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AMENDMENT TO CHANGE LASFS CONSTITUTION: Presented in writing at the 1442nd meeting of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society (1 April, 1965) by Ed & Anne Cox, Dave Hulan. An amendment to change the meeting date from Thursday to Friday if place available.

THIS AMENDMENT WILL BE UP FOR VOTE AT THE BUSINESS SESSION OF THE 1444th MEETING: ON 15 APRIL, 1965.

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VOTERS: To be eligible to vote on this issue, you must be a member of LASFS, & have your dues paid up to and including this meeting. Voters who wish to send in proxy votes, see below. Don't forget the voting date; 15 April, 1965 (Thursday).

CONSTITUTION: Article IV: Meetings. The Society shall meet every Thursday night... except when membership approves a cancellation or a special meeting.

CONSTITUTION: Article VIII Amendments & By-Laws. Amendments... must be proposed in writing by three active members, read to the meeting, and must be the first item of business at the next business meeting. Upon approval of 3/4 of those present, they shall take immediate effect.

BY-LAWS: Article IV: Proxies. Sec. 1: Any active member who has attended 4 or more meetings within the previous 3-month period may vote by proxy.
Sec. 2: Said proxy shall be written, dated, and shall contain the name of the person who is to vote the proxy, and the general nature of the matter to be voted upon, but need not specify how vote is cast.

Arguments, pro and con, are on reverse side of this sheet. LASFS is interested in knowing how many of you Out There in Newsletterland would attend even an occasional meeting if jobs, school, baby-sitting problems, etc, did not interfere. So whether or not you are for or against the ammendment in question, please fill out the poll below (or its equivilant on a postcard), answering questions as fully as possible; it will be a service to the club and help make the future meetings better for all, perhaps.

THIS IS A POLL: NOT A BALLOT!

Tearalong, the dotted lion

1. Do you attend LASFS meetings: regularly(), sometimes(), special programs(), never().
2. WHY?
3. Would you attend regularly IF (name circumstances):
4. Could you attend more conveniently on: Thursday(), Friday(), Other night.....
5. What interferes with Thursday meetings? Class(), Studies(), Job(), Distance(), Getting up early(), Babysitters(), Other.....
6. What would interfere with Friday meetings? Traffic(), Job(), Other events(What?) Other(please specify).....
7. What changes (aside from this amendment now) would you like to see in LASFS?

Return to: Dave Hulan, Director
19018 Bryant, #5
Northridge, Calif.

YOUR NAME:
ADDRESS:

CHANGE MEETING NIGHTS FROM THURSDAY TO FRIDAY? Arguments:

AGAINST:

1. Playground may not be available; why not wait until club house is built?
2. Kal's & other restaurants are more crowded & noisy on Fridays.
3. Card games go on at the Lab and some of us aren't interested.

(The Lab: 619 S, Hobart, home of Hannifen, Harness, Simpson, etc.)

4. Traffic problems on Friday; everyone goes out for the weekend then.
5. Fans travel more on Friday, leaving then for Berkeley, camping, etc.
6. There are more events to draw away from meetings on Friday than Thur; concerts, shows, parties, etc.
7. It would be harder to get speakers to come on Friday; they are more likely to have their time already taken.

8. Possible loss of old-time fan or pro who wouldn't know of change.

9. Nothing should interfere with LASFS, if you really want to attend, even studies or next-day jobs. Night classes last only one semester, usually. People who have to study must decide for themselves what is most important to them. Do we really need kids in the club?

10. People who live far away would probably not come to more than 1 or 2 meetings a month anyway. Changing to Friday won't affect more than 1 or 2 people, probably.

* Send your viewpoints & arguments in, *
* if you can't attend the 15 April meet- *
* ing to vote; send a proxy if eligible. *

FOR:

1. We'll know by April 8 on playground; it may be a long wait for the club house.

2. Sources at Kal's say LASFS "trained" others to leave space on Thursday; it may take longer to do this on Friday. Fans are also going to the Lab instead; why not fire up the club coffee pot there, then?

3. Card games take up one room of a rather large building.

4. To get to meetings on time by bus, fans must travel at rush hour, Thur or Fri. Freeways are always busy, but most traffic will be outbound while fans are inbound.

5. Not more than 5 or 6 times a year out of a possible 50-plus meetings.

6. How many meetings out of 50+ would you miss annually? How many concerts & shows aren't also presented on Sat &/or Sun?

7. Most speakers, because of jobs next day, are reluctant to appear on a week night. They find it easier to fit in a Fri somewhere.

8. If they know so little of current LASFS, they will have to phone a local fan to find out even where the club meets.

9. Some fans go to night school constantly; Tue & Thur classes are too often ones they need. Really wanting to come to LASFS may go by the board in the face of poor work on the job, bad grades, and lousing up one's future, scholastically.

10. But 1 or 2 meetings per month is better than only a few per year. The number of people gained per meeting isn't important; we worked hard for 10 days of the Hobby Show & got only a couple of new members. Ask anyone who knows Blake Maxam or Anne Cox if the effort was worth so few people.

#A LASFS Newsletter Special edited by Bjo

TOP SECRET!

Colin Freeman is an active British fan in his late 20's whose humorous writings have appeared in Bill Danner's STEPAVASY, Dave Hale's LES SPINGE, with letters in other fanzines. As a member of OMPA, he contributes MEIN OMP-F and also publishes a genzine, SCRIBBLE. But Colin has never been to a science fiction convention, because he cannot move from his bed.

A victim of Ankylosis Spondilitis*, Colin does all his fanac and correspondence flat on his back in a hospital. Visitors to his bedside and fans who have exchanged letters find Colin a cheerful and interesting person to know. So a group of fans decided to try to get Colin to the Loncon II. This will be an expensive project, for a special bed, equipment and supplies will have to be bought or rented, and a full-time special nurse hired for the duration. This will cost an estimated £150 to £200, or about \$500 in round US currency.

THERE IS A DEADLINE: The Loncon II is August 28, 29, & 30 and arrangements will have to be made well ahead of time to move Colin and hire a nurse, so the money will be needed by the end of July, 1965.

This project is to be kept an ABSOLUTE SECRET from Colin Freeman to avoid any disappointment should the fund not reach the required amount. Any questions should be directed to the addresses which appear here, and no mention in fanzines or letters concerning the fund should be sent to Colin. Pass the word to all interested fans, but always with the admonition of secrecy concerning Colin himself. Some fans are beginning to refer to the project as Operation Andy Capp (a British cartoon character), to avoid making a slip which might reach Colin.

Ron Bennett, Ethel Lindsay, Eric Bentcliffe and George Locke are the Anglofen responsible for starting the fund. US fans in on developing the project include Dave & Nitya Hulan, Bruce & Dian Pelz, and John & Bjo Trimble. Donations may be sent to:

Ron Bennett, 52 Fairways Dr.,
Starbeck, Harrogate,
Yorkshire, England

--OR--

David G. Hulan, Apt. #5,
19018 Bryant St.,
Northridge, California 91325

Private funds have been collected before; to get John Berry to Detention, Walt & Madeline Willis to Chicon III, and bed-ridden Marijane Johnson to Seacon. It can be done again if everyone contributes even a few coins; it is surprising how fast that can add up to hard cash. A recent card party netted over \$12.00 in just small change for the fund.

Enterprising fans can add to the fund with auctions and raffles at club meetings and parties, and even rake-offs at card games. A special bank passed around at meetings or left on a table at a gathering can collect loose pocket change. Donations of books, art, and other items of interest for a mail auction, raffle at a meeting, or auction at the forthcoming Westercon XVIII (July 3, 4, & 5, 1965) will be gladly accepted. ALL donors of money and/or materials will be listed in Ron Bennett's SKYRACK when the fund is completed.

\$500 is a lot of money, but it seems little enough to spend on giving Colin the time of his life at a convention with his friends; something he has never done more than dream about before this fund was started. DON'T WAIT UNTIL THE DEADLINE: the sooner the fund is completed, the sooner Colin can be told about the fun in store for him, so he may have that special joy of anticipation.

*from COLIN FREEMAN ONLY - tell others!

[*Ankylosis: fixation of a joint or two or more bones to form a single bone, and; Spondilitis: tuberculous inflammation of the vertebrae....]

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CONSTITUTION
of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society

ARTICLE I: NAME AND PURPOSE

The organization shall be known as the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society, whose purpose is to bring together those interested in science fiction and fantasy for the furtherance of their common interest.

ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP

Membership in this Society shall be of three classes; Active Members, Inactive Members, and Honorary Members, and shall be open to all persons sharing our common interest, regardless of age, sex, race, creed, or political affiliations.

ARTICLE III: OFFICERS

The duly elected officers of this Society, in order of succession, shall be the Director, Senior Committeeman, Junior Committeeman, Secretary, and Treasurer, who shall compose the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE IV: MEETINGS

The Society shall meet each Thursday night in rooms designated as Freehafer Hall, except when the membership approves a cancellation, or a special meeting.

ARTICLE V: PROPERTIES

The Society shall maintain, insofar as it is practical, a clubroom, a library, and publishing equipment for the use of the members, in accordance with rules formulated for the use and maintenance of said properties.

ARTICLE VI: AFFILIATIONS

This Society may at any time, by a majority vote of the active membership, affiliate itself with organizations of a similar nature, so long as it retains full independence of action.

ARTICLE VII: AMMENDMENTS AND BY-LAWS

Section 1: Ammendments to this Constitution must be proposed in writing by three active members, read to the meeting, and must then be the first item of business at the next business meeting. Upon approval of $3/4$ of those present, they shall take immediate effect.

Section 2: Additions and changes in the By-Laws must be proposed in writing, read at a meeting, and upon receiving a $2/3$ vote at the next business meeting, shall take immediate effect.

ARTICLE VIII: AUTHORITY

This Constitution shall supersede all such previous documents and shall be the highest authority of the Society.

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BY - LAWS
of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society

ARTICLE I: DUES

Section 1: Active members shall pay \$1.25 per month, or 35¢ per meeting attended, as the member may elect, as dues. Monthly dues are payable during that month.

Section 2: Members over three months in arrears in dues shall be designated delinquent, and may not vote.

Section 3: Upon approval of the Executive Committee, such delinquent members may resume status of active membership upon payment of \$1.00, in lieu of amount in arrears.

ARTICLE II: DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1: The Director shall exercise executive control over the affairs of the Society, preside at all meetings when present, appoint and serve on all committees, appoint the Editor/s/, Librarian, Sergeant-at-Arms, Gestetner Representative, and such other officers as are deemed necessary, and perform all other duties incumbent upon his office.

Section 2: The Senior Committeeman shall preside in the absence of the Director and report to the Society the actions of the Executive Committee.

Section 3: The Junior Committeeman shall welcome new members and visitors.

Section 4: The Secretary shall keep proper minutes for each meeting, read the same at the following meeting, and file them in properly typed form where they shall be accessible to any member upon demand. He shall handle correspondence of the Society and shall notify all active members of the date and purpose of all elections and proposed constitutional changes, and special events.

Section 5: The Treasurer shall receive, dispurse, and account for all funds of the Society and present a statement of the financial status of the Society at each regular meeting. He shall keep a record of the attendance of each member, listing his name, address, at which meetings he was in attendance, and at which meetings dues were paid, any delinquent dues; and notify the Director when any member is ineligible to vote.

Financial records and reports shall be kept and shall be accessible to any member upon demand. Personal records of attendance and dues will be restricted to the Executive Committee.

Section 6: Appointed officers shall serve at the pleasure of the Executive Committee. The duties of such officers shall be determined by the Executive Committee.

Section 7: Any officer of the Society may be removed for misfeasance, malfeasance, or non-feasance in office upon petition by five members to a business meeting, and affirmative vote of 3/4 of those present at the next business meeting.

ARTICLE III: ELECTIONS

Section 1: Elections of officers shall take place during the last meeting in June and December each year, except when such meeting falls on a Holiday, in which case elections shall be held at the last meeting preceeding the Holiday.

Section 2: Nominations for Director shall be made one week before elections.

Section 3: Election of the Director shall be followed by nomination and election of the Secretary, nomination and election of the Treasurer, nomination and election of the Senior Committeeman, and nomination and election of the Junior Committeeman.

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ARTICLE IV: PROXIES

Section 1: Any Active Member who has attended four or more meetings within the previous three-month period may vote by specific proxy.

Section 2: Said proxy shall be written, and dated, and shall contain the name of the person who is to vote the proxy, and the general nature of the matter to be voted upon, but need not specify how the vote is to be cast.

ARTICLE V: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee shall consider any Society business referred to it by the Director and report its findings to the Society, approve applications for membership in the Society, have supervisory responsibility for the publications of the Society, and shall act in any matters affecting the Society and not covered elsewhere in the By-Laws.

ARTICLE VI: FINANCES

Section 1: All funds shall be collected and disbursed by the Treasurer as set forth in Article II, Section 5.

Section 2: Funds for specific purposes may be proposed and if necessary raised by pledges and donations and shall be handled and accounted for by a member appointed by the Director.

Section 3: The expenditure of any sum over \$10.00 must be approved by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VII: MEMBERSHIPS

Section 1: Anyone interested in joining the Society may attend three meetings as a guest.

Section 2: Prospective new members shall submit the standard application form to the Junior Committeeman and pay an initiation fee of one dollar to the Treasurer. Upon approval of the Executive Committee, their memberships shall be announced at the next meeting.

Section 3: An Active member shall be one who has attended a meeting and paid dues within the last three month period.

Section 4: Any member not having attended a meeting of paid dues in the past three month period shall be classed as an Inactive member. He may regain Active membership by attending a Society meeting and paying any delinquent dues.

Section 5: An Inactive member who wishes to remain on the mailing list may submit 35¢ within each six month period to cover postage costs.

Section 6: The title of Honorary member may be awarded to any person who has performed outstanding services to the Society, of to the science fantasy field, upon petition of three members and a 3/4 affirmative vote at any regular meeting. Such Honorary members shall be free of obligations attendant upon active or inactive members.

Section 7: To expel a member, a petition signed by five or more members must be presented to the Executive Committee and receive 3/5 approval. It shall then be presented to the membership, and if approved by 4/5 of those present, the member must resign or be expelled.

ARTICLE VIII: ORDER OF BUSINESS

Section 1: Preferred order of business shall be:

Call of order
Introduction of guests
Minutes
Treasury report
Committee reports

Old business
New Business
Announcements
Reviews
Speaker, program, or entertainment
Adjournment.

Section 2: Introduction of New business shall be restricted to the first and third meetings of each month, and the substance of such business shall be submitted in writing to the Director before the meeting. Said meetings shall be known as busniess meetings.

Section 3: Any of the foregoing may be dispensed with by the Director to make way for a guest speaker or entertainment of sufficient importance.

ARTICLE IX: PUBLICATIONS

Section 1: The Society may issue one or more publications, whose editor/s/ will be appointed by the Director.

Section 2: a) The means of financing the publication/s/ shall be determined by the Executive Committee.

b) The Society will be financially responsible for the publication/s/ and any profits accruing from such activities shall be turned over to the Treasury.

ARTICLE X: QUORUM

A quorum, defined as 15 Active members of the Society, must be present for any business requiring a vote of the Society.

ARTICLE XI: USE OF SOCIETY PROPERTY

Section 1: Members of the Society may use Society property provided they first assure the Director or his representative that they are fimiliar with the equipment, its proper use and maintenance, and that they assume full responsibility for any damage which can reasonably be attributed to their negligence, ineptitude, or carelessness.

Section 2: The Society may set up special regulations for use of particular items of equipment, and members using same must comply with said regulations.

Section 3: In the event of the dissolution of the Society all properties shall be placed in the care of the Fantasy Foundation.

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