

The following is the final form of the proposed new constitution of OSFA. It is being distributed to all Attending and Nonattending members to be voted on. Ballots may be cast at the April meeting, or may be mailed to The Secretary, Lesleigh Couch, Rt. 2, Box 889, Arnold, Missouri 63010 by MAY 4, 1968.

ARTICLE I -- Name The name of this organization shall be the Ozark Science Fiction Association.

ARTICLE II -- Purpose The Purpose of this organization shall be to promote interest in the field of science fiction and to promote fellowship among those interested therein.

ARTICLE III -- Government The organization shall be governed by a Board of Directors consisting of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Board of Directors shall have full power to manage the business of the organization; to formulate Bylaws; to raise funds in any manner consistent with the policies of the organization; to perform all other necessary functions. The officers shall be elected as provided for in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE IV -- Life of the Organization

Section A. The life of the organization shall be perpetual or until terminated in accordance with the provisions herein.

Section B. This organization may be dissolved in accordance with Section 355.225, R.S. Mo. (1949) as amended and supplemented in the following manner:

1) Adoption of a resolution by the Board of Directors recommending dissolution and submission to a vote at a meeting of the members.

2) Two weeks notice given to the members of the time, date, and a place of such meeting.

3) A resolution to dissolve the organization adopted by two-thirds of the entire Regular Membership.

4) Disposition of assets on dissolution and a plan of disposition shall be adopted and take place in the manner provided for General Not For Profit Corporations organized under the provisions of Chapter 355, R.S. Mo. (1949) as amended and supplemented in Section 501 (C) (3) of the 1954 Internal Revenue Code or such section as it may be amended or a corresponding provision of a prior law.

ARTICLE V -- Registered Agent The address of the Registered Office in the State of Missouri is _____ and the name of the initial Registered Agent at said address is _____.

ARTICLE VI Membership Membership of this organization shall be open to any persons who are interested in science fiction, and have complied with conditions of membership set forth in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE VII -- Amendments Any motion to amend or repeal the Constitution or any part thereof must be submitted in writing to the Board of Directors. Changes in the Constitution may be made by two-thirds affirmative vote of Regular Members present and by written proxy at any regular business meeting of the organization or any special meeting called for that purpose, provided two weeks previous notice setting forth the change shall have been given by mail to all members. The presiding officer shall be notified of such proxy appointment prior to voting.

BYLAWS

CHAPTER I -- Membership

Section A. Application for membership shall be in writing, endorsed by a member in good standing, and filed with the Secretary. Dues shall accompany the application. All applications are subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.

Section B. Members are classified as follows:

1) Regular Members have all privileges of the organization; including the right to vote, hold office, serve as committee chairman, receive a copy of the organization's publications, and use the organization's library. Husband and wife may have joint membership on payment of dues for one person only, but in such case they will be allowed only one vote and will receive only one copy of the organization's publications.

2) Associate Members are those persons who have filed an application for membership with the Secretary, and paid their dues. The Associate Membership continues until the person has attended three meetings or one year has elapsed. Associate Members are entitled to all rights of Regular Members except that they may not vote on Constitutional changes, Bylaw changes, election of officers, impeachment, nor hold office.

CHAPTER II -- Dues and Assessments

Section A. The annual membership dues of the organization shall be set by the Board of Directors.

Section B. No special assessments may be made against any member of the organization. Voluntary contributions may be solicited by the Board of Directors for specific purposes. A charge may be made for the organizations special publications.

Section C. A charge may be made to non-members for:

- 1) Attendance at the organization's sponsored activities and meetings.
- 2) Use of the organization's library.
- 3) Copies of publications.
- 4) Other reasons approved by the Board of Directors

CHAPTER III -- Duties of Officers

1) The President shall preside at all meetings, appoint committee chairmen, and, with the approval of the Board of Directors, shall appoint a member of the organization to fill a vacancy on the Board of Directors, and such member shall serve until the next regular election. The President shall also be responsible for taking the initiative in keeping the organization active in the accomplishment of its purpose.

2) The Vice-President shall substitute for the President in his absence and assist him in the performance of his duties when necessary. In the event of the President's unwillingness or inability to serve, the Vice-President shall succeed to the office of President.

3) The Secretary shall attend business meetings, be responsible for the minutes of the meetings, conduct the official correspondence, keep a current roster of members and perform such other secretarial duties as may be required including submitting the annual report to the Secretary of State as prescribed in Section 355.325, R.S. Mo. (1949).

4) The Treasurer shall receive all monies pertaining to the organization, keep a record of all monies received, and disburse such monies to the proper authorities upon receipt of a signed voucher. No monies shall be spent without prior consent of the Treasurer or a majority of the Board of Directors.

5) There shall be two Club Editors, one for Sirruish, and one for OSFAn. Sirruish is to be published not less than 3 times per year, and OSFAn, not less than 10 times per year. Sirruish shall be a general journal related to subjects of interest to members. OSFAn shall be a newsletter concerned with the organization's business and news related to science fiction. Each Editor's mailing list shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.

CHAPTER IV -- Elections

Section A. The Publication following the August business meeting shall contain the ballot naming the full slate of candidates for all offices, and shall be mailed at least two weeks prior to the next business meeting. The ballots must be returned to the Secretary prior to the next business meeting at which the ballots will be opened and counted.

Section B. The officers shall be elected by a simple majority as shown by the ballots returned.

Section C. The term of the officers shall be for one year to begin the first day of October following their election.

Section D. All officers must be Regular Members in good standing during their term of office.

Section E. Any decision made by an officer may be called to question by a majority of the Board of Directors and may be called to a vote of confidence by the Regular Membership.

CHAPTER V -- Meetings

Section A. Regular meetings of the organization shall be held at least semi-annually. These meetings shall be held in or about March and August. The August meeting shall be for the purpose of nomination of a slate of officers.

Section B. One-fifth of the membership shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

CHAPTER VI -- Suspension and Expulsions

Section A. Members may be suspended or expelled from the organization for the non-payment of dues after written notification of such action is sent to the member.

Section B. Members may be suspended or expelled from the organization only after a hearing before at least three members of the Board of Directors, and at least three members of the Board of Directors have voted that charges be brought against him, and two-thirds of the regular membership have made an affirmative vote for the expulsion for the following reasons:

- 1) Willful misuse of the organization's property.
- 2) Violation of laws of the organization.
- 3) Conduct detrimental to the organization.

CHAPTER VII Amendments A motion to amend or repeal these Bylaws or any part thereof shall be submitted in writing at a regular business meeting, endorsed by three members. These Bylaws may be changed or amended by the organization on two-thirds affirmative vote of the members present at the next regular business meeting or any special meeting called for that purpose.

CHAPTER VIII -- Miscellaneous

Section A. Decisions or actions of the Board of Directors may be over ruled by two-thirds majority vote of the Regular members.

Section B. Any individual having joined the Missouri Science Fiction Association shall also be a fully affiliated member of OSFA for the same period of time covered by the MoSFA dues. Certain portions of the MoSFA dues will be paid OSFA by MoSFA in lieu of the normal OSFA membership dues.

Section C. Visitors at an OSFA meeting must have an OSFA member sponsoring them. The second time in any 12 month period this visitor attends, he must either join OSFA or be assessed a guest fee.

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If anything seems somewhat strange about this, perhaps more complex than one would expect from the constitution of such a basically informal club as OSFA, it is probably because this constitution is meant to enable us to incorporate. Questions you might have can be answered at the April meeting.

☐ FOR the proposed constitution

☐ AGAINST the proposed constitution

signature

Under the old constitution, the one under which this vote is taking place, all members may vote. Please do.

Also, the Worldcon Committee would like to know which of you are fairly sure you will be able to attend the 1969 Worldcon, should it be in St. Louis, and which of you would be willing to help present it -- by, say, helping at the registration table, etc.

☐ Yes, probably. I would be able to help

☐ Unlikely

April 23, 1968

The Constitution Committee