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SFPA FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance before mlg 228 sent out	\$326.87
Adjustment	+ 12.44
Postage for mlg 228	- 63.95
Dues received (Feller)	+ 15.00
Balance before mailing 229 sent out	<u>\$290.36</u>

ACCOUNTING IRREGULARITIES

With Enron and Worldcom having to restate their earnings, is it any surprise that we do, too? And we didn't even have Arthur Anderson doing our books, which may explain why we have more money than we thought, rather than the other way 'round.

Actually, there's nothing really nefarious going on. I just finally balanced the SFPA account in the computer, and there were a couple of corrections. I managed to deposit two checks last year but not credit them in the SFPA financial statements: a dues check from Don Markstein and a first class postage check from Irv Koch. I've credited the former and returned the latter. There were also several dollars worth of arithmetic errors. The net effect is reflected in "Adjustment" above.

PRIORITY MAIL DUES

As noted last time, priority postage rates went up in July, and are now zoned. A two pound priority mail package from Seattle to nearly anywhere else in the US is now \$5.75. That nearly doubles the differential from book rate to 3.87 per mailing. As a result, the dues surcharge for priority mail will now be \$25.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

- ⇒ The September mailing is our "Official Business" mailing. The **egoboo poll** is included. Early returns will be appreciated. The **constitution** appears on pages 4 and 5.
- ➔ 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.
- ⇒ 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.
- ⇒ In particular, for next time, note that the deadline is actually **Thanksgiving**. Please plan accordingly, though of course I'll expect to take zines until Saturday afternoon.
- ⇒ We have another 100% mailing. Huzzah! Given that we actually have a fat mailing — about $2\frac{1}{4}$ pounds before the index and OO — I'm going ahead and including another installment of the collected quotes of the known universe.

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.

We have yet another short contribution from our new quasi-waitlister, **Bobby George Poulette**.

Sadly, we lost **Irv Koch** as a member, which makes the copy count **24**. I'm sending him a copy of this last mailing anyway so he can see the tail ends of conversations he was conducting.

George Wells is again having some health problems as detailed in the e-mail from him I've printed and included in the mailing.

Former member **Trinlay Khadro** has been downsized and is madly doing art-to-order in the interim. Contact her at trin@dias.net if you're interested.

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, or \$40 per year to receive the mailings by Priority Mail. (Currently Dengrove, Hughes, Larson, Lillian, Strickland, and Wells are receiving their mailings by priority mail.) Dues are 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.
4. "I'll stay here a while," he thought. "It's a good place." After a while he thought, "I might keep some goats."
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 that the **copy count is now 24** and that the OE hates having any more unnecessary paper in his den.

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: Koch.

COA: None

Pages owed: Hlavaty (4), Wells (5).

Dues owed: Hlavaty.

Dues overdue: None.

The deadline for SFPA 230 is:
Thursday 28 November 2002

(with institutionalized slop to the following Saturday)

Send **24** copies of your zine to
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