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### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Once again, we see a sudden turnover in the membership. This time it is because, in spite of warnings by the Treasurer, new members have not bothered to pay their subscriptions. You are given 30 days from receipt of mailing to pay your subscription, or in the event of renewing membership, to complete your activity requirements. We cannot afford to send out postcards or letters to a dozen fans at each mailing and since it is clearly mentioned in Off Trails when one's subscription is due, we are sticking to strict observance of the regulations.

You will see that, by Rule 8 of the Constitution, it is now time for you to nominate members for the posts of President, Treasurer and Association Editor. Members willing to stand for these posts should forward their names to me before February 21st,1960 to be published in the March mailing. If you think that one member would make a particularly good officer, you may forward his/her name to me and I will see whether he/she is willing to stand.

Ron is reporting on the poll and this therefore can be a short report to leave him sufficient room. Suffice it to say that, because of amendments proposed this time, we cannot yet completely recut the Constitution, so we must just keep our fingers crossed and hope that the stencil holds out for one more run. To eliminate 50% of the risk, however, page 2 of the constitution has been recut and after receipts of the results of the present amendments, the first page will also be recut. Ron has put forward some amendments which while minor in themselves fully legalise the already unwritten laws of OMPA. Dorothy's suggestion may be welcomed in some quarters and I shall be extremely interested to see the results on this question.

To those joining OMPA this mailing, I hope it will be the finest fannish Christmas present you have ever had and to all members I should like to wish a very merry Christmas and may we all win the pools in the New Year - we should be so lucky!

- Joy.

### TREASURER'S REPORT \*

The annual report is as follows.

### Liabilities

#### Assets

President & Treasurer's Expenses	£l. 5.1.	Balance B/down £10.18.9½. Dues: 16 @ 6/- £ 4.16.0.
Editor's Expenses M1g17 M1g18	£5. 5.8½. £2.10.4.	32 @ 7/- £11. 4.0. Eney postage a/c £ 1.13.7½.
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Balance C/forward	£14. 7.0. £30.12.7½.	Stock £ 1.13.2½. £30.12.7½.

You will see from the above that we "made" almost £3 last year, but it wouldn't do to become jubilant about it. The extra cash came from a couple of cheap mailings and the sale of surplus stock. The size of the mailings is unreliable, and the surplus stock this year will cost us money, not earn it. (I have still to forward a lot of zines to FAPA in exchange for the free issue with the last mailing, and postage takes money.)

The balance of £13.17.0. has been increased by 25 subs of 7/- = £8.15.0., credit from Dick Eney of 4/11 for extra postage on the 21st mailing, and 5/- from sale of surplus stock, making a total of £23.1.11d. From this must be deducted £3.18.4 for the expenses of the 21st Mailing, leaving a credit of £19.3.7d. Cost of current mailing has still to be deducted. You with me?

All of which brings me to the question of dues. The following have been dropped for none payment of dues: LEMAN, MADLE, S. HALL, PAULS, FAINE, BROWN, CHAMPION. The following are still to pay: Sep 59 - Jun 60 inc. VONDRUSKA (airletter states cash on way)

Dec 59 - Sep 60 inc. HORROCKS (Special time allowance because

of distance involved) BENTCLIFFE, BURGESS, LEWIS, LICHTMAN, LOCKE,

MAYNE, RISPIN, SHORROCK.

Mar 60 - Dec 60 inc. SCHAFFER, GRAY, JEEVES, B. HALL.

Will the above please note that dues are payable within 30 days of receipt of this mailing and that SECOND WARNINGS WILL NOT BE GIVEN//Editor's capitals// Dollar bills would be appreciated from Stateside fen rather than cheques etc. Anyone sending cash sea-mail should say so - by airmail. Is all, I guess - San dy.

### EDITORIAL REPORT \*

"Much blood has been shed" runs the FANCYCLOPEDIA II under the heading of editor .... First, note that Bobbie Gray has been listed on page two under the surname of Wild. This is just sheer

habit on my part. Foosh to you, Bennett!

Two points arise from Sandy's report. Roger Horrocks has been dropped because of his failure to fulfil activity requirements. A time allownace might have been made in terms of cash, but I've had no airletter informing me of any intention to produce the 16 pages owed. Brian Burgess has paid his subs - to me in person. He was in Harrogate recently. Bob Lichtman applied

for membership shortly after the last mailing was posted and because of the large turnover this mailing, Bob has become a member in record time. Mike Wallace, Larry Shaw and Pete Taylor remain on the waiting list because no notification of credentials has been received from them. Art Wilson and Brian Jordan readily admit to not possessing the necessary qualifications and I'm grateful to them for letting me know. All in all, then, we welcome this mailing eight new members, ERIC BENTCLIFFE(Editor of TRIODE), BRIAN BURGESS(Publisher of the BSFA NEW WORLDS CHECKLIST), ALAN J. LEWIS(editor of FANTASY ASPECTS), BOB LICHTMAN(Editor of PSI-PHI and OUTWORLDS), GEORGE LOCKE(Editor of SMOKE), IVOR MAYNE(Material in ORION, SMOKE and VECTOR), ALAN RISPIN(editor of HUNGRY) and NORMAN SHORROCK(Editor of the BrumCon programme).

Ashworth, Bennett, Burn, Caughran, Clarke, Eney, Harris, Hayes, Jeeves, Lindsay, Linwood, Mills, Mercer, Roles, Sanderson and Spencer were the members who voted on the amendment to the constitution and the proposals for the OMPAnthology circulated with the last mailing.

Let's take the sections one by one:

1. Is Sandy's selection suitable? For 9 Against 2 On the Whole 1 Abstain 4.

2. Coverage in years given to collection... First 3 years 9 for First 2 years 1 for First Year only 0 Abstain 4 All unsuitable 2.

John Role's and Bruce Burn returned attached lists of suggested material for inclusion.

4. Honourable mentions were won for items like THIS GOON FOR HIRE, Ted White covers, ROARING JELLY, SEARCH FOR ENEY'S FAULT, I REM-EMBER ME, FAN DIRECTORY, LONGONFIDENTIAL.

Lindsay, Mercer, Ashworth, Eney, Caughran, Jordan, Mills, Burn said they are willing to help. Jeeves is too busy now, Spencer will help on anything but duplicating, Harris wants to know who he would have to help. Linwood, Roles and Bennett would not be willing to help.

6. Pricing of publication. Free to those represented and who help with work, 1/- per copy to other members with 1/6 every additional copy. 2/- to nonmembers. Agree 10. Disagree 2. Abstain 4. The two who disagreed said, "Finance it out of OMPA treasury. It'll be good publicity and worth the money. We could then distribute free copies to SAPA and FAPA and help swell the waiting list." And, "No free copies to anyone. 1/- is cheap and won't break anybody. I would suggest 1/- to all OMPAns and WLers and 2/- to outsiders including ex-members if they want copies. Circularise these last."

Accordingly, the suggestions for the publication are adopted. Note that on the above and the suggested amendment waiting listers Alan Rispin and Brian Jordan also returned ballot forms. These cannot be counted but show interest and deserve mention.

All 16 who voted agreed with the proposed amendment and accordingly it is passed that the Constitution, section 7, line 16, be amended to read "...activity requirements, reports of official proceedings, any ballots (which shall be on a detachable sheet or sheets) and other..."

Before the first page of the constitution can be recut, however, there are four more proposed amendments. Dorothy Ratigan recently wrote to Joy and stated, "...my suggestion for a clause that will cover, I think, all slanderous, directly or indirectly, sly or open, comments that people are wont to make in the heat of the moment. This, however, does not necessarily eliminate from this field a good meaty argument with both sides putting forward their viewpoints without rancour, bile or stupid childishness." Dorothy enlarges on this point in the issue of SATAN'S CHILD in this mailing.

I have, myself, three proposed amendments for the constitution which appear, to me, to block up a couple of loopholes. The first, covering the discretion of the editor concerning mailing deadlines, arises from a current disagreement in FAPA when the editor moved house between his declared deadline and that stated in the FAPA constitution. In so far as this particular mailing's deadline was put forward it seems to me that this point should be covered by OMPA law. Incidentally, because of this point, any magazines which arrive here in Harrogate between the deadline and the actual parcelling of the mailing will be included in the mailing, although they may not necessarily be listed on the cover of OFF TRAILS. I know for a fact that Bjo Wells has already posted her magazine but it has not yet arrived here and it may possibly have to be held over until March.

My second proposal merely legalises a common practice, following a misunderstanding with Ethel Lindsay over the postmailing of SCOTTISHE. Pray note that the official editor is not authorised to send additional copies of a member's magazine to waiting listers at that member's request.

My third proposal seems to be common sense in view of the above.

The first magazines to arrive this time were from Don Ford. Scottishe, Archive and Satan's Child tied for last place, arriving on the morning of the deadline. Mal Ashworth had threatened to bring DUPE over personally just before midnight on 21st November but he later decided to post them.

Although I had hoped to mail out this bundle in envelopes, I have not been able to obtain any and it looks as though we shall once again have to fall back on brown paper. If any member would like to pay his subscription in terms of envelopes of a suitable size, I'd be grateful.

Note the dates for the deadlines of voting on the amendments and the March mailing. The "non-reply" voting system is once again in operation.

Sincere best wishes for the festive season - Ron.

# THE OFF-TRAIL MAGAZINE PUBLISHERS ASS'N

### Formed 19th. June, 1954 CONSTITUTION

- 1) The name of this Association shall be the OFF TRAIL MAGAZINE PUBLISHER'S ASSOCIATION. It is an independent organisation and is not affiliated with any club, group, or any other separate organisation in science-fiction fandom.
  - 2) FUNCTIONS The Association is composed of persons with a common interest in s-f and fantasy, each of whom contributes material written or published by his or her self to a quarterly mailing, which is sent to all members.
  - MEMBERS Not more than 45 persons can be members at any one time. Hembership is open to anyone able to show proof of activity in the amateur publishing field during the previous 12 months by having had contributions in any form except that of a letter published in two separate fanzines, or of having published their own magazines. When the membership is complete a waiting list will be formed, and when a vacancy occurs the first waiting applicant will be invited to submit credentials and dues.
  - 4) RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP To be eligible to renew membership a member must have published or had published in OMPA mailings in his or her preceding year of membership eight 10"x 8"shoots (16 quarto pages) or their equivalent (six 13 x 8 F'cap sheets, etc.). Publication of OFF TRAILS shall count towards the activity requirements of the Association Editor.
  - 5) FINANCES To pay for mailing expenses, official letters and the official organ, etc., a membership fee of 6/- per year (i.o. 4 mailings) is required, paid at the time of admission or or renewal of membership.
  - 6) MAILINGS The Association Editor sends out identical packets to all members on or before the second Saturday after the first day of March, June, September and December.

If any member wishes to circulate the others at any other time in a "post-mailing" (i.e. a separate mailing from the individual to all other members), then this will be considered as a contribution to the previous mailing for record purposes. Prior to publication, a copy must be sent to the Association Editor for inspection regarding legality. The postage on post-mailings is not to be paid from OMPA funds unless it is an authorised communication dealing with official business.

The publisher must send to the Association Editor at least 49 copies of publications intended for the quarterly mailing. These may be reproduced in any form which gives that number of identical and legible copies, and must represent to a substantial extent the work of the member who has submitted them, in writing or publishing. There is no restriction on the type of material except lawfulness. Publications must bear the name and address of the publisher, and all details concerning address, date, and number of a magazine where written (i.e. not in figures) shall, whoever publishes it, be displayed in English.

Mombers are not obliged to distribute their subscription 'zines through OLIPA, but all items thus included are produced at the publisher's expense and are free to

all members, being considered exchanges.

All material for each mailing must be in the hands of the Association Editor at least 7 days before the first day of the month of mailing. Contributions received later than this can only be accepted at the discretion of the Association Editor, and will otherwise be held pending the wishes of the member(s) concerned.

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7) OFFICERS The President has general direction of OMPA affairs, appoints members to fill vacated offices, and has powers to deal with situations not otherwise covered in the Constitution, including the apportioning of official work (other than that specified here) amongst officers. He or she has no powers to make alterations to the Constitution not sanctioned by a majority vote, written or otherwise, from the membership.

The Treasurer receives membership applications and all dues, and keeps the other officers informed of income and expenditure and other matters in his department. The Treasurer keeps OMPA funds separate from his or her own, publishes a financial statement in every September mailing, and at the end of the term of office hands over all records, etc.

to the succeeding Treasurer. He or she must be over 21.

The Association Editor is charged with assembling and posting the mailings and publishes the quarterly official organ OFF TRAILS with each one, at OMPA expense. This contains in each issue the Constitution, a list of current members & waiting applicants, notification of material in the current mailing, details of post-mailings, the standing of members with regard to dues and activity requirements, reports of official proceedings, any ballots (which shall be on a detachable sheet or sheets), and other official meterial at the Association Editor's discretion. Each issue of OFF TRAILS is sent free not only to members as part of the mailing, but also to waiting applicants to the Association.

8) ELECTIONS An election to all official posts is held annually. Candidates must inform the President before Feb. 21st, and ballot forms will be sent in the March mailing. These must be returned within 6 weeks of despatch to be valid, to a counting committee (one recipient and one checker) nominated with their previous consent in the March OFF TRAILS. They inform the President within two weeks of voting deadline of the results, which are published in the June OFF TRAILS. A simple majority vote elects. New terms start 4 weeks after posting of the June mailing, the first business of the new Officers (aside from post-mailing inspections and other interim matters) being despatch of the September mailing.

Any electioneering propaganda, etc. will be recorded as Member's activities, and not

as official business.

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- 9) AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION Any member may propose amendments to this Constitution (in writing, to the Fresident), and this proposal will be published in the form of a ballot in the December OFF TRAILS unless the member otherwise desires. Over half the current members must vote and a majority of them be in favour for the amendment to be accepted. Any part of the Constitution may be suspended, officers removed, etc., by a signed proposal from over half the current members after the entire membership has been circulated.
- 10) CREDITS Where magazines are submitted by two or more members working in collaboration credit for publication will be equally divided for the purposes of activity requirements, unless otherwise requested. Any material submitted, by a member or non-member, will be credited to the member publishing same unless the Association Editor is informed to the contrary at the time that it is sent in, or unless it is illegal under this Constitution.
- 11) OVERSEAS MEMBERS Overseas members may remit their dues in books, magazines, stationery, etc. at the discretion of the Treasurer.

### PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE OMPA CONSTITUTION .....

1. Clause to be entered in the Constitution, proposed by Dorothy Ratigan.

"Any member of OMPA who has caused to be published comments of a defamatory or libellous nature or malicious misrepresentation of character either by suggestion inference or imputation against any member(s) of OMPA other organisations, members of other organisations within the field of SF/fantasy and shall also include those people who do not actively belong to either the SF/Fantasy or non-SF/Fantasy groups but who are known persons to members of OMPA or other organisations shall have his/her membership withdrawn immediately following the publication and circulation of such comments until such time as the President and officers shall deem it expedient to review the matter whereupon the members of OMPA shall decide by vote whether or not the member(s) in question shall be reinstated to the OMPA membership waiting list."

F OR/	AGAINST/

2. Amendment to Section 6(mailings)of the Constitution, proposed by Ron Bennett.

"That paragraph 5 of section 6 have inserted in it a clause so that it reads....'...at least 7 days before the first day of the month of mailing unless stated by the Association Editor in the Off Trails of the previous mailing. Contributions received....'"

## FOR/ AGAINST/

3. Amendment to Section 6(mailings)of the Constitution, proposed by Ron Bennett.

"That paragraph 2 of section 6 have inserted in it a clause so that it reads '....for inspection regarding legality. On publication an extra 3 copies must be sent to the Association Editor. The postage on post-mailings....'"

## FOR/ AGAINST/

4. Amendment to Section 6(mailings)of the Constitution, proposed by Ron Bennett.

"That the order of paragraphs two and three of Section 6 be reversed."

FOR/ AGAINST/

Failure to vote will mean that we take it you approve of these amendments. Deadline for receipt of votes 30th JANUARY 1960.