CONVOLONO III

Published 30 September 1992 by Art Widner, PO Box 677, Gualala, CA 95445, North American administrator for DUFF (Down Under Fan Fund), Emperor of ice cream, Defender of the FooFoo, and Protector of Aoteroa in southern Ecotopia and adjacent islands. The Australian counterpart, cohort and accomplice before the fact is Roger Weddall, PO Box 273, Fitzroy, Victoria 3065, Australia.

OFFICIAL RESULTS

	Aus	US	Total
Roger Weddall	45	40	85
Greg Hills	7	22	29
No Preference	1	7	8
Hold Over Funds	0	0	0
Write-ins	7	4	11
Totals	<i>52</i>	69	122



DOWN UNDER FAN FUND

Since NPs and WIs did not receive any first place votes, they werent counted in the totals. Roger had a clear majority on the first ballot, so no runoff was necessary.

One thing did-occur to me about elections which might cause problems in the future. Suppose a duly qualified candidate did something fuggheaded which cost himer a lot of votes and a write-in candidate won who had not gone thru the procedure, gotten nominations, posted bond etc.? Have any former administrators had to deal with this? I'd like to hear from you or any other interested parties on this. Not that I anticipate a problem during my tenure, but it would be nice to get a concensus on it before somebody is faced with fixing the Orings after the rocket has launched.

Write-ins: Australia; Roman Orszanski, Bruce Barnett, Andrew Williams, Ian Gunn, Ian Nichols, Marc Ortlieb (2); US; Karen Pender-Gunn, Napoleon Bonaparte, Abel Tasman, Eric Bogle, Bob Hawkes.

Thanks to all you voters: David Axler, Claire Beck, Tom Becker, John Berry, Sheryl Birkhead, Bernadette Bosky, Bill Bowers, Jeanne Bowman, David Bratman, Rebecca Brayman, Russ Chauvenet, Dave Clark, Eli Cohen, Cathy Doyle, George Flynn, Don Franson, Meade & Penny Frierson, Terry Garey, Richard Gilliam, Wade Gilbreath, Eileen Gunn, Gay & Joe Haldeman, Arthur Hlavaty, Jerry Kaufman, Denny Lien, Mark Linneman, Roy Lavender, Robert Lichtman, Gary Louie, Lesleigh Luttrell, Dick & Nicki Lynch, Catherine Mintz, Jeanne Mealy, Janice Murray, James Odom, Frank Olynyk, Elizabeth Osbourne, Fred Patten, Bruce Pelz, D Potter, Patricia Powell, Sarah Prince, Charlotte Proctor, Don

Reynolds, Linda Riley, Neil Rest, Dave Rike, Vicki Rosenzweig, Kevin Shaw, Karen Schaffer, Joe Siclari, Edie Stern, Dick & Leah Smith, Scott Strathmoen, Erwin Strauss, Charlene Taylor, David Thayer, Amy Thomson, Laurraine Tutihasi, Julie Wall, Adrian Washburn, Brad Westervelt, Martin Morse Wooster.

FINANCES

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Income					12	71	.56
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* Really a small con that Charlotte Proctor et al whipped up for Roger Weddall just before Magicon,and thats what she told the hotel it was.

Much grass tambien to Richard Brandt, Michelle Lyons, Moshe Feder, Andy Hooper Ellen Franklin, Peter Larsen, Roger Weddall and Spike Parsons, who helped to make the Magicon auction a success. Special thanks to the indefatiguable Geri Sullivan for extra green from ReinConation, which I wasn't even expecting, and to Elsie Wollheim of DAW Books for a very generous donation.

DUFF

The Down Under Fan Fund was created in 1972 to encourage closer ties between fans in Australasia and North America. With host countries alternating each year, there have been 18 exchanges of fan representatives since, supported entirely by voluntary contributions from fans all over the world. DUFF delegates visit a major SF convention in the host country and visit with fans they might otherwise never meet in person. DUFFers are treated as special guests and are always well looked after.

Donations

DUFF exists solely on the donations and contributions of fans, and always welcomes donations of money and material for auction. There are auctions of DUFF material at appropriate cons, and often mail auctions through the DUFF newsletter. Contributions can be brought to the con or sent to the local administrator. Anyone may contribute, even if ineligible to vote, and any donations in excess of the voting donation are gratefully accepted. Checks should be made out to *Art Widner* (in North America) or *Roger Weddalf* Australasia). Money should always be sent in the administrator's home currency.

Voting

Any fan active in fandom before January 1992 may vote. Ballots must be signed and accompanied by a donation of at least \$2 (in either Australian or United States currency). Each person is allowed only one vote. You must return the entire ballot. If, at the time of voting, you think your name may not be known to the administrator, please include the name of a fan (not to include any of the candidates) or fan group who can vouch for you. We will not count unverifiable votes.

DUFF uses the preferential system of balloting to guarantee an automatic runoff and a majority win. You rank the candidates in order of preference (1, 2, 3...). If there is no absolute majority for one candidate after the first count of votes, first-place votes for the lowest-ranking candidate are dropped and the second-place votes on those ballots are assigned to the candidates named. This goes on until one candidate has a majority. It is therefore important to vote for second, third, etc., places, especially if you choose to write in a candidate. (You are not required to fill in more than your name, address, and first choice.)

Candidates

Each candidate has posted a ten-dollar bond, given a brief written platform, provided the names, addresses, and signatures of three North American nominators and two Australasian nominators, and promised (barring Acts of God) to travel to Swancon 18, the 1993 Australian National Convention, in Perth, Western Australia, 8–12 April, 1993.

Administrators

North America: Art Widner, PO Box 677, Gualala, CA 95445 Australasia: Roger Weddall, PO Box 273, Fitzroy, Victoria, 3065 AUSTRALIA

Deadline: All votes must reach an administrator by 1 February, 1993

DUFF 1993 -- VOTING BALLOT

Dick & Leah Smith

Equally convention and fanzine (ans. that convivial couple, the Smiths, publishers of STET,

have been roaming around landom longer than either cares to think about. Leah Zeldes Smith

co-founded AutoClave, the original fanzine convention. Dick Smith, mimeographer extraordinaire, published the Hogu-winning gossipzine, Uncle Dick's Little Thing. They've run cons, founded apas, smoffed vigorously, partled intensely and written interesting trip reports. Epicures and cenophiles, they hope to drink lots of fine Australian wine in fine familish company. Having heard complaints that America over-exports its culture, they promise not to bring any culture with them--unless you count martinis as culture. In which case you're their kind of people!

Nominated by: Jerry Kaufman, Dick & Nicki Lynch, Bill Bowers, Eric Lindsay and Roger Weddall.

Richard Brandt

Inveterate letterhack, unregenerate FAPAn. Corflu chair. Fanthology editor, habitué of fan lounges and fan fund auctions, and all-around good loser. Richard has been publishing zines since high school (well, that's not as long as some); his most recent, Light in the Bushel, was rated as unflaggingly erect by The Space Wastrei. An ardent devotee of Oz cinema. Richard seeks answers to the age-old questions: What did Mad Max sound like before it was redubbed with American voices? Is the Man in the Moon really upside down? And what's with your drains?

Nominated by: Joyce Scrivner, Vicki Rosenzweig, Pat Virzi, Don Fitch, Justin Ackroyd and Julian Warner.

Charlotte Proctor

When I attended Aussiecon II, I never dreamed of having another chance to visit Australia. I am outgoing, outspoken and outrageous, but promise to be on my best behavior should I win the

DUFF race in 1993.

Fifteen years of con-going recently culminated in my atending Magicon, and in organizing Birmingham's before-theworldcon Jophan Family Reunion. (The hotel never batted an eye--"Your family." they said, "Is in the upper courtyard.") ANVIL, "Charlotte's Pretty Good "Fanzine" may for one Issue become ANVIL, Charlotte's Pretty Good Trip Report." Many an Aussie has slept on my couch, and I would like to return the favor.

Nominated by: Sheryl Birkhead, Andy Hooper, Teddy Harvia, Greg Turkich and Marc Ortlieb.

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l vo	te for (list 1,2,3,etc):	Please print your name & address clearly & legibly
	Dick & Leah Smith	Signature:
	Richard Brandt	Name:
	Charlotte Proctor	Address:
	Write-in	
	Hold Over Funds	If you think you may be unknown to the administrators please give the name of a fan or fan group to whom you
	No Preference	are known:
Ser	nd your completed ballot an	\$2 (or more) voting fee to an administrator. Addresses on p 2.
	Reproduction and distribut	on of this ballot is encouraged, as long as it is done verbatim.

Iä! Iä! Shub Niggurath!

Yog Sothoth! Schwarzenegger! McGillicuddy! Stop me before I raise taxes again! All this administrative power is going to my head. While I was making up the ballot, I was tempted to raise the ante on the voting fee from \$2 to \$3. You can see the condition of the treasury; not bad, but airfare to Perth alone is \$2000+ and I would like to make sure that the winners of this year's race will get to see as many places and people and have as much fun as I did. I hope we will get a few more dollars at Ditto-Octocon and I will make a strenuous effort to get the mail auction started again. Meanwhile, be sure to vote and when you do, be as generous as you can, and let me know if you have any objection to raising the old, traditional, pre-inflation two little ones to three. Ω

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