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PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Due to a broken typewriter, this is being prepared in handwritten form, so, for Eney's sake, I'll be as brief as possible.

Regular election follows this mailing. Everybody please vote. Your membership may someday hinge on almost any item pp for vote. I appoint Dan McPhail teller for this election.

Through oversight, three legally submitted amendments were not included in last quarter's FANTASY AMATEUR. As other items will also be up for consideration at that time, I call a special election, to follow the November mailing.

A revised Constitution is included for your consideration. Any comments you have should be included in the next issue of your fanzine, or submitted direct.....in this case, the project has been supervised from the start by Pavlat, so your suggestions should go to whomever succeeds him as Secretary-Treasurer after this election. A revised version of the new Constitution will then be prepared by the new Secretary-Treasurer, adjusted to meet the apparent majority objections (if any) to any features and this revised Constitution will, I presume, be voted upon in a special election called by my successor.

Some months ago a list of all still-effective executive decisions made by earlier officers was compiled.

Two of these we decided to let quietly die, for obvious reasons. Both were proclaimed by Rick Sneary during his 1949 tenure as president. First was the ruling that the phrase "FAPA--Where Old Fans Go To Die" was never to appear in any mailing and authorizing the O.E. to censor any appearance of it in any method he saw fit. Secondly came the following: "No member shall for any reason read any FAPazine or material therefor, prior to the Constitutional mailing date. One's own magazine is not excepted from this."

Presumably these were meant facetiously but they remain official rules. With Sneary running for the presidency I feel it best to pull the whole matter out for public airing and settle it now.

No matter how harmless the original intent, FAPA's officers have a bad habit of using obscure technicalities to arrive at fantastic, but important, decisions. I cite the ruling allowing Myers qualifications for initial membership and the Laney decision splitting the Presidency between Rapp and Bradley as examples.

Some day either of those two absurd rulings could be used to deprive someone of activity credit or work some other injustice.

Therefor, using the same executive authority ~~xx~~ by which Sneary instated them, in the first place, I hereby cancel both rulings.

I might add that all other such decisions still in effect appear reasonable, if not always wisest, and will not be tampered with by me.

V. L. McCain

Pavlat has covered everything I had in mind, so I'll just say it was fun and pass the office on to the next vp.

Bill
Bill Evans

THE SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT

1. The membership roster. The following list is current as of the p.m. of the ninth of August. The month listed after your name indicates the month with which your present membership expires. The number following indicates the number of pages you owe to meet activity requirements for renewal. Members have not yet been credited for pages included in the current mailing.

New symbols are being used this time, since the old symbols were highly arbitrary. "D" means you owe dues of \$2.50, payable not later than 9 Nov 57. "\$" means your dues were due on 10 Aug, but that as of this typing I had not received them, and it's too late to send them in now. "A" stands for Activity, meaning that you owe the number of pages shown by next mailing. "ATM" that the activity requirement had to be in this mailing. Finally, an "A" followed by a month means the person is a new member, and must meet his eight page requirement by the month shown, rather than by his regular expiration date. Read the constitution, and please do not confuse the draft of the proposed new constitution with the present constitution.

1. Martin E. Alger, 27886 Dartmouth, Madison Heights, Mich . .	Feb	8	
2. Karen Anderson, 1906 Grove St, Berkeley, Calif	Feb	8	
→4. Mal Ashworth, 40 Makin St, Tong St, Bradford 4, Yorks, Eng .	Feb	0	
→3. Larry Anderson, 3006 Yearn Drive, Billings, Montana	Feb	8	
5. Wrai Ballard, Blanchard, North Dakota	Feb	0	
6. Ron Bennett, 7 Southway, Arthur's ave, Harrogate, Yorks, Eng	Aug	0	
7. Robert Bloch, P.O.Box 362, Weyauwega, Wisconsin	Feb	7	
8. Redd Boggs, 2209 Highland Place, N.E., Minneapolis 21, Minn	Aug	0	
9. Marion Z. Bradley, Box 246, Rochester, Texas	Nov	4	D&A
10. Charles Burbee, 7628 S. Pioneer Blvd, Whittier, California .	Feb	8	
11. Gregg Calkins, 1068 Third Ave, Salt Lake City 3, Utah . . .	Feb	0	
12. Gertrude M. Carr, 8325 31st N.W., Seattle 7, Washington . .	Nov	0	D
13. Terry Carr, 134 Cambridge St, San Francisco 12, California .	Nov	6	D&A
14. Don Chappell, 547 S. 79th E. Ave, Tulsa, Oklahoma	Nov	8	D&A
15. Walter A. Coslet, Box 6, Helena, Montana	Nov	0	D
16. Leslie A. Crouch, Box 121, Parry Sound, Ontario, Canada . .	Aug	0	
17. William M. Danner, 720 Rockwood Ave, Pittsburgh 34, Penna .	Aug	0	
18. Sally Dunn, 6106 S. Ellis Ave, Apt D-1, Chicago 37, Illinois	Feb	6	
19. Phyllis H. Economou, 436 W. 20th St, New York, N.Y.	Feb	0	
20. Ron Ellik, 277 Pomona Ave, Long Beach 3, California	Nov	58	0
21. Georgina Ellis, 1428 15th St E, Calgary, Alberta, Canada . .	Aug	0	\$
22. Richard H. Eney, 417 Ft Hunt Road, Alexandria, Virginia . .	May	8	
23. Bill Evans, P.O.Box 86, Mt Rainier, Maryland	Feb	0	
24. Clifford I. Gould, 3741 Liggett Drive, San Diego 6, Calif .	Feb	8	ANov
25. Peter Graham, 2315 Dwight Way, Berkeley 4, California . . .	Aug	0	\$
26. Dean A. Grennell, 402 Maple Ave, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin . .	Aug	0	
27. Jim Harmon, 427 E. 8th St, Mt Carmel, Illinois	Aug	0	\$
28. Rev John R. Harness, 1627 19th St, N.W., Washington 9, D.C.	Nov	0	D
29. Chuck Harris, "Carolin," Lake Ave, Rainham, Essex, England .	May	8	
30. Ray C. Higgs, 813 Eastern Ave, Connersville, Indiana	Feb	8	
31. Curtis D. Janke, 1612 S. 7th St, Sheboygan, Wisconsin . . .	Nov	0	D
32. Jan Jansen, 227 Berchemlei, Borgerhout, Belgium	Nov	4	D&A
33. Gary Labowitz, 7234 Baltimore, Kansas City 14, Missouri . .	Aug	0	\$
34. P. Howard Lyons, Box 561, Adelaide P.C., Toronto, Ontario, Canada	Nov	0	D
35. Vernon L. McCain, 908 Walker, Wenatchee, Washington	Nov	0	D
36. Dan McPhail, 1806 Dearborn, Lawton, Oklahoma	Feb	0	
37. Edgar A. Martin, Webster Heights, Berlin, Connecticut . . .	May	8	
38. Sam Martinez, P.O.Box 4251, Tulsa, Oklahoma	Aug	0	
39. Sam Moskowitz, 127 Shephard Avenue, Newark 8, New Jersey . .	Nov	8	D&A

40. John W. Murdock, 3206 E. 11th, Kansas City 27, Missouri . . .	Aug	0	
41. Wilfried Myers, 69 Walnut Street, Struthers, Ohio	Aug	$\frac{1}{2}$	ATM
42. Bob Pavlat, 6001 43rd Ave, Hyattsville, Md.	Nov58	0	
43. Elmer Perdue, 2125 Baxter Street, Los Angeles, California . .	Feb	8	
44. Boyd Raeburn, 9 Glenvalley Drive, Toronto, Ontario, Canada .	Feb	0	
45. David Rike, Box 203, Rodeo, California	Feb	8	
46. William Rotsler, Route One, Box 638, Camarillo, California .	Feb	0	
47. Dick Ryan, 166 E. Lane Avenue, Columbus 1, Ohio	Aug	0	
48. H.P. Sanderson, 7 Inchmery Rd, Catford, London S.E.6, England	May	8	AFeb
49. Ray Schaffer Jr, 4541 Third St, NW, Canton 8, Ohio	Feb	0	
50. Nancy Share, P.O.Box 31, Danville, Pennsylvania	May	8	
51. L. Shaw, Ltd, 5 East 14th St, Castleton Corners, Staten Island 14, New York	Aug	0	
52. Bob Silverberg, 915 West End Avenue, Apt 4B, New York 25, NY	Aug	0	
53. Fred L. Smith, 613 Great Western Rd, Glasgow W2, Scotland . .	May	8	AFeb
54. Rick Sneary, 2962 Santa Ana St, Southgate, California	Nov	0	D
55. Jack Speer, North Bend, Washington	Nov	$4\frac{1}{2}$	D&A
56. Gerald A. Steward, 166 McRoberts Ave, Toronto 10, Ontario, Canada	May	8	
57. Bob Tucker, Box 702, Bloomington, Illinois	Nov	0	D
58. Norman G. Wansborough, 84 Wyke Road, Trowbridge, Wilts, Eng .	Aug	0	
59. Harry Warner, Jr., 303 Bryan Place, Hagerstown, Maryland . .	May	8	
60. Helen V. Wesson, 68 Asahi-Dai, Negishi, Yokohama, Japan . . .	Feb	8	
61. Ted E. White, 1014 North Tuckahoe St, Falls Church, Virginia	Feb	0	
62. Walter A. Willis, 170 Upper Newtownards Rd, Belfast, N. Ireland	Nov	5	D&A
63. Don Wilson, 1066 Elkgrove Ave, #1, Venice, California	May	8	
64. Stan Woolston, 12832 West Ave, Garden Grove, California . . .	Aug	$6\frac{1}{2}$	ATM
65. A&J Young, 11 Buena Vista Park, Cambridge 40, Massachusetts .	Feb	0	

Dropped since last mailing were Howard Miller, D&A, and Ed Cox (sob), resigned. Added were H. P. Sanderson (credentials: editor, BLUNT) and Fred L. Smith (credentials: editor, HAEMOGOLIN). (Both of these magazines, by the way, are OMPA magazines.)

II. I suggest that members having a D, or D&A next to their name in the above list, send in their dues promptly. There will be a new secretary-treasurer before long, and you can if you like wait until the winner of the election is announced and send in your dues to him, but it's undoubtedly safer to send in your dues now, and it does relieve the sec-treas' mind to have members pay early. NEW MEMBERS, particularly notice whether you owe dues! The first dues payment comes awfully fast after your entry into FAPA!

III. The waiting list. No acknowledgment will be required this time, due to the change in officers. What happens next mailing will be at the discretion of the new S-T.

1. Damon Knight, 106 W. Ann St, Milford, Pike County, Penna
2. Carl Brandon, 306 Chenery St, San Francisco, California
3. Bill Morse, Bell Bar Cafe, Bell Bar, Herts, England
4. Larry Stark III, c/o J&A Young, 11 Buena Vista Park, Cambridge 40, Mass
5. Nan Gerding, Box 484, Roseville, Illinois
6. Bill Courval, 4215 Cherokee Ave, San Diego, 4, Calif
7. John Quagliano, 309 W. Navarre St, South Bend, Indiana
8. Chick Derry, 1814 62nd Ave, Cheverly, Md
9. Lt David Jenrette, AO 3039131, 85th Bomb Sq, APO 22, New York, NY
10. Jim Caughran, 3110 S. 44th St, Lincoln 6, Nebr. After 23 Aug 57: c/o American Embassy, APO 74, Box K, San Francisco, California
11. Wayne Strickland, 5034 Santa Cruz, San Diego 7, California
12. Robert & Juanita Coulson, 407 $\frac{1}{2}$ E. 6th St, North Manchester, Indiana

13. A/2C John G. Trimble, AF 28 230 192, 39th AIRSQRON (Box 92), APO 75,
San Francisco, California
14. Richard E. Geis, 1525 NE Ainsworth, Portland 11, Oregon
15. Joe Rupp, Jr, Highway 23 East, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin
16. H. Ken Bulmer, "Tresco," 204 Wellmeadow Rd, Catford, London S.E. 6, England
17. Lynn A. Hickman, 304 N. 11th, Mt Vernon, Illinois
18. A/2C Charles F. Wells, AF 14 590 195, Det 10, TUSLOG, Box 108, APO 289,
New York, New York
19. James Hevelin, 309 Lark Street, Scotia, New York
20. Kent Moomaw, 6705 Bramble Ave, Cincinnati 27, Ohio
21. Robert A. Madle, 7720 Oxman Road, Palmer Park, Hyattsville, Maryland
22. FM & Elinor Busby, 2852 14th West, Seattle 99, Washington
23. Jean & Annie Linard, 24 Rue Petit, Vesoul, Hte Sne, France
24. Jim Broschart, R. D. #1, Towanda, Penna
25. Philip J. Castora, 1627 19th St, N.W., Washington 9, D. C.
26. Ron Parker, 714 West 4th Street, Tulsa 7, Oklahoma
27. John Champion, Route 2, Box 75B, Pendleton, Oregon
28. Wm. C. Rickhardt, 21175 Goldsmith, Farmington, Michigan
29. Marty Fleischman, 1247 Grant Ave, Bronx 56, New York
30. Jerry Greene, 482 E. 20th Street, Hialeah, Florida
31. Pierre Versins, Primerose 38, Lausanne, Switzerland
32. Fred North, 9 East Eager Street, Baltimore 2, Maryland
33. James V. Taurasi, Sr, 18-36 129th Street, College Point 56, New York
34. Bill Meyers, 4301 Shawnee Circle, Chattanooga 11, Tennessee

IV. The old FAPA records mentioned two mailings ago have been turned over to Dan McPhail in accordance with his offer to keep them for FAPA.

V. In this FA, a dues increase amendment is being proposed. I personally dislike to see another dues increase, particularly so soon after the last one, but the continued huge size of the mailings, and the postal rate increase which is even now before the congress, make some source of additional revenue mandatory. As I stated in my last report, I'd really prefer an assesment to a dues increase. The increase in postal rates--and I have no doubt that this will be passed--makes an assesment only a stop-gap. The treasury will be very nearly down to zero after the expenses of this mailing are paid, and although we should have enough to carry the November mailing, without the necessity of an assesment, we won't be in any better financial shape than we are today until the dues increase amendment is passed.

VI. Activity. Certain items in the last mailing were denied activity credit. These included the Wansborough item (illegible), the "What are these mad fools laughing at" ad (not the work of a member), the Castora item, "It Isn't altogether G.M.Carr's Fault" which Harness franked (not the work of a member), the Woolston portion of the correspondence in THE OUTLANDER (on the basis that all the work of organization and production had been Sneary's and Woolston had not prepared material for publication, but had instead merely participated in an outlander-type W037. This, I recognize, is a touchy point.) Woolston was given credit for the cover of The Outlander, and Sneary, of course, got full credit for the magazine since he handled the production end. I also did not count for activity credit the letters in GEMZINE, but these cases were relatively minor since the writers did not need the credit. My policy was to notify the member concerned of the refusal of credit and the reasons, with a carbon of this letter going to the veep. The member was notified that he could appeal to the veep. Higgs replied that he was quite content, and did not desire credit for the "What are these mad fools" thing, no answer was received from Harness or Wansborough, and Woolston appealed (or rather, Sneary appealed on behalf of Woolston.) The veep ruled that no credit could

be allowed Woolston for his letters. Writers of the letters in GEMZINE (and possibly in other fanzines) for which I disallowed credit were not notified, since said members had already fulfilled their eight-page requirements in other ways, and the refusal of credit did not affect their standing in FAPA.

This policy was hashed over by the four officers, and the system (ST makes initial determination, notifies member of determination and appeal right setting a deadline for appeal of approximately three weeks, if appeal is made it goes to veep for ruling on whether ST in disallowing credit has properly followed the constitution) was approved by the president. The system seems to be fair to the members, and is in keeping with the "get tough" and "eliminate the deadwood" attitude that appears to be the opinion of the majority of FAPA.

Please note that the refusal of activity credit to the material above has no bearing on the status of this material as part of the FAPA mailing. Illegible or not, Wansborough's magazine(s) was part of the mailing. The fact that he received no credit for the publication does not serve to exclude the publication from the mailing. The same is true of the items which Harness and Higgs franked through the mailing.

VII. Status of the treasury.

Cash on hand at beginning of period: \$58.67

Received during period

Dues	42.50
Contributions	3.50
Surplus stock sales (net) . . .	<u>4.86</u>
	\$109.53

expenses . . . : 43.60

Cash on hand, 10 Aug 57 . . : \$65.93

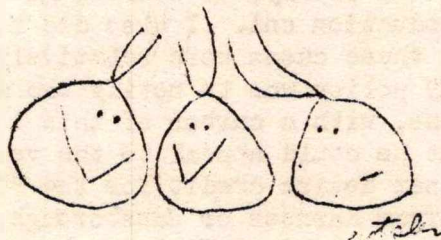
Expenses:

Adv to OE for Mlg 79:	\$42.50
Twine for Mlg 79:	<u>1.10</u>
	\$43.60

Actual expenses on the May (79th) mailing were \$46.89, not including the envelopes (which cost about $3\frac{1}{2}\text{¢}$ each at the special price we got from Ted White) or the twine. \$43.80 was the actual postal expenses on the mailing proper, not including sending copies of the FA to waiting listers, nor 69¢ to get back Don Chappell's mailing when he moved with no forwarding address (and I still do not have a new address for him--when he wants this bundle, he can let one of the officers know his address; I can see no reason for sending a bundle out to a dead address.) Mailing costs this mailing will probably be fairly comparable to costs last time, so after this mailing is dispatched we should have on hand between \$15 and \$25. Expected receipts prior to the November mailing are \$37.50, so as you can see we're scrimping through now, but we won't be able to if postal rates are increased.

That ends the Secretary-Treasurer's report, and it's a relief to me that next time someone else will do it. It's been fun at times, and I currently feel that I'd be willing to take the job again after a year or two of the relative peace and quiet of general membership without the deadlines which are the worst part of this job. Have fun. Oh yes, have the fifteen of you that owe dues paid them yet? The deadline, I repeat, is 9 November, with no extensions allowed.

Bob Pavlat
Secretary-Treasurer



ABOUT THE PROPOSED REVISION OF THE CONSTITUTION

The proposed text of the proposed revision of the FAPA constitution will be found three pages from here. A few introductory remarks are necessary to inform you of the reasons behind the proposed revision and to draw particular attention to some of the provisions incorporated in the revision.

Our present constitution was written, primarily by Jack Speer, in 1947. FAPA has now been operating under that constitution for ten years. This constitution is basically a good document, but it is not up to date. Two things have brought this about: the fact that there are some generalities in the constitution which have since been clarified by presidential rulings, vice-presidential interpretations or operating decisions of the S-T or OE--none of which are incorporated in the present constitution; and that in some respects FAPA changes over the years, and the tenor of our thinking today is not the same as it was ten years ago.

It has been the aim in rewriting the constitution to incorporate into our written rules all the principles which are at present actually applied in FAPA. No basic changes in the way FAPA operates are being proposed--that sort of thing is properly the function of amendments to the constitution. The constitution is longer than our present constitution; it has to be in order to incorporate in writing the unwritten rules we actually use. Where there was a choice between few words resulting in generalities, or somewhat more words resulting in a better definition of intent, the wordy route was chosen. Persons unacquainted with FAPA will, I believe, be able to obtain a much better grasp of FAPA from the proposed constitution than they can from the current constitution, and older members of FAPA will be less dependant upon their memory of what happened five years ago in a certain situation, since that point is now incorporated in the constitution.

A few points about the proposed revision merit special mention.

Section 2.4. The present constitution requires that a new member distribute his first 8 pages in FAPA before his third mailing. This means he can have the material in his first or second mailing, or postmailed at any time up to the date the third mailing is actually posted by the OE. He cannot, however, include his magazine in the third mailing (unless, of course, he previously met his 8 page requirement.) Under the revision he will be allowed to include that eight pages in the third mailing. Other requirements remain the same--if he doesn't make it on time, he still does not receive the third mailing, and his dues are forfeit.

Section 2.5. This is the current practice, and I believe it represents the sentiment of the membership. It does not cover the problem of how a joint membership will be split in case of a divorce, but there is no precedent to follow here, and this will apparently have to remain in doubt until someone comes up with a workable scheme or until a precedent is established.

Section 3.1. Note the provisions that letters will not count "unless they represent a substantial contribution to FAPA." The wording here intentionally leaves this at the discretion of the S-T, with the possibility of an appeal to the veep. See the S-T report this mailing (Section VI) for the background on this point.

Section 3.2. This procedure was followed in the Clyde case, and seems to be thoroughly acceptable to almost everyone except Clyde.

Section 4.1. If the dues increase amendment to be voted on following the November mailing is defeated, the dues requirement in the proposed revision will be changed to read \$2.50 rather than \$3.00 at the time this revision is presented for vote.

Section 6.13. The FAPA egoboo poll is made an official part of the duties of the vice-president.

Most other changes are, I believe, self explanatory. If anyone desires clarification of any specific point, don't hesitate to write.

Two sections are presented separately, and will be voted on separately, since they do represent departure from current practices. I think the addition to 3.1 is clear enough--it is designed to prohibit coasting. Under present rules, a member could reprint the same eight pages year after year, and receive credit every year. Or another member could reprint a long article by a currently inactive member, and the member would receive credit and thus not have to produce anything for that year. The proposed addition would prevent this type of coasting.

Section 10 deserves more comment. The argument for this section is roughly as follows:

The constitution specifies that the secretary-treasurer must be an adult. What is an adult? In one state, a woman is an adult if she is married to an adult. In another state, a woman must be 21 to be considered an adult, regardless of marital status. If section 10 is adopted, there will no longer be any doubt--the laws of the state of New York will apply. Similarly, under section 2.5, what is a married couple? Do we mean to include common-law marriages? Again, the laws of New York state would apply. Some states require that a person wrongfully expelled from an organization first exhaust the remedies provided by the organization before applying to courts for redress, in other states this is not required. Due to its character, FAPA is a legal enigma. If someone does take some legal action against FAPA, what laws apply? The laws of the state in which the complainant resides, or the laws of the state in which the officer resides? Section 10 would make it possible for the officers to know what to do in a specific case, and if anything did ever come to the courts, there would be no question as to which laws would apply, since it would be those of the State of New York, unless otherwise provided in the FAPA constitution.

And the argument against:

How practical would it be to apply New York laws? We have few lawyers and no New York lawyers in FAPA. If a relatively simple point comes up, will the officer concerned have to go to New York law to find out what to do, and will he be qualified and able to find the point that he needs in New York law? The expense of hiring anyone would obviously be prohibitive. The character of FAPA must also be considered. We have crackpot members and members who delight in obscure technicalities. Combine the two, and give them ideas with this clause lying there, and they might demand that certain trivial matters now settled by officers as a matter of course be settled formally under New York law. WE've survived without this so far, and it seems to do nothing but impose an additional administrative headache without compensatory return to FAPA.

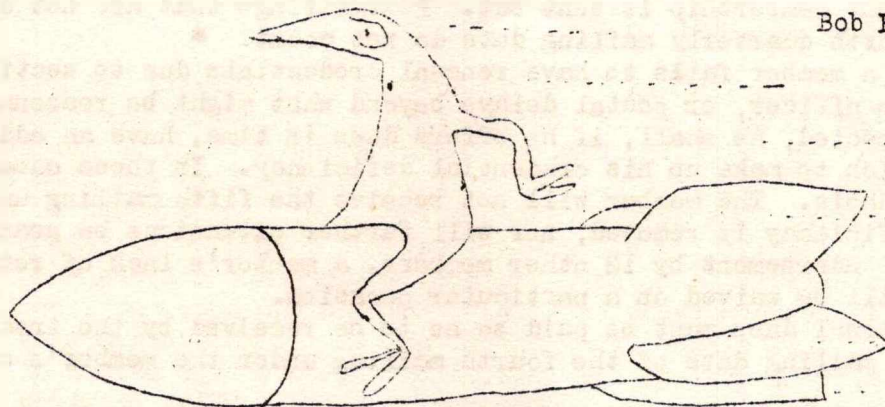
Speer suggested the inclusion of this provision in the constitution, and as a lawyer he is probably far better qualified than any other member to speak on the legal aspects of Section 10. I also spoke to Joe Hensley, a lawyer and fan, about this. Joe did not know enough about FAPA to be able to venture an opinion on whether it would be beneficial to FAPA, but he did say that as far as he could see it could not hurt and might in some instances help the organization. New York law was chosen, incidentally, since this state has the most completely worked out system of laws.

The schedule on the revised constitution is that it is presented this mailing for comments--and we hope they are extensive comments--in the November mailing. Following the November mailing, comments will be reviewed, the constitution will be redrafted where necessary in accordance with what seems to be the desires of a majority of the membership, and the constitution will be reprinted in the February 1958 FA, and presented for vote at that time.

The framers of this constitutional re-draft have no ax to grind--or at least we will try to grind our axes in our own fanzines, and not here. If we have misgauged the sentiment of the membership at any point, the only way we can find that out is through your comments. If most of the members of FAPA want section 2.5, for example, voted on separately that's the way it will be done. If most of you think the non-crediting of letters is a bad provision and should be thrown out, we'll throw it out. On the other hand, if you have a personal gripe that folk-music should not be discussed in FAPA and the constitution should be revised accordingly, present it as an amendment--this constitutional revision is not intended to prescribe changes to FAPA, but to refine and extend what we already have.

Harry Warner initiated the idea that the constitution needed up-dating. The officers accepted the idea, though not necessarily enthusiastically in all cases. Speer readily accepted the re-write job, and reorganized, reworded, and otherwise brought the constitution up to date. Part of this work was based on research made by Bill Evans into Fantasy Amateurs over the past several years, to dig out all the precedents and rulings that had taken place over those years. Warner, Evans and myself reviewed the initial draft and each other's comments, and made some revisions. McCain and Speer reviewed the resulting revision. The draft presented at this time is the result of their comments. Eney also made a couple of admirable suggestions, at various times during the review. In some few cases compromise was necessary, but the bulk of the constitution represents the unanimous viewpoint of the people listed above, except for Eney who has not had the opportunity to review this draft.

Bob Pavlat



John

PROPOSED REVISION of the FAPA CONSTITUTION

It is proposed that the FAPA constitution be amended by substituting the following text for it, effective 15 April 1958.

1. Function

The Fantasy Amateur Press Association (FAPA) operates in the general field of amateur activity that has grown up around interest in fantasy fiction. Its quarterly mailings distribute to its members material written or published by members.

2. Members

2.1 Not more than 65 persons can be members of the FAPA at any one time.

2.2 Membership is open to anyone who can show, as proof of his interest in fantasy amateur activity, the existence of one of the following credentials:

2.21 That he has had contributions, in the form of verse, drawing, letter, fiction, or nonfiction, published in two fantasy amateur publications that were not produced in the same metropolitan area.

2.22 That he has been the editor or publisher, in a real sense, of at least one issue of a fantasy amateur publication (fanzine).

2.3 If the roster is full when a person applies, the secretary shall put his name on a waiting list. As vacancies occur, the secretary shall notify those whose names are earliest on the list. The applicant may then send dues and cite credentials. The credentials must have been first published within a year of the date his membership is to begin. His membership begins when his dues are received unless a different date is established by the secretary.

2.4 A new member must have renewal credentials distributed with the third mailing after his joining or with an earlier mailing or postmailing following his admission. Otherwise he shall receive only the first two mailings of his membership year, his membership shall be cancelled and his dues forfeited.

2.5 Husband and wife may jointly share a single membership, and will be considered as a single person under the requirements of this constitution.

3. Renewals

3.1 To renew his membership, a member must have renewal credentials. Renewal credentials consist of credentials as described at 2.21 and 2.22, but must total at least eight 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ x11" pages or the equivalent in page area. However, letters will not count unless they represent a substantial contribution to FAPA. To count, renewal credentials must be distributed in FAPA mailings or postmailings during the year that ends when the fourth quarterly mailing under the member's current membership is sent out. Postmailings that are not distributed before the fourth quarterly mailing date do not count. *

3.2 If a member fails to have renewal credentials due to section 5.56, an error of an officer, or postal delays beyond what might be reasonably and cautiously expected, he shall, if he offers dues in time, have an additional quarter in which to make up his credential deficiency. In these cases, dues will be refundable. The member will not receive the fifth mailing unless the credential deficiency is removed, nor will further extensions be granted.

3.3 On endorsement by 12 other members, a member's lack of renewal credentials will be waived on a particular occasion.

3.4 Renewal dues must be paid so as to be received by the treasurer on or before the mailing date of the fourth mailing under the member's current membership.

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4. Finances

4.1 Dues are \$3.00 per year. The treasurer will accept contributions. The official editor will sell surplus stock to members at such reasonable prices as he may set, the net proceeds of which will be turned over to the treasury.

4.2 If it appears that the treasury will lack funds to cover the cost of the next mailing, the secretary-treasurer can notify the membership of an equal assessment on all members, sufficient to meet expected costs and provide a small reserve. Members not paying the assessment will not receive that mailing until they pay the assessment, within a time limit of six months.

4.3 The treasury will pay any expenses incurred by officers or auxiliary officials in the discharge of official functions required by this constitution.

5. Mailings

5.1 The official editor shall send out identical bundles to all members immediately following the mailing dates. The mailing dates are the second Saturday in November, February, May, and August.

5.2 When necessary in order to get information to the members, officers may make mailings at FAPA expense between regular mailing dates. Other publications sent in by members may be distributed with such mailings if those members agree to pay any additional cost incurred. The official editor as an individual, and other members, sometimes send publications to the members at other times. The expense of such unofficial mailings is not chargeable to the treasury.

5.3 Fanzines distributed between regular mailing dates are counted as postmailings to the preceding mailing under these conditions:

5.31 Identical mailings have been sent to all members at substantially the same time.

5.32 Additional copies, to bring the total to 68, have been furnished to the official editor.

5.33 The publication satisfies sections 5.52 through 5.56.

5.4 Members are not obliged to distribute their fanzines through the FAPA, but all items included in the mailings are produced at the publisher's expense and are free to members, being considered as exchanges.

5.5 Publications in the official editor's hands on the mailing date shall be included in the quarterly bundle if they meet these requirements:

5.51 68 copies (to provide a margin for error) are furnished.

5.52 They are printed, mimeographed, hektographed, dittoed, photographed, or legibly reproduced in some other way that gives a sufficient number of identical copies.

5.53 The 68 copies are identical in size, artwork, typography, wording, etc., except for serial numbering (if desired).

5.54 They conform to the requirements for third and/or fourth class postage.

5.55 They represent to a substantial extent the work of the member who sends them in.

5.56 While some relation to fantasy or fandom is desirable, there is no restriction on the type of material except that it must not be against federal law. If such a violation comes to his attention, the official editor shall exclude the publication from the mailing.

5.57 They do not require special packaging. Material which requires special handling due to its size, shape, or weight may be mailed separately by the official editor, at the expense of the member submitting the material. The official editor is not obliged to provide this service.

6. Officers

6.1 The following officers are elected annually from the membership:

6.11 The president. He has general direction of the FAPA's affairs. He appoints members to fill vacated offices, appoints a teller for the annual

tions, and may appoint auxiliary officials for other purposes. He has what power is necessary to deal with situations not otherwise covered by this constitution.

6.12 The vice-president. He becomes president if the presidency is vacated. In case of a controversy over the meaning of this constitution, after two or more sides have been formally presented by others, the vice-president shall decide and his decision is binding. He conducts an annual egoboo poll, and furnishes results to the official editor for inclusion in The Fantasy Amateur.

6.13 The secretary-treasurer. He receives membership applications, renewals, and filings for office. He keeps track of members' standing in regard to renewal credentials. Each quarter he shall send the official editor a list of members' names and addresses, an identification of the credentials of new members, a report of income and outgo, and other information within the scope of his duties. He shall furnish the official editor information for preparing the ballot. He must keep the FAPA's funds separate from his own in cash or deposit. At the end of his term he shall turn over the records and funds to his successor. The secretary-treasurer must be an adult.

6.14 The official editor. He shall assemble and send out the mailing. He has custody of surplus stock. He shall publish election ballots and the official organ, The Fantasy Amateur. The Fantasy Amateur shall appear in each quarterly bundle, and shall contain information on postmailings, a list of the current mailing's contents, the reports of the various officials, the text of any proposals to be voted on, and other appropriate material at the official editor's discretion.

6.2 Each officer serves until his successor is elected and notified, unless he first resigns, loses his membership, or is expelled from office.

6.3 Although each officer is responsible for the duties indicated, he may have the help of others in performing them.

6.4 In the absence of a formal controversy, each officer may decide for himself doubtful points concerning his duties.

7. Elections

7.1 Elections are held by mail. Candidates whose names are to appear on the ballot must file with the secretary in writing. The ballots shall be included in the summer mailing, except that ballots for the use of oversea members shall be mailed to them first class or air mail at the time of the posting of the summer mailing.

7.2 All votes, to be counted, must be in the teller's hands a month after the mailing is dispatched. The teller shall notify all members of the full results of the election within two weeks after the ballot deadline.

7.3 A plurality is sufficient to elect.

7.4 No person can be elected president, or vice-president, more than once in five years.

8. Amendments

Proposed amendments to this constitution, in writing, endorsed by four members, shall be submitted to vote. The proposers shall send a copy with the signatures to the president, and other copies to the other officers. The gist of the amendment must be given in The Fantasy Amateur the mailing before it comes up for vote. Unless the president orders a special vote, amendments shall be voted on at the annual election. A majority of the votes must be favorable for the amendment to be adopted, and such majority must be more than 1/4 of the membership.

9. Special Rules

Special rules may be adopted at any time when a majority of the members endorse a copy of the proposal, if the proposal has been sent to the entire

membership at substantially the same time. Such special rules can refuse applicants, expel members, remove officers, override officials' acts, suspend sections of this constitution, or do anything else within the sovereignty of the organization.

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*The following two portions of the proposed constitution are to be voted on separately, but, if adopted, will be incorporated in their proper place in the constitution.

Add the following as the final sentence of section 3.1: "Reprints do not count unless they represent substantial work in re-writing or compiling the material (this provision shall not serve to prevent the crediting of material distributed outside FAPA within a reasonable length of time before it is included in FAPA.)"

Add new section 10, as follows: "10 Governing Law. If it is necessary to refer to general law, the laws of the state of New York shall govern this association so far as possible."

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THE CONSTITUTION

(Adopted 1947, effective 1 January, 1948)

Including Amendments Through November, 1956

1. Function: The Fantasy Amateur Press Association (FAPA) operates in the general field of activity which has grown up around interest in fantasy fiction. The quarterly mailings distribute to its members material written or published by members.
2. Members: Not more than sixty-five persons can be members of the FAPA at any one time.

Membership is open to anyone who can show as proof of his interest in fantasy amateur activity

either (a) contributions in the form of verse, drawing, fiction or non-fiction writing, published in two fantasy amateur publications not produced in the same city area

or (b) position as editor or publisher, not merely nominal or trifling, of at least one issue of a fantasy amateur publication.

The credential must have been published within the year prior to acceptance of the application. When vacancies occur, the secretary calls on the applicant first on the waiting list to cite credentials and pay dues.

A new member must publish or have published at least eight 8 1/2" by 11" pages or equivalent before the third mailing of his membership, or his membership shall be cancelled and his dues forfeited to the treasury.
3. Renewals: To be eligible to renew his membership, a member must have published or had published in FAPA mailings or postmailings during the preceding year, at least eight 8 1/2" by 11" pages or equivalent. Fanzines must be distributed in the fourth mailing under his current membership or before, and postmailings following this fourth mailing shall not count toward activity credit. Renewal dues must be received by the secretary-treasurer by the mailing date of the fourth mailing under the member's current membership.
4. Finances: To pay the FAPA's operating expenses, dues are \$2.50 per year, paid at time of admission or renewal or membership. Contributions are accepted and surplus stock is sold. If there are insufficient funds to cover the expense of the next mailing, the secretary-treasurer can announce equal assessments on all members, sufficient to pay for it, and members not complying will not receive that mailing.
5. Mailings: The official editor sends out identical bundles to all members immediately following the second Saturday in November, February, May, and August. When individual members, or the official editor as an individual, send postpostings to all members, they are considered part of the mailing they were too late to go in.

Members are not obliged to distribute their fanzines through the FAPA, but all items included in the mailings are produced at the publisher's expense and are free to members, being considered exchanges. The publisher must send to the editor at least sixty-eight copies intended for the mailing. These publications may be printed, mimeographed, hectographed, photographed, or reproduced in any other way which gives a sufficient number of identical and legible copies. They must represent to a substantial extent the work of the member who has put them in the mailing. While some relation to fantasy is desirable, there is no restriction on the type of material included except lawfulness. The postage on postpostings is not to be paid by the treasury.

6. Officers: The following officers are elected:

(a) The president has general direction of the FAPA's affairs. He appoints members to fill vacated offices, and auxiliary officials for purposes not otherwise provided for. He has what power is necessary to deal with situations not otherwise covered by the constitution.

(b) The vice-president succeeds to the presidency in case it is vacated. He also gives interpretations of the constitution after two or more sides of a controversy over construction have been presented.

(c) The secretary-treasurer receives membership applications and renewals. He keeps track of members' standings in regard to sustaining activity. Each quarter he sends the official editor a list of members' names and addresses, description of credentials, report of income and outgo, and other information within his department. Notices of candidacy for office being sent to him, he furnishes the official editor information for preparation of the ballot. He keeps the FAPA's funds separate from his own in cash or deposit. At the end of his term the secretary-treasurer turns over the records and funds to his successor.

(d) The official editor is charged with assembling and posting the mailings. He publishes ballots and the quarterly official organ, The Fantasy Amateur, at FAPA expense. The official organ contains the reports of the various officials and other material at the official editor's discretion.

7. Elections: Elections are held by mail. Candidates whose names are to appear on the ballot file with the secretary-treasurer in writing. The ballots are included in the summer (August) mailing.

All votes to be counted must be in the counting committee's hands a month after the mailing is dispatched. The ballot counting committee notifies the entire membership of FAPA of the full results of the election within two weeks after the ballot deadline. A plurality is sufficient to elect.

Officers serve for one year. No person may be elected to the same office except the secretary-treasurer or the official editor more than once in five years. The secretary-treasurer must be an adult.

8. Amendments: Amendments to this constitution must be proposed in writing, endorsed by four members. Copy with signatures is sent to the president, other copies to the other officers. The proposal in substance must be given in the official organ the mailing before it comes up for vote. Unless the president orders a special vote, amendments are voted on at the annual election. A majority of the members must vote on an amendment, and a majority of such voters must be favorable, for the amendment to be adopted.

9. By-laws: By-laws may be adopted at any time by a majority of the members endorsing a copy of a proposal which has been sent to the entire membership. Such by-laws can expel members, remove officers, override officials' acts, suspend sections of this constitution, or do anything else within the sovereignty of the organization. On endorsement by twelve other members, a member's failure to meet sustaining activity requirements will be waived on a particular occasion.

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