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SFPA FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance before mlg 222 sent out	\$233.19
Regular postage for mlg 222	-\$45.91
Dues received (Feller)	<u>+\$15.00</u>
Balance before mailing 223 sent out	\$202.28

FIRST CLASS ACCOUNTS

First class generally costs about \$2.25 more than book rate, depending on the weight of the mailing. Send more money if you have less than \$5 in your account. (Actually don't send more money, pending a decision on two-tiered dues, as I proposed in *The Southerner* last time.)

First class for mailing 222 was \$2.17 more than book rate, reflecting the small postal rate change on July 1st. Richard Dengrove sent \$5 to supplement his first class account. The state of the first class accounts before mailing 223 goes out is: Dengrove \$12.83; Hughes \$16.88; Koch \$4.67; Larson \$8.26; Lillian \$12.14; Wells \$4.29.

THE RULES OF SFPA

1. The membership limit is 30; we will reinstitute a waiting list when we reach that point. Copy requirement is two more than the current roster count.
2. Minimum activity is 6 pages of original and personal writing and/or artwork in every two consecutive mailings.
3. Dues are \$15 per year, payable by the deadline of the mailing listed by each member's name. Failure to pay dues on time can result in the OE holding the mailing until dues are paid. I have adopted Liz's practice of including a pre-addressed envelope in the mailing of members who owe dues, as a reminder and a convenience.
4. How much sex, fun, and friendship can one man take?
5. It costs \$5 to join the waiting list and an additional \$3 annually to remain on the list. Waiting listers must respond to the OO at least once every other mailing. Mailings are available to waiting listers and other interested parties for \$5 each on a first-come, first-serve basis.
6. Cohabiting couples can share a membership slot. Each member must meet minac and each has a vote. But they share one mailing and just one set of dues is required.
7. As expounded in SFPA's constitution, the contents of each zine are the responsibility of the contributor, not the Official Editor, who doesn't actually exercise any editorial control, but only acts as a distribution agent.
8. Always read *The Southerner* or you may not know what changes the OE is making, or how thankfully he is that we all survived September 11th.

SFPA ROSTER AND WAITING LIST NEWS

As usual, copies of *The Southerner* will go to **Robert Lichtman**, PO Box 30, Glen Ellen CA 95442, and **Arnie Katz**, 330 S Decatur, #152, Las Vega NV 89102. I'm also sending **Jane Dennis** a copy, following up from the mailing I sent last time.

Steve Hughes has given up life on Park Avenue in Atlanta for Green Acres Eljay. Note his Change of Address.

mike weber asked me to mention that he misfolded one eight-page section near the back of his zine. Those pages are numbered "1" to "8" to indicate the order in which they should be read.

E-mail from Guy brings the sad news that long-time SFPA, former Southern Fandom Confederation President, **Meade Frierson III** died on Monday 24 September. His presence has been missed here for some time, but now his absence will be felt in other southern institutions, too.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

- When you **overnight your zines**, please remember to sign the little "no signature required" box. There isn't always someone home to sign for them.
- Note that the "**SE**" in the OE's address is **vital**: there is a 165th Avenue Northeast in Bellevue, too, and confusion is worth two days at the post office.
- ⇒ Speaking of mail: Gary Brown passed me an item off the Associated Press wire from August 10th which explains a new USPS policy which changes the **delivery standard** for mail on the west coast. Under the new policy, if the driving time between two cities is more than twelve hours, the *delivery standard* is changed from two to three days; this increases the standard for roughly 12,000 cities in the west. Remember also that the standard and actual delivery times are often different. It's not clear that this affects mail actually traversing the Rockies, or only mail on the west side of them.
- ⇒ As usual, I will put the table of contents from the mailing and contact information for me, up on the **web**. See <http://alumni.caltech.edu/~copeland/sfpa>, for the time being until Steve Hughes and I can get our act together to take the show on the road.
- Note that the OO doesn't get printed until Saturday afternoon of deadline weekend. The mailing doesn't go to the post office until Sunday afternoon or Monday morning. As long as your zine gets to me by Saturday's mail delivery you're guaranteed to make the mailing. In other words, no matter which Thursday is the statutory deadline, the **effective deadline** is the following Saturday. **Due to scheduling issues for me at work, the November mailing must go out on that Sunday.** Please plan accordingly.
- I haven't seen a lot of discussion in zines coming in regarding my **proposal** from last time, though Guy and I exchanged some e-mail on the topic. Failing any objection (or push for an all Priority Mail APA) I'm going to implement the second proposal — two-tiered dues — beginning with the January mailing.
- This mailing includes the **OE and Egoboo Ballot**. The Egoboo Poll includes a contest, as promised. Instructions are on the ballot.
- The annual printing of SFPA's **Constitution** is included in this issue of *The Southerner*.

The Southern Fandom Press Alliance Constitution

Article I – Purpose

The purpose of the Southern Fandom Press Alliance (SFPA) is to stimulate science fiction/fantasy activity in the field of amateur publishing in the Southern states by acting as a distribution channel for the publications of its members, to serve as a core for other fan activity in the said states, and to keep Southern fandom in full contact with the rest of fandom.

Article II – Membership

Section 1. Memberships will be open to any person in the states of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, or Virginia. Either a permanent or temporary (as for college students or military personnel) address will satisfy this requirement.

Section 2. Persons residing outside of the above mentioned states may join, as long as they comprise no more than twenty-five (25) percent of the active membership and are approved for membership by the Official Editor. A non-Southern member having five years of continuous membership does not count as part of the aforementioned twenty-five (25) percent limit.

Section 3. Once a person becomes a member, that person will remain a member unless one of the following occurs:

- a) Minimum activity requirement, as set by the Official Editor, is not met;
- b) Resignation is tendered to the Official Editor;
- c) A motion of expulsion is introduced against the member by the Official Editor, and approved by two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) of the members voting. Neither the Official Editor nor the member concerned may vote on passage of the motion.

Section 4. The Official Editor may set a maximum limit to the size of the Southern Fandom Press Alliance. When the membership reaches this size, subsequent applicants will be placed on a Waiting List in order of application, and as vacancies occur in the active membership, waitinglisters will be admitted in order of their standing on the list.

Section 5. Individuals who are residents of one of the Southern states as defined in Article II, Section 1, at the time they become members of the Southern Fandom Press Alliance retain that status even though they may change their residence.

Article III – Official Editor

Section 1. The only official officer of the Southern Fandom Press Alliance is the Official Editor (OE).

Section 2. The Official Editor receives bundles of publication from members and distributes them in bimonthly (January, March, May, July, September, November) bundles to all members. The Official Editor publishes the Official Organ (OO), to accompany each bimonthly mailing, which will contain as a minimum a listing of publications in the bundle, a roster of members and waitinglisters (if any), and a financial statement itemizing expenditures and receipts since the previous mailing.

Section 3. Each time the Constitution is amended, it will be printed in full in the Official Organ and, in any case, it will be printed at least once a year. All official rulings of the Official Editor will be printed at the same time that the Constitution is printed, and new rulings or changed rulings will be printed in the earliest possible issue of the Official Organ after the ruling is made. If a ruling changes an existing ruling, it may not be applied before it has appeared in the Official Organ.

Section 4. The Official Editor handles all the funds and makes all the rules subject to the limitations set forth in the Constitution.

Section 5. The Official Editor may, in exceptional circumstances, issue a fractionally numbered mailing between regular bimonthly mailings. Any such mailing will be accompanied by a fractionally numbered Official Organ, which will contain as a minimum a listing of publications in the fractionally numbered mailing, which will be distributed to all members. The existence and contents of the fractionally numbered mailing will be noted in the next regularly numbered Official Organ.

Section 6. The Official Editor is not responsible for the content of any publication other than the Official Organ, for which he or she is solely responsible.

Article IV – Elections and Impeachments

Section 1. The Official Editor will be elected annually by vote of the membership, the ballot to circulate with the September mailing. Any member otherwise eligible may file with the current Official Editor at any time before the deadline for the September mailing, and his/her name will appear on the ballot.

Section 2. Any member of five (5) years continuous may run for Official Editor. If the member is under the age of eighteen (18), the member must have a treasurer who is eighteen (18) years old or older to take responsibility for the disbursement of the Southern Fandom Press Alliance funds.

Section 3. A majority of ballots cast will be necessary to elect the Official Editor. If no candidate receives a majority of first place votes, the ballots will be re-evaluated for their indicated preferences between the candidates, with the two highest totals of first place votes and retabulated. In the event of a tie, the incumbent Official Editor will break it. If the incumbent Official Editor is personally involved in a tie, it must be broken in favor of the opponent.

Section 4. A petition signed by three-fourths ($\frac{3}{4}$) of the active membership will be necessary and sufficient to compel the Official Editor to resign and an emergency election will be held to elect a Temporary Editor to fill the balance of the term. The President of the Southern Fandom Press Alliance (see Article V) will publish and count the ballots for such an election.

Article V – Egoboo Poll

Each year, concurrently with the election of the Official Editor, an Egoboo Poll will be held. Exact categories and point scoring will be determined by the Official Editor. The person finishing highest in the poll will hold the honorary title of President of the Southern Fandom Press Alliance, an office with no duties, responsibilities, or power, except as outlined in Article IV, Section 4, above. If the new Official Editor scores highest in the Egoboo Poll, the candidate with the second highest number of votes is considered President.

Article VI – Amendments

Section 1. The Official Editor may present any amendment desired to the membership for consideration.

Section 2. Upon receipt of a petition signed by twenty (20) percent of the active membership to present a certain amendment for consideration, the Official Editor will do so in the next mailing.

Section 3. An amendment is adopted if two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) of the members voting approve it.

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Members gained: None

Members lost: None

COA: Hughes, Lynch (e-mail)

Pages owed: Khadro (6).

Dues owed: Hlavaty.

The deadline for SFPA 224 is:

Thursday 29 November 2001

(with institutionalized slop to the following Saturday)

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