

THE NATIONAL FANTASY FAN FEDERATION

CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE

The activity that centers around Science Fiction and Fantasy has grown to require organization in order that desirable objectives, beyond the accomplishment of single individuals, may be attained through united effort. Under this constitution, the National Fantasy Fan Federation is established as an association of persons interested in promoting the progress of Science Fiction and Fantasy, and in furthering its enjoyment by themselves and others.

ARTICLE I - MEMBERSHIP

1. An individual is a member of the Association during the time covered by the payment of his dues. Dues are \$1.60 per calendar year or two years for \$3.00. On becoming a member, a minimum of \$1.60 must be paid unless, at the same time, the applicant also pays that proportionate part of the yearly dues necessary to adjust the applicant's membership to the first of the year. Members have the right to vote in all elections and referendums, and may participate in any benefits created by the Organization.

ARTICLE II - OFFICERS

1. A President conducts the affairs of the organization. His appointments, suspensions and removals from office, whether the office concerned is elective or appointive, are subject to the review and approval of the Directorate, as are also his methods of procedure.

2. If, for any reason, the office of President becomes vacant the Directorate appoints a President to complete the unexpired term. Any interim representative duties are performed by the Chairman of the Directorate, during which time he may not vote in his capacity as Director except on motions of appointments.

3. A Directorate, composed of five members, regulates the affairs and controls the finances of the organization, and may define the duties of any office or official of the association.

4. Decisions of the Directorate are by majority of its five members except in the following instances: By unanimous vote the Directorate may refuse membership to any person; expell any member by refunding the balance of the dues; and may remove the President from office.

5. Any person designated as Treasurer or otherwise empowered to keep or convey the funds of the organization must be over twenty-one years of age.

ARTICLE III - ELECTIONS

1. The President and five members of the Directorate are to be decided by the membership in an annual election of those officers. Ballots for the election are to be distributed before October 10th and the elected candidates take office on the following January first. Any member may seek office by complying with the official requirements which are to be published in the Official Organ at least two months previous to the filing deadline.

2. No person may hold two elective offices at the same time.

3. Each person may cast one vote for each of the five candidates of his choice in the election of the Directorate. The five candidates receiving the largest number of votes are elected. Ties are resolved by majority agreement of those elected candidates not included in the tie.

4. Of the candidates for President, the one receiving the largest number of votes is elected. In case of a tie, the elected Directorate choose a President from the tied candidates.

ARTICLE IV - OFFICIAL ORGAN

1. The association issues a publication of at least bi-monthly schedule which carries, in addition to other material, a quarterly statement of the financial status of the organization, together with a listing of new members and their addresses.

ARTICLE V - PETITIONS AND AMENDMENTS

1. Petitions of whatever purpose, endorsed by five percent of the members or twenty-five members, whichever be less, must, within sixty days after the Directorate receives them, be submitted to the membership for decision unless the Directorate has already taken the indicated action.

Petitions looking towards the revision, reversion, or setting aside any action of the President or the Directorate must be submitted within two calendar years following such action, or such petition is invalid and without force.

2. Amendments to the Constitution shall require $2/3$ of the votes cast to be approved. All other decisions by the membership shall be by a majority of the votes cast.

3. Any alteration or amendment of the Constitution will be presented to the membership for vote exactly as it is to be entered, or the alteration or amendment is invalid and without force.

4. The power to alter or amend the Constitution is invested solely in the membership.

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