

# THE MICHIFAN

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NEXT MEETING: The next MSFS meet will be Sunday, 2 October 1949, at the home of Howard Devore, 16535 Evanston, Detroit, Michigan. Evanston is a block north of Harper, so if you can discover what bus runs out Harper, that's the one to take. I'd like to know how I'm supposed to be able to give more explicit directions for finding places in Detroit that I've never been to myself. Anyway, try to get there by 1:00 p.m. If you see someone wandering around the neighborhood trying to find the place, wave an aSK at him, because it will probably be me.

LAST MEETING: It was at Pat Crossley's in Owosso, and was more like a convention than an ordinary meet, what with all the Cadillac slans down for it, all the Saginaw ditto there, and even Martin Alger from Mackinaw City. Besides that, we had Pfc Hal Shapiro, en route from Wyoming to Alaska with a furlough between. Plus others of the Detroit area, and Pat herself, of course.

Hal tossed a party on Saturday night to which the MSFS members were invited -- some mere humans also attended -- so the out-of-town fen stayed in Detroit all night and then migrated to Owosso on Sunday. Hal promised to write us the story of the brawl if the polar bears and eskimos don't get him first, so perhaps you'll get to read the printable portions here someday. But in the meantime, since it wasn't an official MSFS affair, I shall ignore it.

The fen present Sunday at Pat's were: Mr & Mrs Walter Nelson, Trev and Radell Nelson, Tom Kennedy and Duane Leazinby, all of Cadillac; Martin Alger of Mackinaw City; Bill Groover, Ralph Flurette and Art Rapp of Saginaw; Hal Shapiro of (???) , George Young of Farmington, Erwin Stirmweis of Detroit, and Pat herself to represent Owosso fandom. (Represent, hell! Pat is Owosso fandom!)

The crisis of the meeting came during a debate over whether to start enforcing the present MSFS constitution, or to write a new constitution based on the way the club is actually running now. Everyone but President George Young favored the rewrite job. Incautiously, George left the room during the debate, attracted by the sumptuous table of food Pat had just provided in another room. Unscrupulously, his opponents took advantage of his absence to move, second and approve a motion to rewrite the constitution. Then everyone else dashed for the food, too.

When he learned of this underhanded action, George began to protest, and threatened to use his Presidential powers to block action. Immediately a petition to impeach the President was begun, but before the necessary signatures could be obtained, George realized that the President is the official who appoints committees, and withdrew his objections. His opponents withdrew the petition.

Then everyone went for the food.

PROPOSED CONSTITUTION: Included in this issue of THE MICHIFAN is the revised constitution as written by Ralph Flurette and Art Rapp. It must be approved by two-thirds of the MSFS membership in order to become effective. Postcard ballots for this pur-

pose are included in the copies of THE MICHIFAN going to members of the MSFS. Please mark and mail these immediately so that this question may be settled as soon as possible.

The ballots include space for any criticisms of the constitution which you may have. Even if you vote YES, let us know if there is anything you particularly dislike in the proposed constitution.

We suggest you compare this constitution with the present one, which was printed in the last issue of THE MICHIFAN. The major changes are these:

Dues raised from \$1.00 to \$1.50 per year, and Associate Memberships at \$1.00 per year created for persons living outside Michigan.

Officers' duties outlined in general terms, details of carrying them out being left to the officer concerned. Treasurer duties transferred from the Director of Publications to the Secretary-Treasurer. A new post, Director of Press Relations, created.

Election procedure changed from written ballot to nomination and election at the winter State Convention. Two-year limitation on office-holding dropped.

The system of local chapters dropped. Board of Directors dropped. THE MICHIFAN designated the Official Organ (leaving THE MUTANT as a MSFS project, but no longer included in the annual dues.)

The reasons for most of these changes are obvious -- in many instances, as a simplification of operating methods. The dues increase is in order to make the annual income from dues cover normal operating expenses, so that any additional money can be used for projects. If you stop to realize that the 25 issues of THE MICHIFAN you get in one year cost 50¢ in postage alone, you can see the dues aren't excessive.

HALLOWE'EN PARTY: Hey, here's something you won't want to miss -- a MSFS Hallowe'en party, with costumes yet! -- in Owosso on Saturday night, the 29th of October. Starting at 8:30 p.m., and continuing until neighbors start throwing rocks through the windows. It's at Pat Crossley's, and you can register for it by sending her one buck at 707 W. Main St., Owosso, Michigan. If you wait until the night of the party to pay your share of the eats and drinks, it'll cost you a dollar and a half. Make it two bucks and bring the girlfriend (or boyfriend, if you're a femme yourself). Observe his/her reactions to music, dancing, weirdly-garbed stfen, and undoubtedly enough uproar to drive anyone but a fan mad, mad, MAD beyond your wildest dreams! See ya there!

NEW MEMBERS: The MSFS reached the quarter-mark on its climb toward a hundred at the last meeting, when two new members signed up --

24. Walter Nelson, 433 E. Chapin St., Cadillac, Michigan.
25. Pfc Hal Shapiro, 2349 AFORD, Hamilton AFB, California.

How about the rest of you hold-outs? Come on, jump on the bandwagon before it gets rolling too fast for ya! Send one dollar to George H. Young, 22180 Middlebelt Rd., Farmington, Michigan. If you do so before the present constitution is changed, you'll get a year's subscription to THE MUTANT, as well as insuring that you receive every ish of THE MICHIFAN during the next twelve months.

And whether you're a member or not, come to the next meeting! Even if you don't join the club, we'll be glad to see ya there!

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M I C H I G A N S C I E N C E - F A N T A S Y S O C I E T Y

PREAMBLE: Realizing that a single individual is unable to do much for fandom, we are gathering together the readers of science-fiction and fantasy in Michigan and surrounding vicinity.

We hereby establish under this Constitution the Michigan Science-Fantasy Society as a league of individuals interested in furthering the enjoyment of science-fiction and fantasy by themselves and others.

This organization is created for freedom-loving people. It is now, and shall remain, non-political, non-sectarian, and non-racial. We retain the right to refuse membership to any person, intelligent being, or BEM.

ARTICLE I - Membership:

Section 1 - Applicants for membership must register their name, address and telephone number with the Secretary.

Section 2 - Dues of \$1.50 per calendar year must accompany registration.

Section 3 - Persons residing outside the state of Michigan may become Associate Members of the MSFS upon payment of \$1.00 annual dues. Associate Members are entitled to all benefits and privileges of the MSFS except the privilege of voting.

ARTICLE II - Officers:

Section 1 - President, shall preside at meetings, act as the official spokesman of the MSFS, and see that other MSFS officers perform their various duties.

Section 2 - Vice President, shall assist the President in the performance of his duties, and shall take over as presiding officer in the absence of the President.

Section 3 - Secretary-Treasurer, shall act as custodian of all records, funds and property of the MSFS, shall maintain an accurate roster of the membership, shall issue credentials to new members, and shall be responsible for notification of forthcoming meetings, shall furnish a financial report to the Director of Publications at the end of each quarter, same to be published in the Official Organ.

Section 4 - Director of Publications, shall be responsible for production and distribution of such publications as the Society shall designate.

Section 5 - Director of Press Relations, shall be responsible for all press notices and articles pertaining to the Society being prepared for local papers of all members.

ARTICLE III - Administrative Procedure:

Section 1 - Business meetings of the MSFS shall be held according to the rules of parliamentary procedure.

Section 2 - Nomination and election of officers shall be held during the business session of the Winter state convention. All elections shall be for one calendar year (January 1 - December 31).

Section 3 - Petitions, of whatever purpose (except as provided in Section 4 of this Article), when signed by at least 10% of the membership, shall be subject to a majority vote of the membership.

Section 4 - Petitions for impeachment of officers cannot be initiated until officer has served at least 30 days in office.

Section 5 - Amendment of this Constitution may take place by two-thirds vote of the MSFS membership.

ARTICLE IV - Miscellaneous:

Section 1 - There shall be a state convention of the MSFS every six months, place and time of meeting to be determined by the membership at least 90 days in advance.

Section 2 - THE MICHIFAN shall be the Official Organ of the MSFS, and shall be published and distributed to all members and associate members, and otherwise as directed by the Secretary.

Section 3 - This Constitution shall become effective immediately upon ratification by two-thirds of the MSFS membership.

# MSFS HISTORY

The Michigan Science-Fantasy Society was organized in February 1948.

OFFICERS	1948	1949
President	Ben Singer	George Young
Vice-President	Ed Kuss	Martin Alger
Secretary	Arthur H. Rapp	Arthur H. Rapp
Director of Publications	George Young	Radell Nelson

## STATE CONVENTIONS

1. The Cadillacon, Cadillac, Michigan, 29 August 1948
2. The DeCon, Detroit, Michigan, 27-28-29 December 1948

## EXCURSIONS

Other fan events at which delegations from the MSFS were present:

1. Seventh World STF Convention, Toronto, Ont., 3-5 July 1948
2. The Beercon, Milwaukee, Wisc., 6-8 September 1948
3. The Cancon, London, Ont., May, 1949
4. Eighth World STF Convention, Cincinnati, Ohio, 3-5 Sept 1949

## REGULAR MEETINGS

Regional meetings of the MSFS have been held in the following cities of Michigan and Ontario: Cadillac, Detroit, Farmington, Grosse Pointe, Highland Park, Owosso, Pontiac, Saginaw, Windsor.

WINTER STATE CONVENTION: Saginaw's going to be the spot for this semi-annual MSFS event, and December 27-28 are the tentative dates. If present plans go through, it will serve to dedicate Saginaw's own Slan Shack; if not, it'll be held in an auditorium large enough for everyone to get into. We're going to invite all midwest fen to come up for this holiday-week convention, and surely no fan who lives right here in Michigan can afford to miss it!

Who knows, perhaps it's a rehearsal for the 1951 World STF Convention!

There'll be an auction of books, mags, and prozine originals; there'll be famous fans on hand, and very likely some pro writers as well. There'll be fans from all over the state; that alone makes it worth attending.

THE MICHIFAN will present further news of the Sagicon in coming issues, and in the meantime, don't plan anything else for December 27-28!

PORTLAND THANKS MICHIGAN: The following message comes from Don Day of the Portland (Oregon) Science-Fantasy Society, successful bidders for the 1950 World STF Convention --

Dear Art:

As usual, I'm a bit late, but anyhow here's my thanks for all the help you and the Michifen were to us in getting the 50-con. Neatly piled upon my thanks are those of the rest of the local gang.

It was indeed fortunate that you boys pitched in judging by the tie.....I'm looking forward to seeing you out here next year.

Yours,  
DON

APRIL MUTANT READY: From MUTANT editor William James of Big Bay comes the information a few days ago that Arnim Seielstad of Grosse Pointe, the production man on the MSFS mag, has the April issue all ready to mail, and is held back only because he does not have a copy of the mailing list. A situation which, we trust, will speedily be corrected. Start watching your mailbox for THE MUTANT.

'DARK WISDOM' STILL AVAILABLE: If you haven't yet bought your copy of the first Misfit Press publication -- "Dark Wisdom and Other Tales" by William James, illustrated in full color by Radell Nelson and with an introduction by Art Rapp -- do it now! 40¢ is all this beautiful volume of over 50 mimeod pages, bound in heavy paper, will cost you. It contains six stories, four of which won acclaim when published in SPACEWARP and THE MUTANT, and two of which have never before appeared in print. The edition consists of only 100 numbered copies, so don't wait until they're all gone! Order from Art Rapp, today!

CINVENTION DAILY ALSO FOR SALE: Here's a choice item for your historical collection -- the newszine written and published at the Cinvention by the MSFS in cooperation with the Fantasy Artisans' Club. The first news of Palmer's resignation from Ziff-Davis -- we were selling the DAILY in the Convention Hall before the official announcement was made! Plus many other authentic side-lights on the Cinvention -- yours for only 5¢ per copy.

