

1972 TAFF BALLOT

What is TAFF? The Trans Atlantic Fan Fund was created in 1953 for the purpose of providing funds to bring well known and popular fans across the Atlantic. Since that time, TAFF has regularly brought overseas fans to the U.S.A. and sent American fans to European conventions. TAFF exists solely through the support of fandom. The candidates are voted for by interested fans all over the world and each vote is accompanied by a donation of no less than one dollar. These votes, and the continued interest of fans are what makes TAFF possible.

Who may vote? Voting is open to anyone who was active in fandom (i.e. fanzines, clubs, conventions, etc.) prior to September 1970 and who contributes at least a dollar (or equivalent) to the fund. Contributions in excess of the minimum will be gratefully accepted. Only one vote per person is allowed, no proxy votes, and you must sign your ballot. Details of voting will be kept secret, write-ins are permitted. Money orders and checks should be made payable to the administrators, not to TAFF.

Deadlines: Votes must reach the administrators by November 16, 1972.

Voting details: TAFF uses the Australian system which guarantees an automatic run-off and a majority win. You rank the candidates in the exact order you wish to vote. If the leading first place candidate does not get a majority, the first place votes of the lowest ranking candidate are dropped and the second place votes on those ballots are counted. This process goes on until one candidate has a majority. It is therefore important to vote for 2nd, 3rd, etc. place on your ballot. It is also a waste of time to put one name in more than one place.

Hold over funds: This choice, similar to "no award" in Hugo balloting, gives the voter the chance to vote for no TAFF trip if the candidates do not appeal to him or if he feels that TAFF should slow down its program of trips. Vote for "hold over funds" in any position you wish, as if it were another candidate.

Donations: TAFF needs continuous donations of money and material (to be auctioned) in order to exist. If you are ineligible to vote, or do not feel qualified to vote, why not donate anyway. It's a good cause.

Candidates: Each candidate has promised, barring acts of God, to travel to the 1973 Eastercon in England, including one to two weeks in Europe to visit continental fans on this trip. They have posted bond and provided signed nominations and platforms which are reproduced on the other side of this sheet along with the ballot. (For purposes of voting, couples are counted as a single candidate.)

Send ballots and contributions to:

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Special Announcement: Your ballot and contribution entitle you to a free chance in a lottery for two pieces of original artwork. These will be color paintings by well known artists, not black and whites or sketches, so please make sure that your name and address are legible.

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Taff Platforms

Len & June Moffatt: Len Moffatt is the Fan Guest of Honor at this year's Westercon and is auction coordinator for IACon. Together he and June are Vice Chairman for Bouchercon III. June is Vice Chairman of LASFS Inc.'s Board of Directors. The two of them put out THE JDM BIBLIOPHILE, DE JUEVES, 5 X 5, and MOONSHINE. They're active in LASFS, FAPA, CAPA, the Petard Society, the local Sherlock Holmes Society and the PIGS. And that's just some of what they're doing these days.

Len discovered fandom in 1939 and has been active ever since. June (who is younger than Len but won't say by how much) got into fandom in 1948. They've been active workers and officers in many clubs and conventions over the years. And best of all, they're two of the nicest and friendliest people in fandom, as just about anyone who knows them would agree. (Nominated by Juanita Coulson, Terry Jeeves, Ethel Lindsay, Fred Patten, and Roy Tackett.)

Howard Devore: Everybody knows Big Hearted Howard Devore, the gentleman of the huckster room. He's never too busy to give a kind word to a neofan, or dig out that book you've always wanted. Of course there's more to Howard than that. A long time member of SAPS and FAPA, he also attends a large number of conventions, and has been on the committee of more than a few: they wouldn't think of holding a Midwestcon without him.

Howard is also active in local club fandom: ask him about the Misfits....

People have been trying to get Howard to stand for TAFF for years. Now that he's finally consented, we shouldn't let this opportunity to share him with European fandom get away. (Nominated by Jack Chalker, Robert Coulson, Per Insulander, Banks Nebane, and Ulf Westblom.)

Frank & Ann Dietz: Frank and Ann Dietz are a real team to whom Fandom is a way of life. An active fan since 1947, Frank has attended most Worldcons and many regionals. Since 1957 he has been president of the Lunarians (New York's fan club), and organizer of the annual Lunacon until recently turning the job over to newer talent. Frank was able to attend the first international Worldcon in London in 1957, thanks to the fan charter flight. At that time he was honored by English fans and inducted into the Order of Saint Pantony. Ann has been attending conventions since shortly after she discovered fandom in the early '60s.

The Dietzes have always been interested in the international aspects of science fiction and fandom, and their publication LUNA Monthly, currently entering its fourth year, is largely devoted to international news. (their TAFF report will make excellent international news)

Vote for international good will; choose Frank and Ann as 1973 TAFF representatives. (Nominated by Gerold Bishop, Jay Haldeman, Waldemar Kummings, Devra Longson, and Steve Stiles.)



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I vote for (list 1, 2, 3)
 Frank & Ann Dietz
 Howard Devore
 Len & June Moffatt
 Hold over funds

Signature _____
Name (please print): _____
Address: _____

Enclosed is _____ as a contribution to TAFF

If you think your name may not be known to the administrators, in order to qualify for voting please give the name and address of a fan or fan group to whom you are known:

Name: _____
Address: _____