewhere or to help in the execution of the various offices; and perform such duties as devolve on an executive officer. He shall have all necessary powers to deal with such situations not otherwise covered by this Constitution. (b) The Vice-President shall take over the President's office in case it shall be vacated; serve as chairman of the Laureate Committee; and act as the judiciary of the Association. (c) The Secretary-Treasurer shall accept or reject membership applications and renewals; keep a written record of all expenditures and receipts; submit to the Official Editor financial reports, lists of members, description of credentials, and information on expiration of dues, for publication

in the official organ; furnish the Official Editor material for preparation of the ballot; transfer the records and funds to his successor; and perform other duties as devolve on such an officer. (d) The Official Editor shall prepare the ballot; maintain a register of active members; and publish the official organ. He shall mail with it copies of publications of which members shall have provided him sufficient copies to cover the entire membership. The mailing dates shall be the first Saturday in March, June, September, and December of each year.

Article 10 - FAPA Publications - Members shall not be obligated to use the official mailings, nor shall they be obliged to publish free publications, but all items sent thru the official mailings shall be given gratis as exchanges for all members. Publications sent thru the official mailings shall have been reproduced thru the medium of printing press, mimeograph, hektograph, photograph, or any other means of duplication producing identical copies other than carbon-copy; and shall represent to a substantial extent the work of a member of the Association.

Article 11 - Dues - The membership dues shall be fifty cents a year, to accompany each application for membership or renewal. If the Secretary-Treasurer shall find insufficient funds to cover the next mailing, sufficient equal assessments shall be made on each member, and members not complying shall not receive that mailing.

Article 12 - Amendments - Amendments to the Constitution shall be proposed in writing, signed by four members. The original shall be sent to the President, copies to the other officers. Such amendments shall be voted upon at the annual election, unless the President shall order a special vote. A majority vote of the active membership shall be necessary for the adoption of new amendments. A similar majority may at any time, thru an instrument in petition form, override any acts of or impeach officials, or suspend sections of this Constitution in particular cases without repealing them.

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Constitution proposed in April, 1940, as substitute for old constitution, by Jack F. Speer, Milton A. Rothman, Elmer E. Perdue, and John V. Baltadonis. Ballot formally voted on by membership of the Association at time of June elections, 1940, and accepted -- 22 votes in favor of change, 1 vote against.