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NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of the MSFS will be held at the home of Roger Sims. The date is the 17 of February 1951. The meeting will begin at 7:30 P.M. and carry on until the usual hour. The address is 16880 Fairfield, which is one block east of Livernois on one side of the street and four blocks on the other and six houses south of Six Mile. If in doubt, which you probably will be, phone Un 3 - 6523, and ask for Heime Herkinschmer.

LAST MEETING. The last meeting was held at the home of Bennett Sims. Those present were Roger Sims, Agnus Harook, Elloit Broadick, Bennett Sims, Martin Alger, Ed Kuss, Perdita Lilly, Ben Singer, Milly Lilly, Billie Jean Rose, Ray Nelson, Winston Dawson, Hubert Rossano, and yours truly, George Young. Legislation for the evening included the changing of the name of the club from the Detroit Science - Fiction League to the Michigan Science - Fantasy Society. The dues were raised from \$1.50 to \$2.00 a year, and the weekly dues were raised from 10¢, to 10¢, 15¢, 20¢, 25¢, as per will of the club officers. In case you couldn't read the last notice, these are the officers for the coming year: Bennett Sims, president; Ed Kuss, vice president; Agnus Harook, sec - tres.; Ray Nelson, Dir. of publications.

IN EXPLANATION: In November of 1949 there was a withdrawal of the Saginaw chapter membership from the MSFS. Since the Cadillac chapter contained only two or three members this left ninety five percent of the club in and around Detroit. The Detroit chapter decided that a statewide organization would be too much red tape to try to carry on without outside help. At this time the Detroit group being rather small itself decided to put the MSFS in mothballs for the time being. As of the beginning of 1951 the Detroit S-F League is now of sufficient strength to resume the duties of the MSFS, therefore the DSFL shall be known as the MSFS. Since the constitution of the DSFL that was ratified some time in early 1950, has been lost (some where in the middle of the Sarra Desert), the DSFL has not seen a copy of the constitution for over a year. Just before the bust up of the MSFS, a new constitution had just been ratified. This constitution then, is **Reproduced below,**

CONSTITUTION of the MICHIGAN SCIENCE - FANTASY SOCIETY (proposed)

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

This organization is created for freedom loving people. It is an nonprofit, nonpolitical, nonsectarian, and nonracial organization.

ARTICLE I - Membership

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

Section 2 - Applicants must attend two consecutive meetings and then be approved by the membership. (In case applicant lives an impossible distance away from a meeting place, special consideration will be given)

Section 3 - There shall be a registration fee of 50¢ to all new members. Dues shall be two dollars a year per member, \$3.00 per married couple.

Section 4 - Persons residing outside the state of Michigan may become Associate Members of the MSFS upon payment of \$1.00 annual dues. Associate Members -

... 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 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 Pres.

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 the production and distribution of such publications as the Society shall designate.

ARTICLE III - Administrative Procedure:

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

Section 2 - President shall appoint committee chairman.

Section 3 - Nomination and election of officers shall be held during the business session of the last meeting in December. All elections shall be for one calendar year (January 1 - December 31).

Section 4 - Petitions, of whatever purpose, when signed by at least 10% of the membership, shall be subject to a vote by the membership.

Section 5 - Petitions for impeachment of officers cannot be initiated until officer has served at least 30 days in office.

Section 6 - Amendment of this constitution may take place by two-thirds vote of the 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 sent to all members and associate members, as directed by the secretary.

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

PROGRAM OF COMING MEETING: This just arrived.

Speech; A.E.vanVogt
Illustrated lecture; Origin of the Globlies
Speech; New Departures in Stf
Group Discussion; The best Stf, Fantasy, and/or Wierd Author, past or present.
A partial history of Mich. Fandom.

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