

TAFF 1956

THE CANDIDATES

ELECTION

Forrest J Ackerman 915 So. Sherbourne Drive,
Los Angeles 35, California

The man whom I am nominating for USA's guest to the London Conference of 1956 is a man extremely well known in all parts of the fan world. In reality, he is probably just as prominent in England, and other parts of Europe, as he is in the USA. He has been a loyal, conscientious and philanthropic S-F fan for 25 years and has done more for British fandom than any other individual. He co-operates in many foreign S-F ventures and personally advises S-F editors in England, Germany, Sweden and other countries. He is a man to whom Science Fiction, and Science Fiction Fandom, owe a great deal---for he has done so much for the field during his many years of activity. After all, the whole idea of "Big Pond Funds" was originally his. The man I am nominating is Mr. Science Fiction himself.. Forrest J. Ackerman.

((Nominated by Robert A. Madle))

G.M. Carr, 5319 Ballard Ave., Seattle 7, Washington.

For the TAFF I wish to nominate G.M. Carr, a fan well known on both sides of the Atlantic, and even better known on this side of the Pacific. G.M. is one of the most dynamic fans on the West Coast, and is the publisher of GEMZINE and GEMTONES. An active fan for six years, she is a charter member of the Seattle fan club, THE NAMELESS ONES, and was first corresponding Secretary and Editor of the club publications, THE CRY OF THE NAMELESS and SINISTERRA. I believe that she would be an excellent representative of American fandom in London.

((Nominated by Elinor Busby))

POLLING

CLOSES

15TH FEB. 1956

Kent Corey, Box 64, Enid, Oklahoma

why do I think I deserve to go to the Britishcon next Easter? My main reason is that I have tried to help promote fandom ever since I came into it in 1952. I founded the Oklahoma SF Club and launched my fanzine as official organ in 1953. By May 1953 I had decided to start a Southern Convention; so, in September 1953 the first Oklahoma convention in 20 years was held. Since then I have helped promote the OSFC into the most active club in the US and the Oklacon into a large annual regional convention.

((Nominated by Kent Corey))

Lee Hoffman, 101 Wagner St., Savannah, Ga.

Fabulous fannish character from 6th Fandom...the Southern Swamp Critter who turned from a 15 year old boy into a beautiful young woman at the Nolacon; much to the astonishment of Bob Tucker and sundry other fan. Well known as the editor of QUANDRY, LeeH is a member of RAPA and is widely known in all of English-speaking fandom. Her participation was largely instrumental in bringing Walt Willis to the 10th Annual Science Fiction Convention in Chicago in 1952. The UK drooled over Bea Mahaffey.... let's give 'em another thrill with LeeH!

((Nominated by G.M. Carr, Bob Tucker & Larry Shaw))

OVER

FORRY ACKERMAN

G. M. CARR

KENT COREY

LEE HOFFMAN

DAVE KYLE

HAL SHAPIRO

LOU TABAKOW

WALLY WEBER

David A. Kyle, 300 West 67th St., New York
23, New York

The -- stands for Ackerman! And he's been around fandom about as long as Torry. He was active at the time of the First World S.F. Con in '39, and has been present at practically every major event since. A hail fellow well met, you would have to look hard to find a more satisfactory choice. He knows his sf, both fan and pro, and is a mature individual with a delightful sense of humour. Would be a credit to Amerifandom and a delight, I am sure, to his English counterparts.

((Nominated by Forrest J. Ackerman))

Lou Tabakow, 3953 St. John Cincinnati 36
Ohio

President of the CINCINNATI FANTASY GROUP, an active and long established club in the Midwest. Lou has had several stories published, the most famous of which probably is SVEN; as yet unpublished. Worked hard on the CONVENTION in 1949 and is one of the founders of the by now famous MIDWESTCONS. Lou is a reader of science fiction for over 20 years and is a well known attendee at all Conventions; where he is particularly noted for his abilities as a speaker.

((Nominated by Mark Schulzinger))

Hal Shapiro, 965 Burton, Apt. 5, Cincinnati
29, Ohio

Active fan circa 1948 to present. Owner and operator of GUTHOUSE PUBLICATIONS. Edited and published ICE, HALLUCINATIONS, HALIBIRD, #1736. Extremely active in Am-pubbing circles, including ELPA and SAPS. One of the founders of the present MICHIGAN SCIENCE FANTASY SOCIETY. Acting trustee of the CINCINNATI FANTASY GROUP. Founder and Chairman of the Board of the BACHELOR'S SF ASSOCIATION OF THE WORLD (BSAW). Originator of the First World Invitational Convention (Invention), Minneapolis 1952. Partner in one of the most famous fan marriages of the century, being espoused of the beautiful Nancy Moore (now Shapiro).

((Nominated by Dale Tarr))

Wally Weber, Box 267, 920 Third Ave.,
Seattle 4, Washington

Member of SAPS. Corresponding Secretary of the NAMELESS ONES of Washington State for many years; is well known for his subtle humor and numerous fazines (of which CREEP is the current). Wally has attended Conventions at Portland, Cleveland and San Francisco (taking candid camera shots like mad...) and has been an actifan in a languid sort of way for the past 5 years. He has a likeable personality, an amusing writing style, and would be a credit to the United States as an example of US fandom. (Besides, he could write a very interesting report of his travels if he tried...)

((Nominated by G.M. Carr))

((The following were also nominated, but withdrew: Robert Bloch, Bob Tucker, Marion Mallinger, E.E. Smith, Eva Firestone, Robert A. Madle & Sam Moskowitz.))

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