

2026 WSFS Business Meeting Agenda

LAcon V

The 84th World Science Fiction Convention

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Introduction

The Business Meeting will be held virtually on the Lumi Meeting platform for registered members of LAcon V, with the Site Selection meeting held in-person during the general convention, at the following dates and times (Pacific Daylight Time, UTC-7):

Preliminary Business Meeting online	Friday, July 17	9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Main Business Meeting #1 online	Sunday, July 26	9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Main Business Meeting #2 online	Saturday, August 1	9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Main Business Meeting #3 online	Sunday, August 9	9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Site Selection Business Meeting Anaheim Convention Center	Sunday, August 30	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

The Officers and Staff are:

Presiding Officer:	Jesi Lipp (they/them)
Deputy Presiding Officer and Parliamentarian:	Martin Pyne (he/him)
Secretary:	Ira Alexandre (they/them)
Timekeeper:	O.R.
Slide Presenter:	Alana Vincent (she/they)
Speaker Pool Managers:	Kathy Bond (she/her), Warren Buff (he/him), Chris Hensley (he/him), Kris Snyder (they/them)
Documentation:	Jed Hartman (he/him)
Help Desk:	Terry Neill (she/her)

Regarding Running a Virtual WSFS Business Meeting

Supplemental materials about how to log in and use the Lumi Meeting platform for the online portions of the Business Meeting will be published on the [Business Meeting page on the LAcon V website](#) in a document titled “2026 WSFS Business Meeting Virtual Meeting Instructions.” The Business Meeting Staff here offer a brief overview of the information contained in that document, and additional rules and guidance for attending a virtual WSFS Business Meeting this year.

Overview

You must be a member of WSFS with an attending or virtual attending supplement in order to attend the Business Meeting. **You must purchase your membership at least 24 hours prior to the beginning of the session in order to ensure you can access the virtual meeting platform.** If you purchase your membership after the 24-hour cutoff, we cannot guarantee that you will be able to access the virtual meeting platform. However, you will be able to attend any following sessions. This same 24-hour cutoff applies to attending the Test Your Tech and Live Orientation sessions.

There will be two passive **Test Your Tech** sessions to ensure that you are able to log in to the Lumi platform and join the integrated Zoom. These will both be held on July 9th from 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. (all times Pacific Daylight Time, UTC-7). You can log in at any point during either 2-hour window.

There will also be two active **Live Orientation** sessions to test your ability to vote and your audio (including microphone). These will both be held on July 10th from 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. (All times Pacific Daylight Time, UTC-7). We recommend joining the live orientation session at the start of the session, but you should still be able to participate if you join partway through.

The same cutoff for membership purchases applies for both the Test Your Tech and Live Orientation sessions; please ensure you have purchased your membership by 7:00 a.m. on July 8th if you wish to join a Test Your Tech session and by 7:00 a.m. on July 9th if you wish to join a Live Orientation session.

You will access the Lumi Meeting platform through the LAcon V member portal, where you can access your unique login link to the platform. Within the platform, you will be able to join the integrated Zoom meeting, view documents, request to speak, and vote.

Each member will need to be logged into the platform separately in order to vote. In general, we recommend that each person access the platform from a separate device.

However, for those for whom that is not possible, we have provided instructions for handling multiple logins on one device in the full Virtual Meeting Instructions document.

If multiple people will be joining the meeting from one location, such as a multi-member household, only one member should join the Zoom meeting (you can log in to the platform without joining the Zoom). When requesting to speak, you will need to enter the name of the Zoom user to be recognized.

If you are hosting a Business Meeting “watch party” at a convention or similar event, please contact bm-help@lacon.org as soon as possible so that we can help you set it up.

There will be an official Business Meeting Discord server. The server will be in read-only mode between meetings and will become active from three hours before each meeting starts to three hours after adjournment on each meeting day. The link to access the server will be made available on the virtual meeting platform.

Nominations and Elections

For elections to any committees, nominations will be solicited via the Lumi platform. In order to appear on the ballot, those nominated should email their consent to nomination to bm-candidate@lacon.org by three hours prior to the start of the meeting when elections are to be held. You may also submit a brief statement of no more than 300 words of why you wish to serve on the committee, which will be posted in the Business Meeting Discord.

We currently expect that elections will be held at the First Main Meeting on Sunday, July 26th.

Additional Rules

Section 5.1.4 of the WSFS Constitution states:

5.1.4: Meetings shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of (in descending order of precedence) the WSFS Constitution; the Standing Rules; such other rules as may be published in advance by the current Committee (which rules may be suspended by the Business Meeting by the same procedure as a Standing Rule); the customs and usages of WSFS (including the resolutions and rulings of continuing effect); and the current edition of Robert's *Rules of Order, Newly Revised*.

Per this remit, the following additional rules shall be in effect for the 2026 Business Meeting:

Virtual Meetings

Electronic and remote participation shall be allowed. Any teleconferencing platform must ensure that all members participating in the meeting can hear those who have been assigned the floor, can speak and vote (if so entitled), and can have their attendance recorded. The Site Selection Business Meeting will be in-person.

Obtaining the Floor

Members wishing to speak in debate or make a motion shall follow the instructions provided within the meeting platform to use the Speaker Pool function. The meeting platform must ensure that the Presiding Officer is able to determine the precedence of requests to speak. The Presiding Officer shall choose from those members who have indicated a request to speak and assign the floor to the speaker.

Reporting on the Speaker Pool

A member may, at any time, use the Speaker Pool function to request a report from the Presiding Officer on the population of the speaker pool, which shall function as a Question of Privilege. Upon receiving the request, the Presiding Officer shall verbally report the number of speakers in the pool for speeches in favor, speeches against, and other purposes. If more than two such reports have already been provided during the current item of business, it is at the discretion of the Presiding Officer to determine if the frequency or timing of such requests has become dilatory and to decline to recognize such requests.

Ending Debate

When the Presiding Officer recognizes a speaker for the motion to End Debate, the recognition by the Presiding Officer itself will qualify as the making of said motion. If more than one speaker is in the pool for the same purpose, the Presiding Officer will state so, and the motion to End Debate will be considered to have been seconded.

When the time for debate has expired, or the motion to End Debate has been moved and seconded, before moving to a vote, the Presiding Officer shall indicate the number of speakers in the pool for speeches in favor, speeches against, and amendments.

Regarding Proceedings Taking Place in Executive Session

At the 2025 Business Meeting, a Trial Committee was formed in connection to the report from the Investigation Committee on the 2023 Hugo Awards. This Trial Committee is part of the process for disciplinary proceedings laid out in *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised*. Per RRONR, all matters regarding disciplinary proceedings must be handled in Executive Session.

Executive session means that the details of the proceedings must remain confidential within the membership of the Society. The content of proceedings must not be divulged to people who are not members of WSFS, and the minutes from debates that take place within Executive Session may only be read if the Society enters back into Executive Session; they are not made publicly available. Because WSFS does not have permanent officers to hold confidential minutes, the Secretary of the Business Meeting prepares the minutes from the Executive Session and submits them to the Secretary of the Mark Protection Committee. Published minutes contain the minimum amount of information necessary to carry out any action decided upon by the members.

The Executive Session of the 2025 Business Meeting adopted a resolution to impanel a trial committee to evaluate the evidence regarding whether the conduct of certain members of WSFS as part of the administration of the 2023 Hugo Awards tends to bring WSFS into disrepute, disrupt its well-being, or hamper its work. That committee is reporting back to the 2026 Business Meeting with the results of the trial and (if applicable) recommended penalties. Once the report has been received, for any persons that the Trial Committee found guilty, the Business Meeting will vote on whether to adopt the Trial Committee's recommended penalties. The Business Meeting can decline to impose any penalty regardless of the Trial Committee's recommendation or reduce a recommended penalty. The Business Meeting cannot increase a penalty beyond what the Trial Committee recommends, and it cannot impose a penalty if the Trial Committee found a person not guilty.

The report of the Trial Committee, and all items arising from it, will be handled in Executive Session. This portion of the meeting will not be livestreamed or contained in the posted recording of the Business Meeting. We expect to take up the report from the Trial Committee at the beginning of the Third Main Meeting on August 9th. The full report will be made available on the Lumi platform at the close of the Second Main Meeting on August 1st.

Members may access the report by logging into the platform between the second Main Meeting and the third Main Meeting (the platform will need to be closed for a couple of

hours during this time in order to do some backend technical work; we will make sure to inform the membership of when the platform will not be accessible).

It is the responsibility of all members who attend the meeting to maintain the confidentiality of proceedings within Executive Session, including the full report.

Business Meeting Schedule

The virtual meetings will run from 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Pacific Daylight Time (UTC-7). Meetings may run slightly shorter or longer depending on where we are in the agenda (no more than 15 minutes longer, and probably not more than 15 minutes shorter). There will be a 15-minute bio/ergo break at approximately 10:45 a.m.; the exact time of the break will be dependent on where we are in the agenda, but breaks should occur within 10 minutes of the planned time.

For the virtual meetings, we expect the Lumi platform to be available starting an hour before the scheduled meeting time.

Generally speaking, the order of business will follow the order of the agenda. However, the rules around the Preliminary Business Meeting do complicate the way that we move through business. After each session, Business Meeting staff will publish a recap of the session and which items are expected to come up at the next session. Below is a broad outline of what order to expect things in.

Preliminary Business Meeting (Friday, July 17)

- Introduction to the Business Meeting and overview of how to request to speak, vote, etc.
- Brief verbal committee reports and questions about Worldcon financial reports; reauthorization of standing committees and any special committees that wish to continue; nominations to the Mark Protection Committee (see [Nominations and Elections](#) for how nominations will be handled)
- [Standing Rules Changes](#) (C.1 - C.3)
- [Resolutions](#) (D.1 - D.5; D.6 - D.9 to be handled in Executive Session at the Third Main Business Meeting)
- Setting debate times for [Business Passed On](#) (E.1 - E.15) and [New Constitutional Changes](#) (F.1 - F.9)

Please note the following restrictions on actions of the Preliminary Business Meeting: the Preliminary Business Meeting is not permitted to take a final vote to adopt new constitutional changes or ratify Business Passed On, and it may not refer constitutional changes to a committee unless that committee will report back to one of LAcon V's Main Business Meetings. Additionally, it may not amend or indefinitely postpone any Business Passed On.

First Main Business Meeting (Sunday, July 26)

- Any items for the Preliminary Business Meeting that were not completed
- Balloting for committee elections, vote to be open for 24 hours after conclusion of meeting
- Debate and votes on ratification of Business Passed On
- Debate and votes on New Constitutional Changes; due to availability of the proposer, we will try to handle [F8. Purposeful Proportionality](#) at this meeting

Second Main Business Meeting (Saturday, August 1)

- Results of committee elections
- Debate and votes on any remaining Business Passed On
- Debate and votes on New Constitutional Changes

Third Main Business Meeting (Sunday, August 9)

- In Executive Session: report from the Trial Committee and all items coming from that report
- Debate and votes on any remaining New Constitutional Changes

Site Selection Business Meeting (Sunday, August 30)

- Results of the 2028 Site Selection
- Question and Answer time for future seated Worldcons (2027 and 2028): 30 minutes per Standing Rule 7.1 (15 minutes each - 5 minutes for presentation, 10 minutes for Q&A)
- Presentations by 2029 bids - 5 minutes each

Regarding Debate Times

Debate time is set as a total amount of time for the motion, split evenly between each side. A debate time of 10 minutes means 5 minutes in favor and 5 minutes against. There is no limit on the number of speeches or the length of speeches—5 minutes of speech in favor could be one 5-minute speech, five 1-minute speeches, or ten 30-second speeches.

Please note, however, that debate time is not the same thing as real time. Real time elapsed is generally two or three times the debate time elapsed.

How to Read this Agenda

While many parts of this agenda, such as reports, can be considered self-explanatory, the following information will come in handy for examining the Resolutions, Standing Rule Changes, New Constitutional Changes, and Business Passed On.

All items mentioned above are aimed at changing something about how WSFS runs.

Resolutions are stand-alone entities that generally have a single purpose to accomplish and then are finished. A good example of a resolution is the eligibility extension; it gives a single work another year of eligibility for Hugo Award consideration and then functionally “goes away” once that purpose is accomplished.

Sometimes, resolutions have a continuing effect, such as a reminder to future Worldcons about some request of the Business Meeting. In those cases, resolutions are entered in the Resolutions and Rulings of Continuing Effect document, which is maintained by the Nitpicking and Flyspecking Committee, and hosted on www.wsfs.org.

Standing Rules Changes are items that aim to affect how the Business Meeting itself is run moving forward. While we generally use *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised*, there are a lot of “standing rules” that determine how the Business Meeting is conducted. An entirely fictional example of a proposed standing rules change would be “everyone at the Business Meeting must, at all times, wear a chicken hat.” If that proposed rule change passed, then anyone who wants to be at the Business Meeting would be checked for their chicken hat at the door. Changes to the Standing Rules do not go into effect until the next year’s Business Meeting, unless the body chooses by 2/3 vote to have the change take immediate effect.

New Constitutional Changes are items that would change the WSFS Constitution itself. Examples of this kind of business would be any change to a Hugo Award category or how site selection for future Worldcons is conducted. Any proposed change to the Constitution has to pass a vote at the Business Meetings of two successive Worldcons. A new

constitutional change is coming up at the Business Meeting for its first vote; if it passes, it will be sent on to the next Worldcon for its final vote.

Business Passed On are proposed constitutional changes from the previous Worldcon that are to have their second vote this year. You will note that “Business Passed On” comes before the new constitutional changes in the agenda; we have a heightened duty to address those items before the new business because they’ve already been voted on once.

Standing rules changes, new constitutional changes, and business passed on all aim to change parts of the governing documents of WSFS. To make it easier to understand how one of these items will change the governing documents, each has been formatted to make changes more visible:

Text to be added will look like this (blue and underlined)

~~Text to be deleted will look like this~~ (red and struck through)

Unchanged text will look like this (black and unstyled)

All proposals will also be accompanied by commentary from the drafters, which (hopefully) explains in plain language what the intent of the changes is. It is very worth considering if the language shown as added, deleted, or maintained will accomplish the intent as stated.

It is possible to edit proposed text during the Business Meeting; if that happens, the altered text will be made available and use the formatting explained above.

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The proceedings of these meetings will be recorded per Standing Rule 1.5. Any member may also make their own recordings and distribute them at their discretion, excluding those portions taking place in Executive Session (see [Regarding Proceedings Taking Place in Executive Session](#)).

A. Committee Reports and Motions

Committees of WSFS and the Business Meeting are as follows; reports from these committees are available in their entirety in [Appendix A](#):

Standing Committees of WSFS

- [Mark Protection Committee](#)

Standing Committees of the Business Meeting

- [Nitpicking and Flyspecking Committee](#)
- [Worldcon Runners Guide Editorial Committee](#)
- [Formalization of Long List Entries \(FOLLE\) Committee](#)

Special Committees of the Business Meeting

- [Trial Committee](#)
- [Ethics and Whistleblower Committee \(“Sparkle Unicorn”\)](#)
- [Business Meeting Study Group](#)
- [Hugo Award Admin Process Committee](#)
- [2025 Items Referred](#)

B. Financial Reports

The following conventions are required to submit financial reports, which can be viewed in their entirety in [Appendix B](#):

Convention	Year and Location
LoneStarCon 3	(2013 - San Antonio, USA)
Sasquan	(2015 - Spokane, USA)
MidAmeriCon II	(2016 - Kansas City, USA)
Worldcon 76	(2018 - San Jose, USA)
CoNZealand	(2020 - Wellington, New Zealand)
Chengdu Worldcon	(2023 - Chengdu, China)
Glasgow 2024	(2024 - Glasgow, Scotland)
Seattle in 2025	(2025 - Seattle, USA)
LAcon V	(2026 - Los Angeles, US)
Montréal in 2027	(2027 - Montréal, Canada)

C. Standing Rule Changes

C.1 Calling the Question At Any Point

Moved, to amend the Standing Rules as follows:

Rule 5.6: Previous Question. A person speaking to a motion may not immediately offer a motion ~~to close debate. The motion~~ for the Previous Question (also known as the motion “close debate,” “call the question,” and “vote now”) ~~shall not be in order when there is less than one minute of debate time remaining, nor when either or both sides of the debate have yet to speak to a question.~~ Before voting on the motion for the Previous Question, the Presiding Officer shall, without debate, ask for a show of hands of those persons who still wish to speak to the matter under consideration.

Proposed by: The Nitpicking & Flyspecking Committee

Discussion: The previous question, while serving the purpose of limiting debate, also cuts off amendments and most other subsidiary motions. The existing standing rule prevents members from moving to stop further amendments from being offered when there is between one and zero minutes remaining. (Per CH-2006-02, it remains in order to move the previous question when all time has expired for the purpose of preventing further amendments.) Furthermore, the Committee felt that it is often complicated to determine whether either or both sides of a debate have spoken to a question because of debate being consumed by amendments but frequently remaining substantive to the main question.

The Committee also notes that this rule can be suspended by a two-thirds vote, which means that the effect can already be achieved by moving to suspend the rules and order the previous question. The Committee believes that it would be cleaner to simply allow people to move the previous question without having to know that they need to suspend the rules in order to do so.

C.2 Minimum Substantive Debate on Main Motions

Moved, to amend the Standing Rules as follows:

Rule 3.5: Minimum Substantive Debate. If the debate time expires before either or both sides of the ~~question~~ [main motion](#) have had an opportunity for substantive debate, any side that has not had such an opportunity shall have two (2) minutes to be used solely for the purpose of substantive debate.

Proposed by: The Nitpicking & Flyspecking Committee

Discussion: Existing practice is that we do not require all questions to be debatable. For instance, Rule 3.4 specifically provides for consideration of amendments without debate in certain circumstances. This change would clarify that the requirement for minimum substantive debate only applies to main motions.

C.3 Business Meeting Dislocation

Moved, to amend the Standing Rules as follows:

Rule 1.1: Meeting and Session. The Annual Meeting of the World Science Fiction Society shall consist of one or more Preliminary Business Meetings and one or more Main Business Meetings. The first meeting shall be designated as a Preliminary Business Meeting. All meetings ~~at~~ [held by](#) a Worldcon (preliminary, main, or otherwise) shall be considered a single “session” as defined in the Parliamentary Authority (see Section 5.1 of the WSFS Constitution), regardless of whether such gatherings are called “meetings” or “sessions.”

Proposed by: WSFS Business Meeting Study Group, Adam Michaud, Kristina Forsyth, Joshua Kronengold, Lenore Jones, Chris Rose, Dave Hook

Discussion: This standing rules change is intended to work alongside the constitutional change presented in [F.2 There's No Business Like Virtual Business](#), but this change can stand alone; it will result in no substantive change with regard to a physical Business Meeting, but it removes ambiguity as to the Robert's Rules status of separate meetings of a virtual Business Meeting.

D. Resolutions

D.1 Clarifying Hugo Award Authority Delegation

Resolved, to request that the Secretary of the Business Meeting make the following corrections to various sections of Article 3 of the WSFS Constitution to clarify the delegated authority of the Hugo Awards Subcommittee under Section 3.13 by striking out and inserting words as follows:

Section 3.2: General.

3.2.8: The ~~Worldcon-committee~~ [Hugo Awards Subcommittee](#) can establish a conversion ratio [...]

3.2.9: The ~~Worldcon-Committee~~ [Hugo Awards Subcommittee](#) shall not consider previews [...]

3.2.10: The ~~Worldcon-Committee~~ [Hugo Awards Subcommittee](#) may relocate a story [...]

3.2.12: The ~~Worldcon-Committee~~ [Hugo Awards Subcommittee](#) may relocate a dramatic presentation work [...]

Section 3.5: Name and Design. [...] Each ~~Worldcon-Committee~~ [Hugo Awards Subcommittee](#) may select its own choice of base design. [...]

Section 3.6: "No Award". At the discretion of an individual ~~Worldcon-Committee~~ [Hugo Awards Subcommittee](#), if the lack of nominations or final votes in a specific category [...]

Section 3.7: Nominations.

3.7.1. The ~~Worldcon-Committee~~ [Hugo Awards Subcommittee](#) shall conduct a poll to select the finalists [...]

3.7.2. The ~~Committee~~ [Hugo Awards Subcommittee](#) shall include with each nomination ballot [...]

Section 3.8: Tallying of Nominations.

3.8.2. The ~~Worldcon-Committee~~ [Hugo Awards Subcommittee](#) shall determine the eligibility of nominees [...]

3.8.6. [...] The ~~Worldcon Committee~~ [Hugo Awards Subcommittee](#) shall make reasonable efforts to notify [...]

3.8.7. The ~~Committee~~ [Hugo Awards Subcommittee](#) shall move a nomination on an individual ballot [...]

3.8.8. [...] ~~Worldcon Committee~~ [Hugo Awards Subcommittee](#) shall determine in which category the work shall appear [...]

3.8.9. If a work receives a nomination in its default category, and if the ~~Committee~~ [Hugo Awards Subcommittee](#) relocates the work under its authority under subsection 3.2.9 or subsection 3.2.11, the Committee shall count the nomination even if the member already has made five (5) nominations [...]

Section 3.10: Notification and Acceptance.

3.10.1: ~~Worldcon Committees~~ [Hugo Awards Subcommittee](#) shall use reasonable efforts to notify the finalists [...]

Section 3.11: Voting.

3.11.1: [...] if the voter does not have their membership number, it may be supplied by the ~~Hugo Administrator or their designated staff member~~ [Hugo Awards Subcommittee](#).

3.11.4: The ~~Committee~~ [Hugo Awards Subcommittee](#) shall, on or with the final ballot, designate [...]

Section 3.12: Tallying of Votes.

3.12.3: The complete numerical vote totals, including all preliminary tallies for first, second, . . . places, shall be made public by the ~~Worldcon Committee~~ [Hugo Awards Subcommittee](#) within ninety (90) days after the Worldcon. [...]

Further resolved, to request that the Secretary of the Business Meeting, should the pending constitutional amendments “Clarifying the Best Dramatic Presentation Categories” and/or “Mandated Hugo Award Admin Reports” be ratified, make the following corrections thereto:

Clarifying the Best Dramatic Presentation Categories

3.8.6: [...] then the ~~administrators~~ [Hugo Awards Subcommittee](#) shall exclude either the series from the Best Dramatic Presentation, Long Form category or the

potentially qualifying episode(s) from the Best Dramatic Presentation, Short Form category.

The ~~administrators~~ [Hugo Awards Subcommittee](#) shall take into account [...]

Mandated Hugo Award Admin Reports

3.2.13: [...] rulings made by the Hugo ~~Administrator~~ [Awards Subcommittee](#) [...]

Proposed by: The Nitpicking & Flyspecking Committee

Discussion: Last year the Business Meeting ratified a constitutional amendment mandating the formerly customary, but not obligatory delegation of authority to make decisions relating to the Hugo Awards. The Committee believes it would make sense to standardize constitutional language in referring to the Hugo Awards Subcommittee, including in cases where nonstandard terminology has been used. Such changes are authorized under Standing Rule 4.3 and are not considered Constitutional amendments. This resolution calls the matter to the attention of the Business Meeting Secretary and asks them to make these corrections.

D.2 WSFS Code of Ethics

Resolved, that the WSFS Code of Ethics set out below be adopted as the WSFS Code of Ethics, effective immediately, and appended to the Resolutions and Rulings of Continuing Effect.

WSFS Code of Ethics

This code of ethics is intended to support the functions of the World Science Fiction Society (“WSFS”) as detailed in the WSFS Constitution. It is intended to guide the actions of people actively undertaking or supporting the business of WSFS as outlined in the Constitution.

I. GENERAL PRINCIPLES:

The business of WSFS should be carried out with

FAIRNESS and RESPECT to all involved, whether WSFS members or not.

INTEGRITY and NEUTRALITY: processes should be administered as specified by the WSFS Constitution, without fear or favour regarding the outcome.

COMPETENCE: This includes self-awareness, recognition of personal limitations, and willingness to ask for help.

TRANSPARENCY in the way that processes are administered and

ACCOUNTABILITY to the wider fan community, as represented by WSFS.

These principles are enacted through specific ethical standards applied to the administration of the Hugo Awards, Worldcon Site Selection, and the conduct of the WSFS Business Meeting.

II. ETHICAL STANDARDS PERTAINING TO THE BUSINESS OF WSFS

For the purposes of this policy, the business of WSFS constitutes the administration of the Hugo Awards, Worldcon Site Selection, and the Business Meeting. In the conduct of the Business Meeting, it is assumed that all meeting participants are (1) WSFS members and (2) undertaking or supporting the business of WSFS. This ethics policy applies not only to the Officers of the Business Meeting but to all Business Meeting Participants.

WSFS volunteers involved in the administration of the Hugo Awards, Worldcon Site Selection, and the Business Meeting are responsible for:

- Following the rules of the World Science Fiction Society, including but not limited to the WSFS Constitution
- Treating all nominees and potential nominees, voters and potential voters, members and volunteers fairly.
- Faithfully reflecting the will of the voters as expressed through the voting system designated in the WSFS Constitution
- Making available to the public the mechanics for making decisions, as specified in the WSFS Constitution, and maintaining appropriate and accurate documentation to be made available for formal review.
- Avoiding action which brings WSFS into disrepute or harms the goals of WSFS (appreciation for and nurturing of science fiction and fantasy, and gathering to do the same), including:
 - Breaching of confidentiality regarding votes
 - Engaging in actions which harm participation via: attempts to conduct voting in a manner designed to limit the participation of members (particularly members of marginalised groups); verbal or physical assault; intimidation, stalking or following; comments that belittle or demean others; inappropriate remarks or behavior, including those of a sexual nature; inappropriate physical contact; deliberate misgendering/deadnaming of people or continued misgendering/deadnaming after being corrected; non-consensual behavior towards another member, volunteer, or attendee; disruption of events; sexually graphic, racially biased, or other offensive images, including hate group iconography in spaces dedicated to the carrying out of WSFS business; attempts to weaponize this ethics policy (particularly against marginalised groups); or advocating for or encouraging any of the above behaviors.
 - Failing to avoid outside influence (financial, political, or personal) which might bias or appear to bias decisions.
 - Failing to appropriately declare a **conflict of interest** which might bias or appear to bias decisions.

In addition to the above, Business Meeting Participants and Officers of the Business Meeting are particularly responsible for:

- Conducting business in a fair, transparent, respectful and collaborative manner, particularly with regard to nomination and election of committee members;
- Proactively disclosing potential conflicts of interest, particularly with regard to the nomination and election of committee members; and
- Pursuing actions which faithfully reflect the will of the voters as expressed through the voting system in place for a given item of business.

III. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

For the purposes of this policy, a **conflict of interest** should be understood as a situation in which a person with an official duty has a private or personal interest (positive or negative) **sufficient to appear** to influence the execution of their duty in a given case. In determining whether it is necessary to declare a conflict of interest, it is useful to apply the following consideration: "Would people who do not know me personally but are affected by the outcome of my decision trust my judgement if they knew the details of the relationship involved?" Places where a conflict of interest is likely to arise in the conduct of WSFS business include:

- WSFS volunteers involved in the administration of the **Hugo Awards** being personally involved or professionally affiliated (in a manner directly connected to the nominated work) with any named finalist. Should they be affiliated in such a manner with any named finalist they must recuse themselves.
- WSFS volunteers involved in the administration of **site selection** during a given year should not be affiliated with any bid being voted on in that year, personally benefit financially from any bid being voted on in that year, or be related to anyone who will personally benefit from any bid being voted on in that year. In the event of such affiliation, they must recuse themselves.
- WSFS volunteers involved in the administration of the Hugo Awards and site selection should avoid any action which creates or allows for the suspicion of undue influence by members of the awards administration committee (for example, committee members saying publicly who should win, or being involved in betting on the winners).

IV. WHISTLE BLOWING

It is assumed that following this code of ethics will not contravene local or international law. However, in the event of a conflict between local laws or political concerns and the

administration of WSFS processes, it is the responsibility of WSFS volunteers to act according to the **Whistleblower Policy**.

Proposed by: Sparkle Unicorn Committee

Discussion: See [Report of the Sparkle Unicorn Committee](#).

D.3 Whistleblower Policy

Resolved, that the WSFS Whistleblower Policy set out below be adopted as the WSFS Whistleblower Policy, effective immediately, and appended to the Resolutions and Rulings of Continuing Effect.

Whistleblower Policy

Whistleblowing is specifically reporting wrongful activity that is not already public. It pertains primarily to institutional wrongdoing, rather than the actions of an individual—while an individual may act in ways that contravene the WSFS Code of Ethics, the normal expectation is that such contraventions will be noticed and acted upon, either formally or informally, by that individual’s peers and colleagues. It is only at the point that such behaviour goes unremedied that whistleblowing is required.

Severe breaches of the Code of Ethics constitute actions likely to bring WSFS into disrepute and injure the Hugo Award and other trademarks managed by the Mark Protection Committee/Worldcon Intellectual Property (MPC). Whistleblowing therefore should not be construed as an attempt to bring WSFS into disrepute but, rather, as a service to the organisation in exposing and addressing behaviour which has already brought the organisation into disrepute and harms its goals. This policy aims to support whistleblowers in this service.

The purpose of this policy is to offer WSFS members and volunteers who wish to do so an opportunity to call attention to breaches of the WSFS Code of Ethics *in confidence*. To that end:

1. **There shall be an ethics ombuds office comprising three individuals**, appointed as an advisory board to the MPC.
 - a. Each individual should be appointed for a term of three years, with appointments staggered so that one member rotates off each year.
 - b. These appointments should be made via an application process focussed on identifying relevant experience and, most importantly, avoiding potential

conflicts of interest. Chairs, division heads, and leadership of currently seated Worldcons or active bids are absolutely excluded from serving in this capacity.

2. The Ombuds Office shall act as a first point of contact in receiving concerns regarding potential breaches of the WSFS Code of Ethics and determine the best way to address these.
 - a. Concerns which are not breaches of the WSFS Code of Ethics (concerns pertaining to, for example, the conduct of a seated Worldcon rather than the administration of Hugo Awards, site selection, or the business meeting) should, where possible, be referred to the appropriate body (e.g., the chair of the seated Worldcon).
3. Where appropriate, the ombuds office shall investigate concerns and determine what further action is appropriate.
 - a. In extreme circumstances, further action may include a case made to the MPC regarding a violation of the WSFS Service Mark Licensing Agreement section 4.3. The final determination in such cases must rest with the MPC; the role of the ombuds office shall be to investigate and advise.
4. Should an investigation conclude that no further action is required, a brief summary report shall be made in confidence to the MPC.
5. The Ombuds Office shall make an annual report to the Business Meeting consisting of the number of reports received and action taken:

We received X reports, of which Y were deemed under our purview; after investigation Z were brought to the MPC and # resulted in further action.

Proposed by: Sparkle Unicorn Committee

Discussion: See [Report of the Sparkle Unicorn Committee](#).

D.4 Interim Ombuds Office

Resolved, that an Ethics Ombuds Office be created to serve as an advisory board to the Mark Protection Committee/Worldcon Intellectual Property (MPC), to operate in accordance with the WSFS Whistleblower Policy ([D.3 Whistleblower Policy](#)); and that the MPC be asked to constitute the Ethics Ombuds Office as an advisory board and to confirm that its officer liability insurance extends to members of the Ethics Ombuds Office.

Proposed by: Sparkle Unicorn Committee

Discussion: See [Report of the Sparkle Unicorn Committee](#). *Note from the Committee: This motion is logically dependent on D.3 Whistleblower Policy. The Ombuds Office operates under the Whistleblower Policy, and creating the office without the policy would leave it without any operational framework. If D.3 fails, D.4 should not proceed to a vote. D.4 is, however, presented separately so that members may vote on the adoption of the policy and the creation of the office as separate issues.*

D.5 Bidding Trust & Safety

Resolved, that a committee be formed of volunteers, with a chair to be appointed by the Presiding Officer, to discuss obligating a Worldcon bid to also include a Safety Statement which would address concerns such as international travel challenges, local transportation access, human rights policies of the local political regime, or any other issues that may affect the safety or freedom of the Convention's attendees and/or would interfere with the Convention's ability to operate, and the available resources and clear plans of action they will use to mitigate those concerns; as well as the official process of censure or other enforcement that would arise in the event of a convention committee's failure to adequately apply those resources or plans of action.

Proposed by: Brandon O'Brien, Olav Rokne

Discussion: In response to recent events in fandom which have conflicted with the values of the Society and the Convention, as well as a larger dispute within fandom about what makes a potential bid location safe or free enough to host a future Convention, several Constitutional amendment proposals aimed to ensure that Convention safety can be definitely assured as much as possible at the bidding stage. While this is admirable, and it is obvious that safety measures should be a paramount element of the event planning process, many either have not satisfied public concern or severely limit the Convention's ability to be a truly global event.

Some of those past options argued that for the sake of preventing bad behaviour by foreign actors and limiting the potential for attendees to suffer violence, persecution, or other harm, it is necessary to develop measures to judge a bid's safety, and it should be at least easier for even past host countries to fail a future bid than to be potentially open to locations that do not meet a clear bar for safety and freedom of travelers and locals alike. We do not think that this is a hostile proposition on its face, nor that every potential venue is unquestioningly suitable for a future Worldcon. However, the issue with many of these options is that they very observably rely on metrics which are limited to the perspectives of organisations external to fandom which (even unconsciously) bias white Western perspectives of international politics. For just one example, there are territories which pass at least one of the three metrics put forward in a previous proposal which, in the official report from the organisation which labels that region 'free', indicate in no uncertain terms that areas within its region fail that same proposal's threshold for eligibility, due to that passing nation's occupation of their territory. In an attempt to respond to potential censorship, political violence, discriminatory abuse, and other physical dangers, tools like these, without more critical application, may ironically become their own method of policing the voices and perspectives that are welcome at the Convention, limiting them to those who are local to frequently selected territories, those whose travel rights are not as threatened as their marginalised peers, or those with the resources to address any challenges to their freedom to travel, while also not making the event itself any more secure from the threat of bad actors leveraging the Convention as a tool of soft power.

What the current political climate confirms is that safety or freedom are not Boolean states of being, where territories are or can remain undeniably Good or Bad for all or even most attendees, or will only be in flux before or after a bid has won or lost. Insisting that it is—that some spaces are more volatile than others, and to measure such based on tools constructed for other purposes and prone to their own biases—disempowers us from taking the dignity of our space in our own hands. To wit, while North America is currently and will briefly remain the host continent for the convention, many travelers have faced unique challenges and risks entering the region before, and those risks have only become greater—yet hundreds of travelers, especially politically or financially vulnerable creators or fans who rely on conventions for networking and future contract opportunities in the genre, make an effort to attend conventions like ours and others every year.

It is far more valuable, as a community unto ourselves, to be willing and able to devise our own intra-community tools for discussing how any bid may provide resources for safety when they can, navigate risk when those resources are limited, and hold itself accountable for both the bad behaviour and the incidental misgivings of its officers. Instead of preemptively avoiding specific territories in an attempt to avoid negative consequences, we

should be willing to ask bidding committees to invest fully in whatever those intra-community tools may be, and to be clear about their availability. Even beyond the realm of the political, the internal safety of fandom at the Convention is also of paramount importance, and knowing that any given bid is open about its commitment to securing the safety and dignity of its attendees, both within its walls as is their responsibility, and beyond it in the ways that they can manage, may reassure any given attending base that their safety is a concern that the bidding committee has deliberately focused on, that there is support if attendees have further concerns, and that one can ask questions about what may be lacking. It also serves as the obvious marker by which we judge that bid committee's commitment to ensuring safety and freedom as far as it can, such that any consequences of failure can be judged in comparison and determined internally.

It must be stated that this is also a matter of placing trust in ourselves to be capable of addressing these issues with forethought and vigilance. Despite public debate within fandom in early 2025 about the safety of a Worldcon hosted in the United States, based on a clear material threat to travelers that still exists now, several factors within fandom still empower the community to value the presence of the Convention in the region. As an example of what trust and clarity can afford the Convention to respond to these challenges, the committee of Seattle 2025 made a statement immediately following that debate, responding to community concerns to acknowledge their fears, offer whatever resources were available to resolve the issues that were in their power, and remain open for questions from the public.

It is the ideal of this resolution that, despite the Convention's past foibles, fandom is remarkably capable of being its own advocate just as well as its own critic—that we can develop a robust class of solutions to these problems in ways that act on trust first, and empower committees to be proactive and forthcoming about these problems and their solutions as early as possible in the process, for the betterment of both future bids and the overall unstated ideal of the Society to 'put the world in Worldcon'—an ideal which, if we cannot keep it, will only seek to ensure that the voices in the very regions we would otherwise be willing to shut out never get to tell the stories that would imagine better futures for their own spaces, and stories about how the wider world can also be better enough to make room for them.

D.6 Resolution Brought by Trial Committee (A)

This resolution will be handled in Executive Session.

Proposed by: Trial Committee

Discussion: See Report of the Trial Committee, which will be part of the Executive Session materials.

D.7 Resolution Brought by Trial Committee (B)

This resolution will be handled in Executive Session.

Proposed by: Trial Committee

Discussion: See Report of the Trial Committee, which will be part of the Executive Session materials.

D.8 Resolution Brought by Trial Committee (C)

This resolution will be handled in Executive Session.

Proposed by: Trial Committee

Discussion: See Report of the Trial Committee, which will be part of the Executive Session materials.

D.9 Resolution Brought by Trial Committee (D)

This resolution will be handled in Executive Session.

Proposed by: Trial Committee

Discussion: See Report of the Trial Committee, which will be part of the Executive Session materials.

E. Business Passed On

See the agenda and minutes from the Business Meeting of first passage (<https://www.wsfs.org/rules-of-the-world-science-fiction-society/archive-of-wsfs-rules/>) for commentary.

The following items received first passage at Seattle Worldcon 2025 and must be ratified at LAcon V in order to become part of the WSFS Constitution.

E.1 Clarifying Active Bids

Moved, to amend the WSFS Constitution as follows:

Section 4.4.2: Worldcons may, with the ~~agreement of all active bids~~ [unanimous agreement of the current Worldcon Committee and all bidding committees that have filed before the ballot deadline](#), choose to offer any electronic signature means that are legal in the seated Worldcon's home jurisdiction.

E.2 Clarifying Hugo Award Administrator's Discretion

Moved, to amend the WSFS Constitution as follows:

Section 3.8.2: The Worldcon Committee shall [within the range of options provided elsewhere in this Constitution](#), determine the eligibility of nominees and assignment to the proper category of works nominated in more than one category.

E.3 Clarifying Best Graphic Story or Comic

Note from the Secretary: "Hugo ballot" in the inserted text in the motion below has been replaced with "Hugo Award ballot" at the request of the Mark Protection Committee.

Moved, to amend the WSFS Constitution as follows:

3.3.6: Best Graphic Story or Comic. Any non-interactive science fiction or fantasy story told in graphic form appearing for the first time in the previous calendar year. [An album/collection shall be eligible if less than half of its content has previously been published in collected format. But an album/collection will not be eligible if it contains material that has previously appeared on the Hugo Award ballot in this category.](#)

E.4 Clarifying Best Series

Moved, to amend the WSFS Constitution as follows:

3.8.3 3.3.5.2: If any series and a subset series thereof both receive sufficient nominations to appear on the final ballot, only the version which received more nominations shall appear.

[3.3.5.3](#) If a series as a whole has qualified for the ballot in Best Series, and one or more elements of that series have also qualified for the ballot in other categories in the same year, all of those nominations will stand unless one or more are declined.

E.5 Clarifying the Best Dramatic Presentation Categories

Moved, to amend the WSFS Constitution as follows:

3.8.5: If a nominee appears on a nomination ballot more than once in any one category, only one nomination shall be counted in that category.

[3.8.6:](#) If an episodic series as a whole has sufficient nominations to qualify for the ballot for Best Dramatic Presentation, Long Form, and one or more episodes of that series also has or have sufficient nominations to qualify for Best Dramatic Presentation, Short Form, then the administrators shall exclude either the series from the Best Dramatic Presentation, Long Form category or the potentially qualifying episode(s) from the Best Dramatic Presentation, Short Form category.

[The administrators shall take into account the number of votes both for the potentially excluded nominees and for those who would be brought onto the ballot in the event of an exclusion, and shall consider how best to reflect the wishes of the greater number of voters.](#)

3.9.4: After the initial Award ballot is generated, if any finalist(s) are removed for any reason, they will be replaced by other works in reverse order of elimination; [except that no episode in a dramatic presentation series shall be eligible to fill such a vacancy if it has already been determined that other potentially qualifying episodes of that series shall be excluded under Subsection 3.8.6 in the same category.](#)

E.6 Clarifying Nominee Diversity

Note from the Secretary

Moved, to amend the WSFS Constitution as follows:

~~**3.8.6:** If there are more than two works in the same category that are episodes of the same dramatic presentation series or that are written works that have an author for single author works, or two or more authors for co-authored works, in common, only the two works in each category that have the most nominations shall appear on the final ballot. The Worldcon Committee shall make reasonable efforts to notify those who would have been finalists in the absence of this subsection to provide them an opportunity to withdraw. For the purpose of this exclusion, works withdrawn shall be ignored.~~

3.8.7: No more than two works that are episodes of the same dramatic presentation series shall appear on the final ballot in any one category. No more than two written works that have exactly the same author or authors shall appear on the final ballot in any one category.

The Worldcon Committee shall make reasonable efforts to notify authors and creators who have more than two works among the top six nominees in any one category on the initial Award ballot when it has been generated, and will offer them the option to choose a maximum of two of those works to appear on the ballot. If the authors or creators cannot be contacted or do not reply, the two works with the most votes will appear on the ballot, and the other work(s) in question shall be excluded.

3.9.4: After the initial Award ballot is generated, if any finalist(s) are removed for any reason, they will be replaced by other works in reverse order of elimination; **except that, consistent with Subsection 3.8.7, no episode in a dramatic presentation series shall be eligible to fill such a vacancy if two episodes of that series have already qualified (and have not been withdrawn) in the same category, and no written work shall be eligible to fill such a vacancy if two works by exactly the same author or authors have already qualified (and have not been withdrawn) in the same category.**

E.7 Clarifying WSFS Membership Rights (A)

Moved, to amend the WSFS Constitution as follows:

1.5.2: The rights of WSFS members of a Worldcon include the right to receive all of its generally distributed publications.

1.5.X: The rights of WSFS members who are natural persons include the right to nominate for and vote in the Hugo Awards of the current Worldcon; nominate for the Hugo Awards of the following year's Worldcon; propose business to the current year's business meeting; and vote in site selection, subject to the current site selection fees and procedures.

1.5.Y: WSFS memberships held by natural persons may not be transferred, except that, in case of death of a natural person holding a WSFS membership, it may be transferred to the estate of the decedent.

E.8 Clarifying WSFS Membership Rights (B)

Moved, to amend the WSFS Constitution as follows:

1.5.3: The rights of WSFS members who have an attending supplement of a Worldcon include the rights of WSFS members plus the right of general attendance at said Worldcon and [participation](#) at the WSFS Business Meeting held thereat.

1.5.X: If the current Worldcon provides for online participation in the Business Meeting, such participation shall be a right of all WSFS members who are natural persons.

Note from the Secretary: If both E.7 and E.8 are ratified, it is the suggestion of the Secretary that the combined changes to the WSFS Constitution read as follows:

1.5.2: The rights of WSFS members of a Worldcon include the right to receive all of its generally distributed publications.

1.5.3: The rights of WSFS members who are natural persons include the right to nominate for and vote in the Hugo Awards of the current Worldcon; nominate for the Hugo Awards of the following year's Worldcon; propose business to the current year's business meeting; and vote in site selection, subject to the current site selection fees and procedures.

1.5.3.1: WSFS memberships held by natural persons may not be transferred, except that, in case of death of a natural person holding a WSFS membership, it may be transferred to the estate of the decedent.

1.5.4: The rights of WSFS members who have an attending supplement of a Worldcon include the rights of WSFS members plus the right of general attendance at said Worldcon and [participation](#) at the WSFS Business Meeting held thereat.

1.5.4.1: If the current Worldcon provides for online participation in the Business Meeting, such participation shall be a right of all WSFS members who are natural persons.

1.5.5: Members of WSFS who cast a site-selection ballot with the required fee shall be WSFS members for the selected Worldcon. [...]

E.9 Hugo Award Software Source

Moved, to amend the WSFS Constitution as follows:

3.7.4 Nomination Software Licensing. All bespoke software used in the collection, processing, and reporting of member nominations for the Hugo Awards must be licensed under an Open Source Software (OSS) license, as defined by the Open Source Initiative (OSI). The license must be categorized as either “International” or “Popular” according to the OSI’s categorization scheme. The source code must be made available publicly to WSFS members before the close of nominations.

3.11.6 Voting Software Licensing. All bespoke software used in the collection, processing, and reporting of member votes for the Hugo Awards must be licensed under an Open Source Software (OSS) license, as defined by the Open Source Initiative (OSI). The license must be categorized as either “International” or “Popular” according to the OSI’s categorization scheme. The source code must be made available publicly to WSFS members before the close of voting.

E.10 Site Selection Concordance

Moved, to amend the WSFS Constitution as follows:

4.4.3: Site Selection Software Specification. When site selection is performed electronically, as provided for in 4.4.2, the specific software selected to perform site selection by the current Worldcon Committee must be unanimously approved by all bidding committees that have filed before the ballot deadline. Any substantive changes to the site selection software requires the same such agreement.

After any such software selections and approvals described in this section have been made, they may not be rescinded at a later date, except by the same such unanimous agreement.

E.11 Mandated Hugo Award Admin Reports

Moved, to amend the WSFS Constitution as follows:

3.12.3: The complete numerical vote totals, including all preliminary tallies for first, second, . . . places, shall be made public by the Worldcon Committee within ninety (90) days after the Worldcon. During the same period, the results of the last ten rounds of the finalist selection process for each category (or all the rounds if there are fewer than ten) shall also be published. [These reports must be accompanied by a detailed summary of any eligibility rulings made by the Hugo Award Administrator, including disqualifications and categorization changes.](#)

E.12 Speculative Poetry Hugo Award

Moved, to amend the WSFS constitution as follows:

[**3.3.Y: Best Poem:** A science fiction or fantasy poem of any line length or word count.](#)

[Provided that unless this amendment is re-ratified by the 2029 Business Meeting, this Section shall be repealed;](#)

[and provided further that the question of re-ratification shall automatically be placed on the agenda of the 2029 Business Meeting.](#)

E.13 Retire NASFiC

Moved, to amend the WSFS Constitution as follows:

Section 1.2: Objectives. WSFS is an unincorporated literary society whose functions are:

- (1) To choose the recipients of the annual Hugo Awards (Science Fiction Achievement Awards).
- (2) To choose the locations and Committees for the annual World Science Fiction Conventions (hereinafter referred to as Worldcons).
- (3) To attend those Worldcons.
- ~~(4) To choose the locations and Committees for the occasional North American Science Fiction Conventions (hereinafter referred to as NASFiCs).~~
- (5) To perform such other activities as may be necessary or incidental to the above purposes.

Section 1.8: Membership of the Mark Protection Committee.

1.8.1: The Mark Protection Committee shall consist of:

- (1) One (1) member appointed to serve at the pleasure of each future selected Worldcon Committee and each of the two (2) immediately preceding Worldcon Committees, [and](#)
- ~~(2) One (1) member appointed to serve at the pleasure of each future selected NASFiC Committee and for each Committee of a NASFiC held in the previous two years, and~~
- (3) Nine (9) members elected three (3) each year to staggered three-year terms by the Business Meeting. However, if such an election is not held due to a Business Meeting not being held or not being quorate or any other reason, the term of office of all elected Mark Protection Committee members shall be extended by one Worldcon year.

1.8.2: Newly elected members take their seats, and the term of office ends for elected and appointed members whose terms expire that year, at the end of the Business Meeting.

1.8.3: If vacancies occur in elected memberships in the Committee, the remainder of the position's term may be filled by the Business Meeting, and until then temporarily filled by the Committee.

~~**Section 4.9: NASFiC.** If the selected Worldcon site is not in North America, there shall be a NASFiC in North America that year. Selection of the NASFiC shall be by the identical procedure to the Worldcon selection except as provided below or elsewhere in this Constitution:~~

~~**4.9.1:** Voting shall be by written ballot administered by the following year's Worldcon, if there is no NASFiC in that year, or by the following year's NASFiC, if there is one, with ballots cast at the administering convention or by mail, and with only members of the administering convention allowed to vote.~~

~~**4.9.2:** NASFiC Committees shall make all reasonable efforts to avoid conflicts with Worldcon dates.~~

~~**4.9.3:** The proposed NASFiC advance voting fee can be set by unanimous agreement of the administering Committee and all bidding committees who have filed before the ballot deadline. If agreement is not reached, the default fee shall be the median (middle value) of the US dollar fees used in the previous three (3) Worldcon site selections.~~

~~**4.9.4:** If "None of the Above" wins, or if no eligible bid files by the deadline, then no NASFiC shall be held, and any advance voting fees collected for the NASFiC site selection shall be refunded by the administering convention without undue delay.~~

~~**4.9.5:** In the case the administering convention is a NASFiC, it shall hold a Business Meeting to receive the results of the site selection voting and to handle any other business pertaining directly, and only, to the selection of the future NASFiC convention. This meeting shall have no other powers or duties.~~

~~**4.9.6:** For the purposes of this Constitution, North America is defined as: Canada, the United States of America (including Hawaii, Alaska, and the District of Columbia), Mexico, Central America, the islands of the Caribbean, St. Pierre et Miquelon, Bermuda, and the Bahamas.~~

Provided that, Should there be any NASFiC appointees to the Mark Protection Committee as of the ratification of this proposal, they shall serve the remainder of their terms on the Committee.

E.14 Unnecessary PII

Moved, to amend the WSFS Constitution as follows:

Article 4 – Future Worldcon Selection Section

Section 4.4: Ballots.

4.4.1: Site-selection ballots shall include name, signature, ~~postal address~~, email address, and membership-number spaces, and may include ~~a~~ telephone number and postal address spaces. The ballot should be filled in by the voter; however, if the voter does not have their membership number, it may be supplied by the Site Selection Administrator or their designated staff member. Ballots omitting name, or signature, ~~or postal address~~ may only be counted as “No Preference.” Each site-selection ballot shall list the options “None of the Above” and “No Preference” and provide for write-in votes, after the bidders and with equal prominence. The WSFS membership rate shall be listed on all site-selection ballots.

Section 4.5: Tallying.

4.5.1: The name and other personally identifiable ~~address~~ information shall be separated from the ballots and the ballots counted only at the Worldcon. Each bidding committee should provide at least two (2) tellers. Each bidding committee may make a record of the ~~name and address~~ personally identifiable information of every voter.

E.15 End the False Binary!

Moved, to amend the WSFS Constitution as follows:

3.3.13: Best ~~Professional~~ Artist in Professional Illustration. An ~~illustrator~~ artist whose illustrative work ~~has appeared in a professional publication~~ in the field of science fiction or fantasy has appeared in a professional publication during the previous calendar year.

3.3.18: Best Fan Artist. An artist ~~or cartoonist~~ whose work relating to science fiction, fantasy, or SFF fandom has appeared ~~through publication~~ in ~~semiprozines or fanzines or through other~~ public, non-professional, display (including in semiprozines or fanzines, at a convention or conventions, ~~posting~~ postings on the internet, or in online or print-on-demand shops, ~~or in another setting not requiring a fee to see the image in full-resolution~~) during the previous calendar year without appearing in a professional publication.

3.10.2 In the Best ~~Professional~~ Artist in Professional Illustration and Fan Artist category ~~ies~~, the acceptance ~~should~~ must include citations of ~~at least three (3) works~~ work first ~~published~~ appearing in the eligible year.

F. New Constitutional Changes

F.1 Ethics Ombuds Office

Moved, to amend the WSFS Constitution as follows:

Section 1.9: Ethics Ombuds Office.

1.9.1: There shall be an Ethics Ombuds Office of WSFS, constituted as an advisory board to the Mark Protection Committee/Worldcon Intellectual Property (MPC). The Ethics Ombuds Office shall receive, investigate, and advise the MPC on reports of potential breaches of the WSFS Code of Ethics, in accordance with the Whistleblower Policy adopted by the Business Meeting.

1.9.2: The Ethics Ombuds Office shall consist of three members appointed by the MPC in accordance with such application process as the Business Meeting may from time to time determine. Chairs, division heads, and leadership of currently seated Worldcon Committees or active bids for future Worldcons are ineligible to serve.

1.9.3: The Ethics Ombuds Office shall make an annual report to each Business Meeting stating the number of reports received, the number determined to fall within its purview, and the number referred to the MPC and resulting in further action.

1.9.4: The MPC shall make provision for the Ethics Ombuds Office to be covered by Worldcon Intellectual Property's officer liability insurance.

Proposed by: The Sparkle Unicorn Committee

Discussion: See [Report of the Sparkle Unicorn Committee](#).

F.2 There's No Business Like Virtual Business

Moved, to amend the WSFS Constitution as follows:

1.5.3: The rights of WSFS members who have an attending supplement of a Worldcon include the rights of WSFS members plus the right of general attendance at said Worldcon and at the WSFS Business Meeting held ~~thereat~~ [by that Worldcon](#).

1.7.2: The Mark Protection Committee shall submit to the Business Meeting ~~at~~ [held by](#) each Worldcon a report of its activities since the previous Worldcon, including a statement of income and expense.

1.7.3: The Mark Protection Committee shall hold a meeting at each Worldcon after the end of the Business Meeting, at a time and place announced ~~at~~ [during the course of](#) the Business Meeting.

2.9.2: Each selected convention Committee shall submit a report on its cumulative surplus/loss ~~at~~ [to](#) the next Business Meeting after its convention.

2.9.4: In the event of a surplus, the selected convention Committee, or any alternative organizational entity established to oversee and disburse that surplus, shall file annual financial reports regarding the disbursement of that surplus ~~at~~ [to](#) each year's Business Meeting, until the surplus is totally expended or an amount equal to the original surplus has been disbursed.

5.1.1: Business Meetings of WSFS shall be held at advertised times ~~at~~ [by](#) each Worldcon. However, if such a Business Meeting is not held, then any reports to be submitted to that Business Meeting shall be submitted to the next subsequent Business Meeting and the ratification vote on any constitutional amendment shall be similarly postponed.

5.1.3: Standing Rules for the Governance of the Business Meeting and related activities may be adopted or amended by a majority vote ~~at~~ [by](#) any Business Meeting. Amendments to Standing Rules shall take effect at the close of the Worldcon where they are adopted; this rule may be suspended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote.

5.1.5: The quorum for the Business Meeting shall be twelve members of the Society ~~physically~~ present [at the Meeting, either physically or via such communications technology as allows for the execution of the Society's business, at the discretion of the current Worldcon Committee](#). A Business Meeting that is not quorate may nevertheless receive reports, but the ratification vote on any constitutional amendment shall be postponed until the next subsequent Business Meeting.

Section 6.3: Electronic Voting. Nothing in this Constitution shall be interpreted to prohibit conducting Hugo Awards nominating and voting and Site Selection voting by electronic means, except that conducting Site Selection by electronic means shall require the unanimous agreement of the current Worldcon committee and all bidding committees who have filed before the ballot deadline. Valid paper ballots delivered by any means shall always be acceptable. This section shall not be interpreted to require that such elections be conducted electronically, nor shall it be interpreted to allow ~~remote participation or~~ proxy voting at the Business Meeting.

Section 6.6: Amendment. The WSFS Constitution may be amended by a motion passed by a simple majority ~~at~~ by any Business Meeting but only to the extent that such motion is ratified by a simple majority ~~at~~ by the Business Meeting of the next subsequent Worldcon at which ratification is not postponed as per subsection 5.1.1 or 5.1.5.

Section 6.7: Commencement. Any change to the Constitution of WSFS shall take effect at the end of the Worldcon ~~at which such change is ratified~~ which ratified said change, except that no change imposing additional costs or financial obligations upon Worldcon Committees shall be binding upon any Committee already selected at the time when it takes effect.

Proposed by: WSFS Business Meeting Study Group, Adam Michaud, Kristina Forsyth, Joshua Kronengold, Lenore Jones, Chris Rose, Dave Hook

Discussion: This constitutional change is intended to work alongside the Standing Rules change presented in [C.3 Business Meeting Dislocation](#), but can also stand alone.

This is intended as the minimal set of constitutional changes sufficient to unambiguously allow future Worldcons to hold virtual Business Meetings with no questions about their legitimacy. The bulk of these changes are minor prepositional changes which do not change the substance of their respective clauses. The primary change of substance is in 5.1.5, where we define “quorum” for the purposes of the Business Meeting, and where we give each Worldcon Committee discretion to choose an appropriate platform to run a successful virtual Business Meeting.

Neither this change nor the associated change to the Standing Rules (C.3 Business Meeting Dislocation) would compel any given Worldcon to hold their meeting in any particular format; they only expand the set of options from which each Worldcon can choose without concern about legitimacy.

F.3 Conversion Rights

Moved, to amend the WSFS Constitution as follows:

1.5.5: Voters have the right to purchase an attending supplement in the selected Worldcon ~~within~~ for a period of not less than ninety (90) days ~~of~~ following its selection, for an additional fee set by its committee. This fee must not exceed four (4) times the site-selection fee and must not exceed the price of an attending supplement for new members. The ninety (90) day period shall not begin until the

[convention makes such conversions generally available to voters who are not present at the Worldcon hosting site selection.](#)

Proposed by: Cliff Dunn, Joshua Kronengold

Discussion: For many years, standard practice has been that a seated Worldcon will start taking supporting-to-attending conversions/upgrades almost immediately, usually starting the day Site Selection is announced. In 2021, however, this did not happen—the newly-seated Worldcon processed some conversions at Discon, but never opened up the sale of conversions at any other time within the following 90 days, effectively blanking out the rights in this section. While the convention resolved the situation by simply converting all supporting members to attending members at no cost, the potential issue still remains. Essentially, we weighed two options here: Either don't start the 90 day clock until the hosting Worldcon opens up conversions to folks not at the convention, or automatically convert everybody. Holding off on starting the clock is less “destructive” (it doesn't potentially cost the newly-seated convention hundreds of thousands of dollars), but a sufficiently dysfunctional convention might never open up sale of attending memberships, thus triggering convention failure. We still feel that a trigger mechanism might be needed, in principle, to deal with such an eventuality, and would favor the creation of a committee to deal with such a “break glass” mechanism (or at least guidelines for when other seated Worldcon should declare committee failure), but we don't think we're there just yet.

F.4 Fixed Bid Deadlines

Moved, to amend the WSFS Constitution as follows:

4.6.3: For a bid to be allowed on the printed ballot, the bidding committee must file the documents specified above no later than 180 days prior to the official, [scheduled](#) opening of the administering convention. [The committee administering site selection shall announce the specific deadline during the course of the Site-Selection Meeting held by the previous Worldcon. Once announced, the deadline shall not be changed. Any changes in the scheduled dates of the Worldcon administering site selection shall not affect the fixed deadline once the deadline has been announced.](#)

Proposed by: Cliff Dunn, Mara Michaud

Discussion: The WSFS Constitution currently sets the deadlines for submitting bids for future Worldcons by declaring the deadline to be exactly 180 days before the start of the Worldcon that will actually conduct the Site Selection voting. But that is only a fixed deadline if the scheduled dates of the administering Worldcon never change. And the

dates of a Worldcon can and have changed. Those cases almost always happen because of one or more major disruptions. Past examples include having a convention hotel drop out or a pandemic (or both in the same year).

As a result, **under the current system, if a Worldcon has to reschedule, the bid deadline actually changes with it.** That adds an extra layer of uncertainty and possible chaos right in the middle of an already unstable situation. This proposal is intended to offer bid committees stability and safe harbor in that situation.

Instead of a deadline that is pegged to the Worldcon schedule, we offer a system where the Worldcon schedule is first used to calculate the latest possible valid deadline – **but once the deadline is actually announced (at the previous Worldcon), it is fixed regardless of any changes that might affect the actual Worldcon schedule.**

In terms of potential impact, we suspect that the most likely case would be a Worldcon that was delayed. In that case, the new rules would merely keep the original deadline and there would be no change of impact on the bid committees. They would be insulated from the disruption being experienced by the Worldcon with the changed dates. And in that case, we do not anticipate this new system would cause any additional work for the Worldcon that was administering the Site Selection voting. In fact, they would have more time to process everything between the deadline and their delayed convention.

In the less likely case, where a Worldcon had to actually move their convention forward in time, we very much assume and hope (for their sakes) that the convention would only be moved up a very short period (such as a few weeks). That Worldcon would have started with a minimum of 180 days to process everything. On that scale, it would be “a waste of good red tape” to move the bid submission deadline up a few weeks along with the convention, as dictated by the current system. Therefore, we feel confident that in such an emergency, the Worldcon that found itself with a few weeks shorter stretch of time to process everything (out of 180 days) would find that the least of the problems they had to deal with. And on the other side of the equation, for the bid committees, having to accommodate an earlier deadline could be a major imposition at a delicate time in the bid process. In that case, we would like to offer safe harbor to the bid committees by preventing their deadline from becoming a moving target.

Therefore, we ask that you vote for this proposal to offer the increased stability of a fixed deadline for the submission of bids for future Worldcons.

F.5 Advance Notice of Business Meeting Deadlines

Moved, to amend the WSFS Constitution as follows:

5.1.6: Deadline for Submission of New Business. The deadline for submission of non-privileged new business and committee reports to the Business Meeting shall be no later than thirty (30) days before the first Preliminary Meeting. The deadline shall be announced by the administering committee no later than January 1st of the year of the convention.

5.1.6.1: Once announced, the deadline shall not be changed to an earlier date unless the administering committee determines that extraordinary circumstances necessitate the earlier deadline for operational reasons.

5.1.6.2: Should the committee make such a determination, they shall announce the change in deadline in as broad and public a manner as possible, including by direct communication to members of said convention. The announcement shall clearly state the original deadline, the new deadline, the operational reasons that necessitate the earlier deadline, and the committee's rationale as to why the circumstances are extraordinary.

5.1.6.3: Under no circumstances shall an earlier deadline be less than 30 days from the date the committee announces the change in deadline.

5.1.6.X: Proposed agenda items may be withdrawn by the consent of all proposing members at any time up to fourteen (14) days before the published deadline for submitting new business. A list of such withdrawn business must be made available to the membership. The Presiding Officer may accept otherwise qualified motions and reports submitted after the deadline, but all such motions shall initially be placed at the end of the agenda. This rule may be suspended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote.

Proposed by: Cliff Dunn, Mara Michaud

Discussion: The WSFS Constitution currently sets the deadline for submitting new business to the Business Meeting by declaring the deadline to be exactly 30 days before the first Preliminary Meeting. When Business Meetings were all held in-person during the convention, this was simple enough. The deadline was always known (to within a handful of days), **a year in advance** for anyone willing to do the math.

But now that virtual meetings are occurring and the dates of the Business Meeting are not dictated by the dates of the convention, that system now has significant flaws. Since the

dates of the virtual Business Meetings are not trivial to set (and may involve consultation with numerous people, as well as surveys of the Membership at large), the resulting deadline is not always known as far in advance as would be ideal. And since a virtual Business Meeting can be held before the convention, it can and has led to deadlines that were unexpectedly early, once the sessions of the virtual Business Meeting were announced.

Therefore, to give members certainty and plentiful notice, we offer a system where the deadline is announced in advance, by January 1st of each year.

And, since making that change alone would lead to a daisy-chain of math and constitutional requirements that would accidentally force the Worldcon committee to set the date of the first Preliminary meeting at the same time (which is not our intent), we have included a change in how the deadline is calculated. Instead of making the deadline exactly 30 days before the first Preliminary Meeting, we use the guideline of 30 days prior to the first Preliminary Meeting to calculate the latest possible valid deadline from which to choose. That preserves the minimum of 30 days that are currently allotted for all of the various steps that happen between the deadline and the first Preliminary Meeting. We know that those steps, like processing of the agenda by the Presiding Officer's staff and examination of the agenda by the Membership, are important and take time. Therefore, we took care not to sacrifice that time when we created this new system.

In this proposal, we also offered a mechanism for a Worldcon committee to move the deadline earlier, should extraordinary circumstances require it. But we also require that if that happens, the Worldcon committee must disclose why it believes that the change has become necessary, as well as give a minimum of 30 days notice to avoid a surprise deadline.

Therefore, we ask that you vote for this proposal to guarantee members significant advance notice of the deadline to submit new business to the Business Meeting.

F.6 Responsive Late Business

Moved, to amend the WSFS Constitution as follows:

[**5.1.6.X: Responsive Late Business.** The Presiding Officer shall accept, within seven \(7\) days of the publication of new business and reports, additional new business submitted which, at the discretion of the Presiding Officer, is pertinent to those matters which were referred to committee but for which no report was submitted by the appropriate deadline or for which the submitted report\(s\) were inconsistent with the requirements in the Standing Rules.](#)

5.1.6.Y: Other Late Business. The Presiding Officer may accept otherwise qualified motions and reports submitted after the deadline, but all such motions shall initially be placed at the end of the agenda. This rule may be suspended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote.

Proposed by: Cliff Dunn, Joshua Kronengold, Mara Michaud, Kristina Forsyth

Discussion: Because the WSFS Business Meeting only officially meets once per year (even when it spreads that single meeting out over multiple sessions), sending business to a committee between annual meetings causes a minimum of a year's delay in resolving that business. That delay can be frustrating, but it often produces a much better proposal the next year, after the committee has had time to reflect and consult on the topic.

But there are any number of reasons why a committee might not successfully return a report at the end of that year. And when that happens, the WSFS members who were not on the committee often have no way of knowing in advance that there will be no committee report and, importantly, no committee-revised proposal for the upcoming Business Meeting. The announcement of new business in the Business Meeting agenda is the only reliable way to know which committees have returned business for the new year.

And when it becomes clear, at that late date, that the committee didn't return a report, it is already too late for interested members to submit regular business to address that issue. That is important because regular business is (mostly) guaranteed to make it into the Business Meeting agenda. Late business might or might not be accepted for the agenda. And even if it is, it is slotted in at the end of the new business. And given the volume of business that is submitted each year, being placed at the end can significantly reduce the chances of it ever being discussed. Then, the annual nature of the Business Meeting makes the effective result yet another year's delay.

Together, this set of mechanisms can mean that sending a topic to committee inadvertently becomes a two-year delay.

This proposal attempts to remedy that situation by creating a middle ground – a new class of late business (responsive late business) that gives relevant late business a seven-day reprieve if it is specifically in response to a topic that a committee did not report back on. It gives the interested parties a last-minute chance to address the topic before another year goes by.

F.7 Limitation on Listed Contributors for Hugo Award Finalists

Moved, to amend the WSFS Constitution as follows:

Section 3.2.13 Contributor Limitation: For any Hugo Award finalist, no more than eight (8) individual contributors shall be listed as finalists or recipients of the award. Where a work has more than eight (8) contributors, the finalist shall designate no more than eight (8) total individual or collective names to be recognized on the final ballot. A collective name is defined as a brief descriptor such as editorial team, production team, Team <Finalist Name>, etc.

The designation of contributors shall be made by the publisher, producer, editor, project lead, or other responsible representative. If no such designation is provided in a timely manner, the ballot text for that finalist will be determined by the Worldcon Committee.

Proposed by: Olav Rokne, Tammy Coxen, Nicholas Whyte, Mara Michaud, Ruth Sachter, John Lorentz, Jo Van Ekeren, Lenore Jean Jones, Dave Hook

Discussion: In recent years, some Hugo Award categories have seen finalists with very large numbers of contributors. While collaborative work is a valued part of science fiction and fantasy, recognizing dozens or even hundreds of individuals as finalists creates administrative challenges, complicates ballot presentation, presents hurdles for the ceremony and reception, and dilutes the significance of finalist recognition.

This amendment establishes a uniform maximum of eight named contributors per finalist while preserving eligibility for collaborative works. The proposal does not limit the size of creative teams; it only limits the number of individuals formally recognized as Hugo Award finalists and recipients for a given work.

The reason this argument is recurring is because the current WSFS constitution does not offer clear answers about the number of names that can be officially listed. Adding to the confusion, this question has been adjudicated differently from year to year.

In 1959, the maximum allowed was four contributors. In 1976, this was extended to six contributors due to the inclusion of Monty Python on the ballot. In 2013, up to nine people were listed per Hugo Award group finalist ... but two years later the number was capped at five. In 2022, there was no upper limit on the number of names credited per group finalist ... but in 2023 it was capped at seven.

Recognition at the Hugo Awards should follow consistent rules that have buy-in from the community at large.

F.8 Purposeful Proportionality

Moved, to amend the WSFS Constitution as follows:

Section 6.4: Tallying of Votes.

6.4.1: In an election to determine a single winner, votes shall first be tallied by the voter's first choices. If no majority is then obtained, the candidate who places last in the initial tallying shall be eliminated and the ballots listing it as first choice shall be redistributed on the basis of those ballots' second choices. This process shall be repeated until a majority-vote winner is obtained. If two or more candidates are tied for elimination during this process, the candidate that received fewer first-place votes shall be eliminated. If they are still tied, all the tied candidates shall be eliminated together.

6.4.2: In an election to determine multiple winners, the following process shall apply:

1. Votes shall first be tallied by the voter's first preferences.
2. The quota is set as the next third decimal place above the number of ballots expressing a preference, divided by one greater than the number of winners to be selected.
3. Each ballot is assigned an initial weight of one.
4. The score of each unselected, un-eliminated candidate is computed as the sum of the weights of ballots for which the candidate is the highest ranked unselected, un-eliminated candidate.
5. If the number of remaining candidates is equal to the remaining number of winners to be selected, all remaining candidates shall be selected and declared winners. Otherwise, all candidates whose score is greater than or equal to the quota shall be selected and declared winners.
6. If the total number of winners is equal to the number of winners to be selected, the process ends.
7. For each candidate selected in step (5), individually:
 - a. Compute their surplus by subtracting the quota from their score as computed in step (4).

- b. Compute their set of transferable ballots as any ballots that selected the candidate as the winning candidate in step (5), and that have one or more un-selected, un-eliminated candidates ranked lower than that winning candidate.
 - c. For each ballot in the set of transferable ballots, set their new weight as their current weight, times the surplus computed in step (7a), divided by the total of the current weights of the set of transferable ballots computed in step (7b), rounded down to the third decimal place.
 - d. Each ballot in the set of transferable ballots is transferred to the next un-selected, un-eliminated candidate.
8. This process is repeated from step (4) until no further winners can be determined.
9. When no further winners can be determined by the initial process, the un-eliminated, unselected candidate with the lowest score, as calculated in step (4), shall be eliminated, and each of their votes transferred to the next un-eliminated, unselected candidate at their current weight.

If two or more candidates are tied for elimination during this process, the candidate that received fewer first-place votes shall be eliminated, with further ties broken by comparing second place votes and so forth.

If they are still tied, all the tied candidates shall be eliminated together.

10. This process shall then return to step (4).

If the order of selection of two or more winners matters, it is determined by the order in which they were selected in step (5). If they were declared winners in the same step, the order of their selection is determined by comparing their final vote tallies in that step, and if a tie still remains, by applying the process for determining the final winner between tied candidates.

Further moved, to amend the Standing Rules such that the below change goes into effect upon the ratification of the above constitutional change:

Rule 6.2: Elections. Elections to the Mark Protection Committee shall be a special order of business at a designated Main Business Meeting. Voting shall be by written preferential ballot with write-in votes allowed. Votes for write-in candidates who do

not submit written consent to nomination to the Presiding Officer before the close of balloting shall be ignored. The ballot shall list each nominee's name. The ~~first seats shall be filled by the~~ ~~filled shall be by normal preferential~~ ballot procedures as defined in Section 6.4 of the WSFS Constitution. ~~There shall be no runoff candidate. After a seat is filled, votes for the elected member shall be eliminated before conducting the next ballot. This procedure shall continue until all seats are filled. In the event of a first-place tie for any seat, the tie shall be broken unless all tied candidates can be elected simultaneously.~~ Should there be any partial-term vacancies on the committee, the partial-term seat(s) shall be filled after the full-term seats have been filled.

Proposed by: Nicholas Whyte, Warren Buff, Liz Batty

Discussion: The current system of conducting elections for multiple winners is flawed. Because we elect one seat at a time, there is a serious risk that a single large faction of voters can sweep the board, giving the election an unrepresentative result. Arguably this has already happened - in the MPC election of 2025, one candidate endorsed two others, and all three were elected to the three vacant seats thanks to the transfers of the votes for the leading candidate. (Disclosure: that candidate is one of the makers of this amendment.)

In most real-life settings where preferential voting is used to elect multiple winners - for instance, parliamentary and other elections in Ireland, Northern Ireland, Malta, Tasmania, the Australian Senate and municipal elections in Scotland, New Zealand, Cambridge MA and Portland OR - the result is determined in a single counting process, with winning candidates required to exceed the electoral quota of votes. The quota is determined by dividing the total number of votes by one more than the number of places to be elected. This ensures that sufficiently large minority groups have a better chance for representation.

The methodology proposed in this amendment may look complicated, as mathematical process committed to legal text often does, but in fact it will be straightforward to administer, and will be quicker and fairer than the system that we currently use. It is a well understood voting system which is standard practice in many places.

Precise details of how preferential votes are counted in a multi-seat election vary from jurisdiction to jurisdiction. We call attention to several features of the model that we propose:

- Fractional vote values rounded to the third decimal place - this is standard practice for elections with relatively small numbers of voters, such as the vocational panel members of the Irish Senate, who are chosen by an electoral college with about

1200 members. It reduces the distortion that would be caused by counting only whole votes, balanced with the inconvenience of going to further fine detail in the fractions.

The calculation of the quota is rounded **up to the next decimal** to minimise the risk of too many candidates reaching it.

The calculation of weights for transferring votes is rounded **down to the next decimal** to avoid increasing the number of votes in the system.

- Transfer of all transferable votes - in some jurisdictions, for convenience, when a candidate exceeds the quota and is elected due to receiving a packet of transferred votes, only the last votes received are transferred. We believe that we have the technical capacity to transfer all of a successful candidate's transferable votes accurately.
- Sequencing of transfers - most jurisdictions allow, for convenience, that surplus votes which cannot make a difference to the final result need not be transferred, and conversely that if the transferred votes of the candidate(s) with least votes cannot make a difference to the fate of the next candidate up, they are eliminated together. WSFS traditions of transparency seem to point to taking a stricter approach and recording every necessary stage separately.
- No floating quota - some rules for counting transferable votes allow the quota to decrease as the number of non-transferable votes increases. This will only very unusually affect the outcome of the vote, and offers greater opportunities for confusion and error, so we do not propose it here.

This reform will improve the inclusivity of WSFS' internal mechanisms and remove a demonstrable risk.

Fortunately, if this change is passed in 2026 and ratified in 2027, the first two Worldcons where it will apply seem likely be held in jurisdictions which are well used to counting votes in this sort of election, i.e. Brisbane and Dublin.

How it could work in practice

The 2025 MPC election had the following results in real life:

Seat 1

	(1)	Oakes	(2)	Black, Rudolph	(3)	Ross- Mansfield	(4)	Hertel	(5)
Whyte	67	+1	68		68		68	+1	69
Farr	23		23	+2	25	+3	28	+2	30
Dunn	19		19		19		19		19
Bond	9		9	+1	10		10	+3	13
Rose	6		6		6		6		6
Hertel	5		5		5	+1	6	-6	-
Ross-Mansfield	4		4	+1	5	-5	-		-
Black	2		2	-2	-		-		-
Rudolph	2		2	-2	-		-		-
Oakes	1	-1	-		-		-		-
	138		138		138		137		137

Seat 2

(showing both the candidates' original first preference votes, and the votes gained from Whyte's transfers)

	Whyte	(1)	Oakes, Rudolph	(2)	Black	(3)	Ross- Mansfield	(4)	Hertel	(5)	Dunn	(6)	Rose	(7)	
Bond	9	+22	31	+1	32	+3	35	+2	37	+5	42	+3	45	+24	69
Farr	23	+5	28	+2	30	+1	31	+4	35	+4	39	+10	49	+8	57
Rose	6	+19	29	+1	30		30		30		30	+5	35	-35	-
Dunn	19	+1	20	+1	21		21		21		21	-21	-		-
Hertel	5	+4	9		9	+1	10	+1	11	-11	-		-		-
Ross- Mansfield	4	+3	7		7	+1	8	-8	-		-		-		-
Black	2	+3	5	+1	6	-6	-		-		-		-		-
Rudolph	2	+1	3	-3	-		-		-		-		-		-
Oakes	1	+2	3	-3	-		-		-		-		-		-
			135		135		135		134		132		129		126

Seat 3

(showing the candidates' original first preference votes, and the votes gained from Whyte's and Bond's transfers)

	Whyte	Bond	(1)	Rudolph	(2)	Oakes	(3)	Ross- Mansfield	(4)	Hertel, Black	(5)	Dunn	(6)	
Rose	6	+19	+29	50		50	+2	52		52	+2	54	+6	60
Farr	23	+5		28	+1	29	+1	30	+6	36	+9	45	+13	58
Dunn	19	+1	+2	22		22	+1	23		23	+2	25	-25	-
Black	2	+3	+4	9	+1	10		10		10	-10	-		-
Hertel	5	+4		9		9		9	+1	10	-10	-		-
Ross- Mansfield	4	+3		7		7	+1	8	-8	-		-		-
Oakes	1	+2	+1	4	+1	5	-5	-		-		-		-
Rudolph	2	+1		3	-3	-		-		-		-		-
				132		132		132		131		124		118

Thanks to the transfer of Whyte's votes, Bond and Rose were elected, the latter by a two-vote margin.

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Under our proposed reform, the votes would have been counted only once rather than three times. The quota would have been 34.501. Whyte would have been elected on the first round, and his surplus votes would have transferred at a value of 0.507. We know that the second round would then have looked like this:

	(1)	Whyte		(2)
Whyte	67		-32.499	<u>34.501</u>
Farr	23	+5 * 0.507	+2.535	25.535
Bond	9	+22 * 0.507	+11.154	20.154
Dunn	19	+1 * 0.507	+0.507	19.507
Rose	6	+23 * 0.507	+11.661	17.661
Hertel	5	+4 * 0.507	+2.028	7.028
Ross-Mansfield	4	+3 * 0.507	+1.521	5.521
Black	2	+3 * 0.507	+1.521	3.521
Rudolph	2	+1 * 0.507	+0.507	2.507
Oakes	1	+2 * 0.507	+1.014	2.014
N/t			+0.051	0.051
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Oakes, Black and Rudolph would then have been eliminated in turn. We don't know precisely how each of their votes would have transferred, but we do know that after those three rounds the numbers for each candidate would have looked like this:

	(1)	Whyte	(2)	Oakes, Rudolph, Black	(5)
Whyte	67	-32.499	34.501		34.501
Farr	23	+2.535	25.535	+2.507	28.042
Bond	9	+11.154	20.154	+2.521	23,166
Dunn	19	+0.507	19.507	+0.507	20.014
Rose	6	+11.661	17.661	+0.507	18.168
Hertel	5	+2.028	7.028	+0.507	7.535
Ross-Mansfield	4	+1.521	5.521	+1.000	6.521
Black	2	+1.521	3.521	-3.521	-
Rudolph	2	+0.507	2.507	-2.507	-
Oakes	1	+1.014	2.014	-2.014	-
N/t		+0.051	0.051		0.051
	138		138		138

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Ross-Mansfield and Hertel, in that order, would have been eliminated next, and again while we can't see from the published results how their votes broke separately, we can estimate that together they would have transferred as follows:

	(1)	Whyte	(2)	O,R,B	(5)	R-M, H	(7)
Whyte	67	-32.499	34.501		34.501		34.501
Farr	23	+2.535	25.535	+2.507	28.042	+6.521	34.563
Bond	9	+11.154	20.154	+2.521	23,166	+5.028	28.196
Dunn	19	+0.507	19.507	+0.507	20.014		20.014
Rose	6	+11.661	17.661	+0.507	18.168		18.168
Hertel	5	+2.028	7.028	+0.507	7.535	-7.535	
Ross-Mansfield	4	+1.521	5.521	+1.000	6.521	-6.521	
Black	2	+1.521	3.521	-3.521	-		
Rudolph	2	+0.507	2.507	-2.507	-		
Oakes	1	+1.014	2.014	-2.014	-		
N/t		+0.051	0.051		0.051	+2.507	2.556
	138		138		138		138

That would have seen Farr elected (in real life, he lost the third seat by two votes). The next stage would have seen the transfer of Farr's rather small surplus, and then the ninth and final stage would have seen the elimination of Rose, which would probably have elected Bond (in the real life election for the second seat, Rose's transfers broke heavily for Bond over Dunn). There would have been nine stages of counting, as opposed to the eighteen that actually happened in real life, and the substantial minority who supported Farr over the other three leading candidates would have gained representation.

F.9 The Tie that Doesn't Bind

Moved, to amend the WSFS Constitution as follows:

3.9.4: After the initial Award ballot is generated, if any finalist(s) are removed for any reason, [and their removal would take the number of finalists below the number specified in subsection 3.8.1](#), they will be replaced by other works in reverse order of elimination.

Proposed by: Andrew January, Nicholas Whyte, Tammy Coxen

Discussion: In the unlikely event of a tie in the last round of EPH, more than six finalists may appear on the ballot. Under the current rules, if one of those finalists is later removed (for example, due to ineligibility) they are replaced, maintaining the higher number of finalists. This doesn't make sense, because the only reason for having more than six finalists was the tie, which no longer applies once a tied finalist is removed.

The purpose of the replacement rule is to ensure that the final ballot contains a full slate of finalists (typically six). This amendment ensures that replacements are made only when the removal would drop the number of finalists below that minimum.

This does not change how ties in the final round of EPH are handled; ties will still result in more than six finalists. This also does not change the existing replacement rules when there are six finalists; in this scenario removed finalists will still be replaced to restore the number to six.

Had this amendment been in force in previous years it would not have affected any past Hugo Award results.

By aligning the replacement rule with its underlying intent, this amendment avoids unintended inflation of the finalist count.

Appendix A: Full Committee Reports and Motions

A.1 Standing Committee of WSFS

A.1.1 Mark Protection Committee Report

Membership and Structure

Members of the WSFS Mark Protection Committee (“MPC”) from July 2025 through June 2026 were as follows (all members elected unless noted otherwise):

Chair: Warren Buff (appointed by Seattle until 2027)
Vice Chair: Randall Shepherd (appointed by LAcon V until 2028)
Secretary: Linda Deneroff (elected until 2027)
Treasurer: Bruce Farr (appointed ex officio until 2026)

Terms Ending in 2026

- Judy Bemis
- Joni Dashoff
- David Ennis (appointed by Buffalo NASFiC 2024)
- Alissa Wales (appointed by Glasgow)
- Mike Willmoth

Terms Ending in 2027

- Donald E. Eastlake III
- Olav Rokne

Terms Ending in 2028

- Alan Bond
- Chris Rose
- Nicholas Whyte

Terms Ending in 2029

- Kayla Allen (appointed by Montréal)

Don was originally elected chair for the 2025-2026 term, but the MPC later elected Warren to serve in that office instead.

Worldcon Intellectual Property (“WIP”) is a California public benefit/non-profit corporation (also recognized as a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt charity by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service) controlled by the MPC that holds the MPC’s bank account and WSFS’s service marks. The current MPC Financial Report is appended at the end of this document. A report from the WSFS Marketing Committee (“WSFSMC”) is included as an appendix to this report. The WSFSMC is an advisory board of the MPC and is responsible for managing the WSFS

websites (TheHugoAwards.org, Worldcon.org, NASFiC.org, and WSFS.org) and social media accounts on Facebook and other social media.

Report

REPORT OF MARK PROTECTION COMMITTEE

July 2025 – June 2026

In 2025, an advisory board was created by the MPC consisting of MPC members Don Eastlake, Alan Bond, and Judy Bemis, as well as Jesi Lipp (2025 Business Meeting Chair), Kathy Bond (2025 Worldcon chair), and Joyce Lloyd (2026 Worldcon chair), to write a new Licensing Agreement to present to Worldcon bids beginning with the 2028 bids. The Licensing Agreement was created in 2026, and the two 2028 bids (Brisbane and Nuremberg) have signed the agreement.

We are once again updating our domains and plan to move them from Gandi to Porkbun as they expire. Chris reported that Porkbun is cheaper and offers more benefits.

We are still working with our attorneys to register our trademark for “Hugo Award” in Australia.

Domain Names

Domain	Domain Agent	Handle to Renew	Renewal Date
WSFS.org	Worldcon Intellectual Property	GANDI.net – 8 years	2028-06-14
Worldcon.org	Worldcon Intellectual Property	GANDI.net – 8 years	2028-08-02
Hugo.org	Worldcon Intellectual Property	GANDI.net – 9 years	2028-08-31
HugoAward.org	Worldcon Intellectual Property	GANDI.net – 9 years	2033-05-03
Worldcon.com	Worldcon Intellectual Property	GANDI.net – 9 years	2028-10-09
Worldcon.co.uk	Worldcon Intellectual Property	GANDI.net – 9 years	2028-10-17
Worldcon.org.uk	Worldcon Intellectual Property	GANDI.net – 9 years	2028-10-17
Worldcon.uk	Worldcon Intellectual Property	GANDI.net – 9 years	2031-06-17
NASFiC.org	Worldcon Intellectual Property	GANDI.net – 9 years	2029-05-09
wsfs.us	Donald Eastlake	godaddy.com	2028-06-20
wsfs.info	Donald Eastlake	godaddy.com	2027-07-25
worldcon.us	Donald Eastlake	godaddy.com	2028-08-12
worldcon.info	Donald Eastlake	godaddy.com	2027-07-05
worldcons.org	Donald Eastlake	godaddy.com	2026-01-18
worldcon.fr	Nicholas Whyte	GANDI.net	2027-12-31

U.S. Marks

Mark	Action	Renewal Dates
World Science Fiction Convention Reg. No. 1283681	Section 8, Section 9	6/26/2033-6/26/2034
Worldcon Reg. No. 1283680	Section 8, Section 9	6/26/2033-6/26/2034
World Science Fiction Society Reg. No. 1284719	Section 8, Section 9	7/3/2033-7/3/2034
WSFS Reg. No. 1286562	Section 8, Section 9	7/17/2033-7/17/2034
The Hugo Award Reg. No. 1287322	Section 8, Section 9	7/24/2033-7/24/2034
3D Rocket Mark Reg. No. 4620505	Section 8, Section 9	10/14/2033-10/16/2033
Rocket Mark Reg. No. 4320959	Section 8, Section 9	4/16/2032-4/18/2033
NASFiC Reg. No. 3647140	Section 8, Section 9	6/30/2028-6/29/2029
Lodestar Award Reg. No. 7246730	Section 8, Section 9	12/19/2028-12/19/2029
Rocket Mark (Miscellaneous Design)	Section 8, Section 15	4/16/2028-4/15/2029

UK Marks

Mark	Class	Expiry Dates	Trademark No.
Worldcon	Class 16, 35, 41	2035/06/17	014277016
Hugo Award	Class 9, 16, 41	2035/06/18	014278519
The Hugo Award Logo	Class 16, 35, 41	2035/06/21	014270748

EU Marks

Mark	Class	Expiry Dates	Trademark No.
Worldcon	Class 16, 35, 41	2035/06/18	014277016
Hugo Award	Class 9, 16, 41	2035/06/18	014278519
The Hugo Award Logo	Class 16, 35, 41	2035/06/22	014270748

Australian Marks

Mark	Class	Acceptance After	Trademark No.
Worldcon	Class 41	2025/09/15	014277016

Mark Protection Committee/WIP Financial Report

All U.S. Dollars

Period Ending April 30, 2026

Description	Check No.	Date	Deposits	Payments	Account Balance
Book Balance June 1, 2025					\$21,314.32
Deposit, Interest		5/31/2025	\$1.51		\$21,315.83
Pair Domains		5/15/2025			\$21,220.88
Foot Anstey LLP EU/GB Trademarks (incl\$45 Wire Fee)		6/27/2025		\$94.95	\$16,120.11
Deposit, Interest		6/30/2025	\$45.20	\$5,100.77	\$16,165.31
Pair Domains		6/2/2025			\$16,133.75
Vistaprint (checks)		6/2/2025		\$31.56	\$16,105.19
Donald Eastlake, Reimb Domain Renewals		05/31/2025		\$28.56	\$15,765.07
Pair Domains		7/1/2025		\$340.12	\$15,704.95
Deposit, Interest		7/31/2025	\$46.86	\$60.12	\$15,751.81
Pair Domains		8/2/2025			\$15,748.81
Deposit, Interest		8/31/2025	\$45.50	\$3.00	\$15,794.31
Pair Domains		9/1/2025			\$15,791.31
Foot Anstey LLP EU/GB Trademarks (incl\$45 Wire Fee)		9/17/2025		\$3.00	\$13,638.21
Gandi.net Charges	1303	9/17/2025		\$2,153.10	\$13,413.05
ilGhf Ip Pty Ltd Australian Trademarks Legal (incl\$25 wire fee)		9/18/2025		\$225.16	\$12,321.05
Pair Domains		10/1/2025		\$1,092.00	\$12,122.69
State of California (filings)	50	10/17/2025		\$198.36	\$12,097.69
Deposit, Interest		9/30/2025	\$0.01	\$25.00	\$12,097.70
Deposit, Interest		9/30/1995	\$40.81		\$12,138.51
Deposit, Interest		10/31/2025	\$37.30		\$12,175.81
Pair Domains		11/1/2025			\$12,172.81
Deposit, Seattle Worldcon		11/9/2025	\$8,045.00	\$3.00	\$20,217.81
State of California (filings)	1305	11/28/2025			\$20,197.81
Deposit, Interest		11/30/2025	\$36.22	\$20.00	\$20,234.03
Pair Domains		12/1/2025			\$20,231.03
Deposit, Interest		12/31/2025	\$0.01	\$3.00	\$20,231.04
Deposit, Interest		12/31/2025	\$37.54		\$20,268.58
Pair Domains		11/1/2026			\$20,265.58
Deposit, Interest		1/31/2026	\$37.67	\$3.00	\$20,303.25
Pair Domains		2/1/2026			\$20,300.25
State of California (filings)		2/13/2026		\$3.00	\$20,275.25

Description	Check No.	Date	Deposits	Payments	Account Balance
Ghf Ip Pty Ltd Australian Trademarks Legal (incl\$25 wire fee)		2/13/2026		\$25.00	\$18,177.75
Deposit, Interest		2/28/2026	\$34.14	\$2,097.50	\$18,211.89
Pair Domains		3/1/2026			\$18,208.89
California Meridian, Board D&O Insurance		3/4/2026		\$3.00	\$16,997.89
Deposit, Interest		3/31/2026	\$0.01	\$1,211.00	\$16,997.90
Deposit, Interest		3/31/2026	\$37.91		\$17,035.81
Pair Domains		4/1/2026			\$17,032.81
Deposit, Interest		4/30/2026	\$36.81	\$3.00	\$17,069.62
Book Balance April 30, 2026					\$17,069.62

Account Balance April 30, 2026

Checking, Redwood CU	\$5,532.12
Share Account, Redwood CU	\$100.03
Share Certification, Redwood CU	\$11,437.47
Book Balance April 30, 2026	\$17,069.62

—Bruce Farr

WSFS Hugo Awards Marketing Committee

June 2025 - May 2026

The WSFS Marketing Committee (“WSFSMC”) members are Linda Deneroff (Chair), Jerry Kaufman, Craig Miller, Chris Rose, Kevin Standlee, and Jo Van Ekeren. The WSFSMC was established by the WSFS Mark Protection Committee, and its chair and members are appointed by the MPC annually.

The WSFSMC continues to work with Worldcon committees to support the marketing of the Hugo Awards, to handle inquiries from the press regarding the Awards as needed, to maintain TheHugoAwards.org, including the list of past finalists and winners, and archiving the “Section 3.11.4” reports of nomination and voting information issued by Hugo Award administrators, and to maintain the WSFS.org, Worldcon.org, and NASFiC.org websites and answer general queries submitted through those sites.

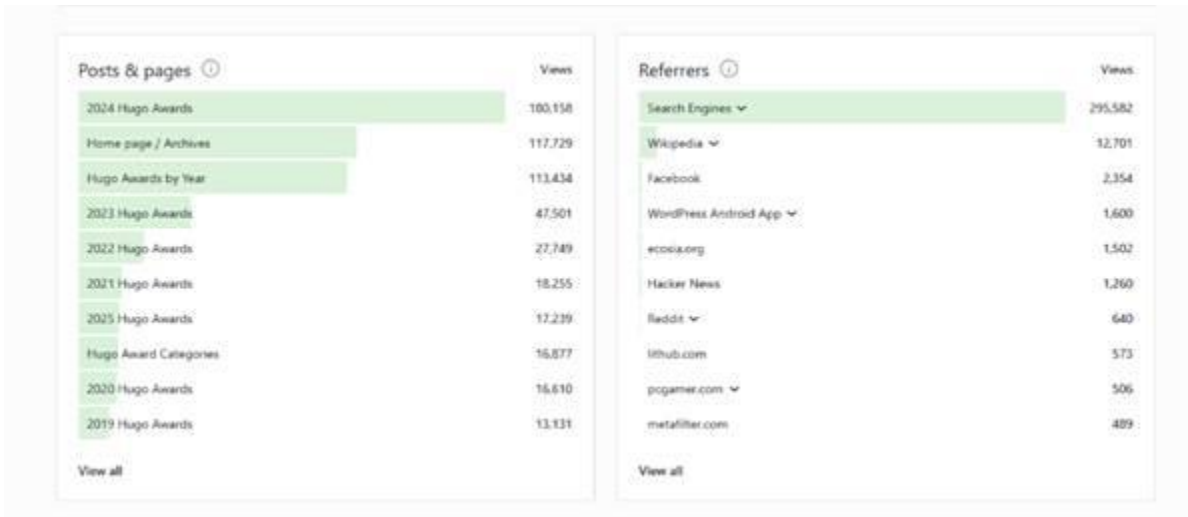
The WSFSMC will continue to cooperate with Worldcon committees so that we can update the Hugo Awards web site at the first opportunity after the awards are announced as well as to use the @TheHugoAwards BlueSky feed, Hugo Awards Facebook page, and other social media to publicize the announcements of the winners in each category.

thehugoawards.org
Views per Month
June 1, 2025-May 24, 2026



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Most Requested Pages/Posts and Referrers June 1, 2025-May 24, 2026



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Top Page Views per Country

June 1, 2025-May 24, 2026



We continue to attempt to gather all the recordings of past Hugo Awards ceremonies (including any made before online posting of such recordings was possible or common) and to put copies of them in the Worldcon Events YouTube channel. We are still looking for a copy of the 2017 Hugo Awards ceremony recording that was deleted when the 2017

Worldcon's YouTube channel was deleted. If anyone has a copy of the 2017 ceremony video that they can provide us, we will upload it to the Worldcon Events channel.

We maintain the list of seated, future, and recent Worldcons and the lists of bids for future conventions to the best of our knowledge. Multiple members of the committee have the credentials for the web sites. Bandwidth and disk space usage for the web sites we manage were within the allowances for our account. We may see peak loads around the time of the winner announcements and will work with our hosting provider to minimize extra charges, which are borne by the Mark Protection Committee.

We continue to field inquiries directed to Worldcon.org and TheHugoAwards.org, forwarding them to the current Worldcon or Mark Protection Committee, as necessary.

A.2. Standing Committees of the Business Meeting

A.2.1 Nitpicking and Flyspecking Committee

Committee Members

The members of the Nitpicking and Flyspecking Committee (NP&FSC) for 2025-2026 were Donald Eastlake (Chair), Kayla Allen, Jared Dashoff, Linda Deneroff, Tim Illingworth, Jesi Lipp, Martin Pyne, and Jo Van Ekeren. The authority of this committee stems from the following:

Standing Rule 7.7: Nitpicking and Flyspecking Committee

The Business Meeting shall appoint a Nitpicking & Flyspecking Committee. The Committee shall:

- (1) Maintain the list of Rulings and Resolutions of Continuing Effect.
- (2) Codify the Customs and Usages of WSFS and of the Business Meeting.

Report

1. The committee moves the Standing Rules Changes and Resolution appended hereto.
2. Worldcon Committees that still have funds they have not disposed of are reminded to send the required financial report to the WSFS Business Meeting by the deadline 30 days before the Preliminary Business Meeting.
3. The Business Meeting Secretary, using their authority under Standing Rule 4.3, was requested to update a reference in Section 3.11.2 from the John W. Campbell Award to the Astounding Award, and to remove a reference in Standing Rule 2.1 to the Retrospective Hugo Awards.

Proposals

- [C.1 Calling the Question At Any Point](#)
- [C.2 Minimum Substantive Debate on Main Motions](#)
- [D.1 Clarifying Hugo Award Authority Delegation](#)

A.2.2 Worldcon Runners Guide Editorial Committee

No report was submitted by the deadline.

A.2.3 Formalization of Long List Entries (FOLLE) Committee

No report was submitted by the deadline.

A.3 Special Committees

A.3.1 Trial Committee

Case Managers: Warren Buff, Randall Shepherd

Members: Doctor Science (Chair), Kat Kourbeti (Secretary), España Sheriff, Kris 'Nchanter' Snyder, Ian Stockdale

Report:

Note from the Secretary: The report of the Trial Committee will be included in the Executive Session materials. WSFS members can request the minutes of the Executive Session, including this report, from the MPC Secretary once they are compiled.

A.3.2 Ethics and Whistleblower (“Sparkle Unicorn”) Committee

Note from the Secretary: For those not present at the 2025 Business Meeting, when asked about changing the name of this committee to reflect its remit, the Presiding Officer responded that committee names are not substantive and that the committee could call itself the “Sparkle Unicorn Committee” if they so chose.

Committee Members

A.M. Vincent (Chair), Alan Bond, Mark Godin, Kimberly Hanson, Farah Mendlesohn, Michelle Morrell, Gail Terman

Report

1. Mandate

The Committee was formed at the First Main Business Meeting of Seattle Worldcon 2025 (July 13, 2025) by the adoption of two resolutions from the 2025 Business Meeting's Executive Session.

Resolution D.10 (Whistleblower's Charter Committee) directed a committee to discuss a whistleblower's charter and, if it found one desirable, to propose one to the 2026 Business Meeting. Resolution D.6 (Creation of Code of Ethics) was subsequently amended to refer to the same committee, directing it to bring to the 2026 Business Meeting a Code of Ethics for administrative officers of WSFS and the Hugo Award Administration, together with any constitutional amendments required. The Code of Ethics was to outline clearly the duties of administrative volunteers to protect the integrity of the Awards, set standards for professionalism and record-keeping for the Hugo Award Administrator and Hugo Award Subcommittee, and establish a reporting mechanism for breaches.

The committee was appointed by the Presiding Officer as follows: Alana Vincent (chair), Alan Bond, Mark Godin, Kimberly Hanson, Farah Mendlesohn, Michelle Morrell, Bree Reeves, Gail Terman, and Patty Wells.

2. Process

The committee convened shortly after the close of Seattle Worldcon 2025 and agreed to a schedule of work; in the course of this work, two members (Bree Reeves and Patty Wells) dropped off of the committee. The Code of Ethics was drafted through the autumn of 2025; the Whistleblower Policy was drafted in the spring of 2026. Both documents were developed by reference to existing policies from comparable organisations, with considered discussion at each stage about which elements of those policies were

applicable to the specific structure of WSFS—an unincorporated literary society with no permanent staff and no central executive.

Two members, Bree Reeves and Patty Wells, were unable to participate in the drafting work. The committee notes their absence without prejudice and has not counted their silence as dissent. The committee sought comment from the Mark Protection Committee/Worldcon Intellectual Property (MPC) on both draft documents; no substantive concerns were raised. The participating members of the committee unanimously recommend adoption of both documents.

3. Scope and Key Decisions

3.1 WSFS Activity Only

Both documents are deliberately limited to WSFS activity as defined by the Constitution: the administration of the Hugo Awards, Worldcon Site Selection, and the Business Meeting. Individual Worldcons are separately constituted entities; the committee has no authority to bind them, and any attempt to do so through these documents would exceed the committee's mandate and almost certainly provoke legitimate constitutional objections.

The committee strongly recommends that the MPC, and individual Worldcon committees, consider adopting compatible policies for their own governance.

3.2 Whistleblower Policy and the Scope of the Ombuds

The Whistleblower Policy is deliberately sparse. The committee judged that attempting to enumerate in advance every possible breach of the Code of Ethics, or every circumstance in which such a breach might occur, would produce a document that was either unworkably rigid or inadvertently permissive through omission. The policy is designed to be flexible enough to address unpredictable situations as they arise. It therefore places significant weight on the judgement of the ombuds office, and the Business Meeting should bear this in mind when considering appointments: the quality and independence of the people appointed will be the primary determinant of whether the system works well in practice.

The committee also wishes to make clear to current and future WSFS volunteers that this policy is designed to support them. If you witness or experience conduct that violates the Code of Ethics and feel unable to address it through normal channels, the ombuds office should be there for you. The committee recognises that the ombuds will in practice receive complaints that fall outside the scope of WSFS ethics—complaints about the conduct of seated Worldcons, for example, rather than the administration of the Hugo Awards or Business Meeting. The policy includes guidance for handling such cases, principally by

signposting complainants to a more appropriate body, so that the ombuds office is not simply a dead end for concerns it cannot address.

The committee expects complaints will come to the ombuds for three reasons: the complainant has exhausted other remedies (raising the issue with fellow volunteers, a division head, or a Worldcon chair); the complainant does not feel comfortable raising the issue through those direct routes; or the complainant is not sure of the appropriate way to raise the issue and needs guidance and support. All three are legitimate uses of the ombuds office, and all three should be treated with equal seriousness, even though the ombuds will not have the power to provide a direct remedy in all cases.

3.3 The Ombuds Office and the Mark Protection Committee

Because the scope of both policies is limited to WSFS, the final determination in serious cases must rest with the MPC. The most significant sanction available to WSFS is the withdrawal of the Hugo Award trademark licence, which can only be effected by the MPC under section 4.3 of the WSFS Service Mark Licensing Agreement. The ombuds office's role in such cases is to investigate and advise; it does not have and should not have the power to impose penalties.

The Hugo Award marks are among the most recognised in science fiction and fantasy. They represent eight decades of reader trust and community investment. When administrators act unethically—suppressing nominees, excluding voters, or compromising the integrity of the ballot—it is not only individual members who are harmed. The marks themselves are harmed. The value of winning a Hugo Award, of being nominated, of being part of the community that bestows it, diminishes every time the process is manipulated. This is why the framework the committee is proposing ultimately rests with the MPC: protecting WSFS members from misconduct is integral to the task of protecting the value of the Hugo Award marks.

For this reason, the committee recommends that the ombuds office be constituted as an advisory board to the MPC. This also has a practical consequence: individuals appointed to the advisory board will be covered by the MPC's officer liability insurance, which is a necessary protection for volunteers undertaking sensitive investigative work on behalf of the Society. The committee accordingly asks the MPC to adopt the ombuds office as an advisory board and to confirm in writing that officer insurance coverage will extend to its members.

4. A Note on Form

The committee's mandate specified that it should bring constitutional amendments "as required". Having examined the options, we recommend a constitutional amendment to

permanently establish the ombuds office, and three resolutions: one to adopt the code of ethics, one to adopt the whistleblower policy, and one to establish the ombuds office as an interim measure so that the remedy may be available earlier than the two-year ratification period would otherwise permit.

We recommend a constitutional amendment to establish the existence of the Ethics Ombuds Office because, while a resolution establishing the ombuds would be sufficient to create the office for the current year, it would lapse at the next Business Meeting that did not vote to continue it (per Section 5.2 of the Constitution). An office whose survival depends on annual reauthorisation is structurally fragile; a future Business Meeting that simply fails to reauthorize it—through oversight, through a busy agenda, or through deliberate obstruction—would silently extinguish the mechanism without any member being required to vote against it. Embedding the office in the Constitution provides the continuity that a standing accountability mechanism requires.

The amendment does not need to reproduce the detailed provisions of the Whistleblower Policy; it need only establish that the office exists, that it serves as an advisory board to the MPC, and that its annual report is a standing item of Business Meeting business. The operational detail should be contained in the policy, which the Business Meeting can amend by resolution as experience accumulates.

Both the Code of Ethics and the full Whistleblower Policy are proposed as resolutions, which allows future Business Meetings to amend them without the two-year ratification process that constitutional changes require. We also include a resolution to establish an interim ombuds office with immediate effect, so that members may have access to its support during the two-year ratification period for the permanent establishment of the office.

5. Proposed Motions

- [D.2 WSFS Code of Ethics](#)
- [D.3 Whistleblower Policy](#)
- [D.4 Interim Ombuds Office](#)
- [F.1 Ethics Ombuds Office](#)

6. Request to the Mark Protection Committee/Worldcon Intellectual Property (MPC)

While the Business Meeting cannot instruct the MPC, which is a standing committee of WSFS under Article 1.7 of the Constitution with its own elected membership and authority, the policies and procedures enumerated here are not workable without cooperation from the MPC. The following cooperation is necessary:

1. Constitute the Ethics Ombuds Office as an advisory board to the MPC with immediate effect upon the Business Meeting's adoption of D.4.
2. Confirm in writing, before the commencement of the process for appointing ombuds, that the MPC's officer liability insurance extends to members of the Ethics Ombuds Office.
3. Initiate the application and appointment process for the first three members of the ombuds office promptly after the Business Meeting, with a view to the office being operational before the end of 2026.

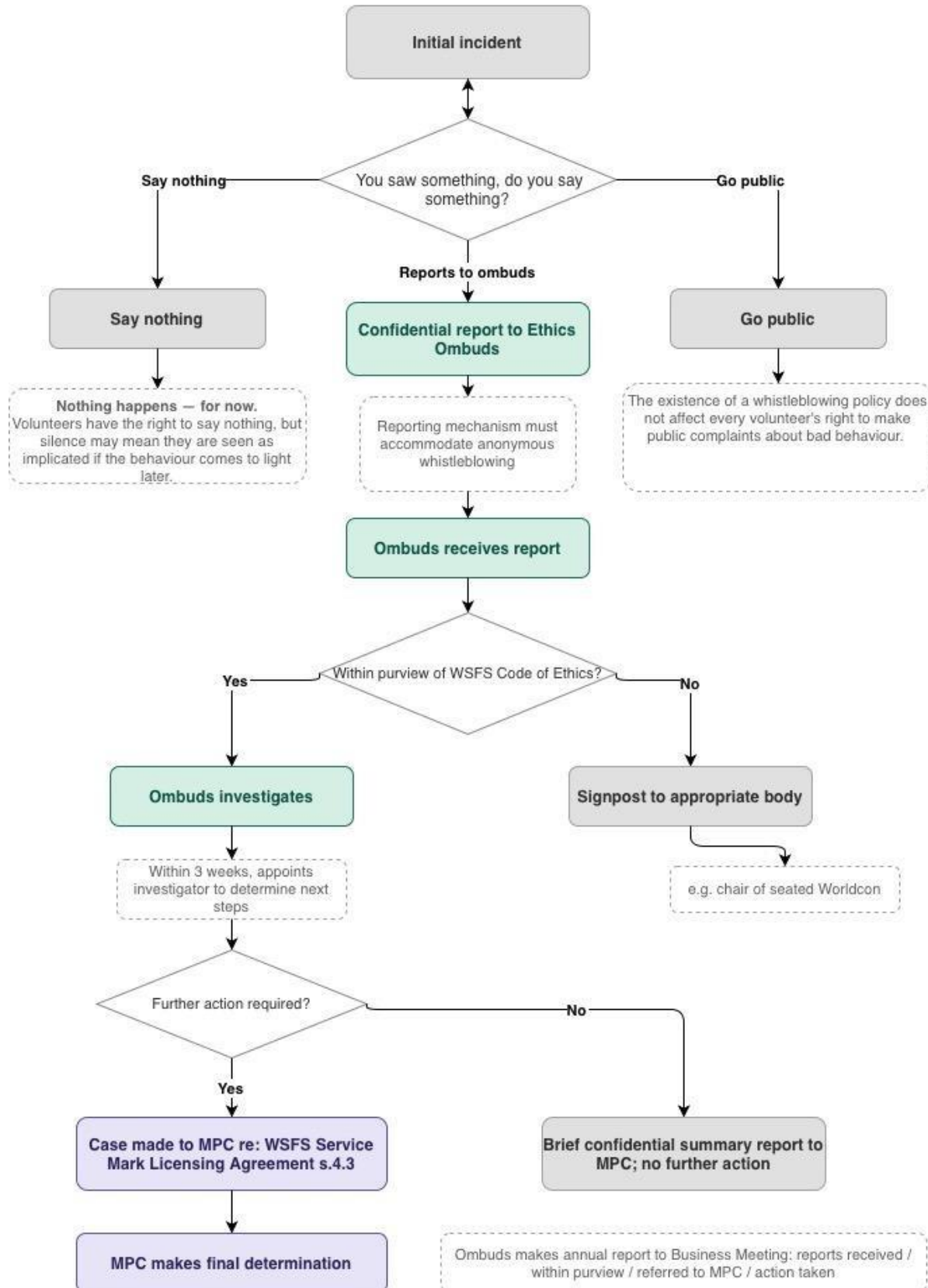
7. Disposition of Items Referred to Committee

Per Standing Rule 7.6.1, the committee records the disposition of items referred to it:

1. 2025 Resolution D.6 (Creation of Code of Ethics): Discharged. The committee recommends adoption of the WSFS Code of Ethics ([D.2](#)).
2. 2025 Resolution D.10 (Whistleblower's Charter Committee): Discharged. The committee finds a whistleblower policy desirable and recommends adoption of the WSFS Whistleblower Policy ([D.3](#)) and creation of the Ethics Ombuds Office ([F.1](#) and [D.4](#)).

Note from the Secretary: An accessible version of the flowchart below will be provided prior to the relevant motions coming to a vote.

Sample flowchart of a whistleblowing complaint



A.3.3 Business Meeting Study Group

Membership and Structure

Co-Chairs: Colin Harris and Kat Kourbeti

Working Group Leads: John Coxon, Kat Kourbeti, Farah Mendlesohn

Committee Members: Gary Blog, Jared Dashoff, Cliff Dunn, Martin Easterbrook, Donald Eastlake III, Jack Foy, Mark Godin, Colin Harris, Jesi Lipp, Perrienne Lurie, Mara Michaud, Zoë O'Connell, Kate Secor, Marguerite Smith, Darusha Wehm, Alana Vincent

Report

Context

This committee was established by the 2024 Business Meeting to study the Business Meeting and its processes, procedures, and systems. The aim was to see how we could streamline the operation of the meeting; address the reputational issues around the meeting being unwelcoming to new participants; and reduce the demands made on people's time.

Our report to the 2025 Business Meeting presented initial findings across areas including Business Meeting scope, structure, ruleset, processes, and technology, and requested re-authorisation to continue this work for a second year.

Progress since Seattle 2025

The choice of a Virtual Business Meeting for Seattle (and now for LAcon V) has to some degree pre-empted our discussions.

The 2025 Business Meeting ruled (in response to a challenge) that Virtual BMs are allowed by the Constitution, and it gave valuable experience of how a Virtual BM can work. As Business Meeting Chair, Jesi Lipp also undertook feedback surveys of both the Virtual and At-Con session attendees which were very favourable towards the Virtual option.

Our view at this point is as follows:

- The Business Meeting will have limited appetite to explore more radical options (e.g. moving to a fully asynchronous governance model with no real-time meetings) when it has just started gaining experience of the Virtual option.

- We can certainly optimise the way we run Virtual Business Meetings, but it is difficult to do this based on one data point. We will be better placed to draw conclusions after the LA meetings are complete (doubling our experience!).
- While the Seattle Virtual BM was ruled to be constitutional, there are things in the Constitution which reflect the assumption of an at-con, in-person meeting. It makes sense to address these now to provide clarity and to back up what is already happening in practice.

Recommendation

We have submitted two concise motions which regularise the option of a Virtual Business Meeting within the Constitution and Standing Rules. These have the minimum scope which we believe is necessary to clean up the relevant language so that a given Worldcon may choose to hold either an in-person or a virtual Business Meeting.

We strongly believe that making the Business Meeting as accessible and inclusive as possible is in keeping with the values of fandom. To advance those values, we recommend that Worldcons carefully consider how their choice of Business Meeting mode (virtual vs. in-person) serves and empowers the membership, though we are not yet ready to make a firm recommendation as to which mode to choose.

We would like to request continuation of the committee for a third and final year, to report back to the 2027 Business Meeting in Montréal, Canada. At that point we hope to make more specific recommendations to optimise the operation of the Business Meeting. We will also set out a roadmap as to what further changes could be considered in the future, if it is felt that the Meeting is still not meeting the objectives of being convenient, efficient, effective, welcoming, and accessible.

Proposals

- [C.3 Business Meeting Dislocation](#)
- [F.2 There's No Business Like Virtual Business](#)

A.3.4 Hugo Award Admin Process Committee

Committee Members: Brianne Reeves (chair), Chris Rose, Doctor Science, David Hook, Gareth Kavanagh

Report: No report was submitted by the deadline.

A.3.5 2025 Items Referred

Committee Members

Not reported.

Report

Several proposals were sent to this very miscellaneous committee (or perhaps, more properly, sent to five distinct committees which were consolidated for administrative convenience):

- 2025 F.16 Quorate Quorums
- 2025 F.17 Conversion Rights
- 2025 F.18 Res Plz
- 2025 F.19 Fixed Targets
- 2025 F.20 Location, Location, Location Revisited

The “Conversion Rights” committee met only briefly, and agreed to resubmit the proposal as-is. Our view is that this proposal was sent to committee more due to the exhaustion of the Business Meeting in 2025 than any judgment on the proposal itself.

The next three committees (“Quorate Quorums”, “Res Plz”, and “Fixed Targets”) were consolidated into a single discussion thread. There was a consensus to let Quorate Quorums lie (not least because the 2026 Business Meeting seems likely to lose at least a full day to ongoing business arising out of Chengdu).

Rez Pls and Fixed Targets both saw significant discussion. The former saw expressions of interest as the deadline approached, particularly as anxiety emerged over various committees submitting their reports. The proposal “Responsive Late Business” has been drafted as the successor to this proposal, as this does appear to be a problem that may recur.

Fixed Targets has been split into two proposals, one for Worldcon bids (“Fixed Bid Deadlines”) and one for “Advanced Notice of Business Meeting Deadlines”:

“Fixed Bid Deadlines” envisions the bid submission deadline being “locked” in place as of the prior Worldcon. Our view is that (1) the historical timeframe for Worldcons has generally been between the weekend around July 4 and that of (American) Labor Day, and that even a convention “moving up” across that timeframe would still have roughly 120 days to execute on the process and (2) the odds of a convention facing a serious disruption moving significantly earlier seems highly unlikely while a move of a week or two should

have a negligible impact on the ability of the convention to run Site Selection in an orderly manner. This all weighs against the cost to bids of potentially having their ability to file unexpectedly vanish. Going in the other direction, we believe that bids are not unduly prejudiced by having the filing period pinned in place (and that if anything, uncertainty is a negative even when it might involve them getting extra time), and we would also note that for some years the filing deadline was at the prior year's Worldcon. Extra time to draft ballots and let people vote almost cannot help but help people engage in the process.

“Advance Notice of Business Meeting Deadlines” is a more flexible proposal than last year's. We note that the current deadlines all presumed that the Business Meeting would be tied to the dates of the in-person convention when written. This note is not to object to subsequent changes in any form, but merely to point out that assumptions at the time most current language was written no longer hold, as well as to acknowledge that there have been discussions of various seriousness about spreading the Business Meeting over a longer timeframe. Ideally, deadlines will continue to be announced several months in advance, but we note the lack of any such requirement at this time with concern and so have proposed requiring an announcement by January 1.

During the last year, further discussions were had on the “Location, Location, Location Revisited” proposal. While there was some disagreement as to the reason that the proposal was sent to committee (the level of disagreement at the Business Meeting with the base proposal was hard to disentangle from the relative exhaustion and unprecedented time constraints at the 2024 and 2025 Business Meetings), there was also not a lot of enthusiasm for presenting the same proposal again.

While there was significant agreement that the present situation is perhaps not ideal, most alternatives were generally considered to have many unintended and/or unexpected complications (particularly including “unknown unknowns”). Thus while the committee does not consider the idea of changes to be a bad idea in principle, at present we cannot envision changes which would (1) achieve any desired objectives without practical hurdles and (2) achieve majority support within the Business Meeting.

Proposals

- [F.3 Conversion Rights](#)
- [F.4 Fixed Bid Deadlines](#)
- [F.5 Advance Notice of Business Meeting Deadlines](#)
- [F.6 Responsive Late Business](#)

Appendix B: Full Financial Reports

B.1 LoneStarCon 3 (2013 – San Antonio, USA)

This report includes both the 2025 and 2026 financial reports since the 2025 financial report was not submitted in time for inclusion in the 2025 agenda.

Remaining Funds – July 30, 2024 to August 10, 2025

Date	Description	Spent	Balance
7/30/2024	2024 Balance		\$35,610.20
8/4/2024	Upstate New York Science Fiction & Fantasy Alliance, Inc - Handicap Equipment Expenses Grant	1,991.40	\$33,618.80
9/28/2024	ASFA WorldCon Art Panels Shipping Grant	400.00	\$33,218.80
8/10/2025	Outstanding Balance		\$33,218.80

Remaining Funds – August 10, 2025 to June 1, 2026

Date	Description	Spent	Balance
8/10/2025	2025 Balance		\$33,218.80
8/10/2026	Outstanding Balance		\$33,218.80

Prepared by: Bill Parker

Convention: LoneStarCon 3

Parent Organization: Alamo Literary Art Maintenance Organization

Current Tax Status: a 501©(3) Organization

Address: P.O. Box 27277, Austin, TX 78755-2277

Contact Email: president@alamo-sf.org

Website: <http://alamo-sf.org>

Officers:

President – Scott Zrubek president@alamo-sf.org

Vice President – Randall Shepherd vicepresident@alamo-sf.org

Secretary – Jonathan Guthrie secretary@alamo-sf.org

Treasurer – Bill Parker treasurer2016@alamosf.org

Communications – Kurt Baty communications@alamo-sf.org

IT – Steve Staton it@alamosf.org

Webmaster – Bill Parker & Clif Davis <webmaster@alamo-sf.org>

B.2 Sasquan (2015 – Spokane, USA)

Sasquan Financial Report as of June 7, 2026

Date	Description	Amount
06/03/2025	2025 Balance	\$20,485.96
06/07/2026	Remaining Balance	\$20,485.96

Sasquan wound down as an organization and disbursed its remaining funds to the parent organization, SWOC (a 501(c)(3) organization incorporated in the State of Washington), where these funds are being kept separate from SWOC's operating budget.

In September 2017, the SWOC board voted to create the Bobbie DuFault Memorial Scholarship Fund, which will be financed using these remaining surplus funds. This fund will be used to grant scholarships to fans who want to attend SMOFCon and other con-running conventions.

The criteria for requesting a scholarship to a specific convention are: 1. Never having attended that specific convention before, 2. Having served on a convention in a staff position, 3. Not being able to attend without the granting of a scholarship, 4. Sending a letter requesting a scholarship to the SWOC Board of Directors. These scholarships will be given out only one time to each person.

Regrettably, no scholarship was funded during this past period.

Prepared by: Richard O'Shea, aricosh@earthlink.net.

Convention: Sasquan

Parent Organization: Seattle Westercon Organizing Committee ("SWOC")

Current Tax Status: a 501(c)(3) Organization

Address: SWOC; P.O. Box 75129; Seattle, WA 98175-0129

Website: <http://www.swoc.org>

Officers:

President: Angela Jones

Vice President: Linda Deneroff

Treasurer: Richard O'Shea

Marah Searle-Kovacevic, Alexia Hebel – Members-at-large

B.3 MidAmeriCon II (2016 – Kansas City, USA)

No report was submitted by the deadline.

B.4 Worldcon 76 (2018 - San Jose, USA)

For the period of August 20, 2016 to May 31, 2026 (life of the convention)

Income	Amount
Attending Memberships	958,071.92
Supporting memberships	127,100.00
Dealers	95,480.00
Creator's Alley	2,057.35
Art Show Net Sales	22,456.72
Hotel Rebates	82,110.00
Mobies	10,897.50
Garage Sale	1,325.47
Sales to Members	5,197.08
Advertising	21,684.92
Donations	16,852.72
TAFF/DUFF donations	1,901.50
Alzheimer's Association	13,232.97
Sponsorships	48,150.00
PAF	74,906.20
MexicanX Donations	22,204.19
LGBTQ Donations	6,563.00
Tours	6,165.50
Credit Card rewards to cash	1,550.00
Extra Hugo Award Trophies Purchased	1,575.00
Interest	1,441.25
GROSS PROFIT	\$1,520,923.29
Expense	Amount
Tech	195,538.83
Exhibits	24,180.72
Member Services	129,108.48
Events	9,601.80
Chair's Office	209,773.21
Promotions & Publicity	29,352.88
Facilities	572,971.97
Operations	15,446.81
WSFS	24,412.55
Hospitality	44,337.80
Programming	14,663.96
Publications	69,018.52
Finance	166,00.78
CONVENTION EXPENSES	\$1,512,573.11
NET INCOME	\$8,350.18

Assets	Amount
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	31,857.39
Total Current Assets	31,853.39
Other Assets	7,326.06
TOTAL ASSETS	\$39,183.45
Liabilities & Equity	Amount
Liabilities	15,763.20
Equity	23,420.25
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$39,183.45

Membership Type	Total
Attending (all types)	6,091
Supporting	1,810
Total Memberships	7,901

Prepared by: Cindy Scott <cindy@worldcon76.org>

Convention: Worldcon 76

Parent Organization: SFSFC Inc. (San Francisco Science Fiction Conventions Inc.)

Current Tax Status: a 501(c)(3) organization incorporated in California

Address: PO Box 61363, Sunnyvale, CA 94088-1363 USA

Contact Email: info@worldcon76.org

Convention Website: www.worldcon76.org

Officers and Directors:

President – Kevin Roche

Vice President – Cindy Scott

Secretary – Kayla Standlee

Treasurer – Lisa Deutsch Harrigan

Sean Bassett, Sandra Childress, Christine Doyle, Bruce Farr, Cheryl Morgan, Randy Smith, Andy Trembly, Lani Wong-Bassett, David W. Clark (Director Emeritus), David W. Gallaher (Director Emeritus), Tom Whitmore (Director Emeritus)

B.5 CoNZealand (2020 – Wellington, New Zealand)

No report was submitted by the deadline.

B.6 Chengdu Worldcon (2023 – Chengdu, China)

No report was submitted by the deadline.

B.7 Glasgow 2024 (2024 - Glasgow, Scotland)

Budget Surplus Disposition

Disbursement	Through 31 May 2025	Through 31 May 2026	Total
Worldcon Pass-Along			
2025 Worldcon	£20,000.00	£0.00	£20,000.00
2026 Worldcon	£20,000.00	£0.00	£20,000.00
2027 Worldcon	£20,000.00	£0.00	£20,000.00
UK Pass-Along			
2025 Eastercon	£5,000.00	£0.00	£5,000.00
2026 Eastercon	£5,000.00	£0.00	£5,000.00
2027 Eastercon	£0.00	£5,000.00	£5,000.00
Satellite 2026	£0.00	£3,000.00	£3,000.00
Grants and Sponsorship			
2025 Eastercon Hardship Fund	£1,000.00	£0.00	£1,000.00
2025 Smofcon Bursaries	£0.00	£6,300.00	£6,300.00
2025 Digital Archeology Grant	£0.00	£1,000.00	£1,000.00
2026 Eastercon Hardship Fund	£0.00	£1,500.00	£1,500.00
2026 LAcon V Hardship Fund	£0.00	£2,500.00	£2,500.00
2026 Smofcon Loans	£0.00	£608.65	£608.65
2026 Glasgow Comic Swap	£0.00	£400.00	£400.00
2027 Funcon Sponsorship	£0.00	£800.00	£800.00
Dublin 2029 Grant	£0.00	£7,000.00	£7,000.00
Total Surplus Allocated	£71,000.00	£28,108.65	£99,108.65

Convention Balance Sheet

Description	Amount
Total Convention Income	£1,509,987.60
Total Convention Spending	£1,345,402.15
Total Worldcon Pass-Along Disposition	£60,000.00
Total Non Worldcon Pass-Along Disposition	£39,108.65
Total Surplus Disposition	£99,108.65
Total Remaining Surplus	£65,476.80
Current Bank Account	£65,476.80

Convention Balance Remainder

Description	Amount
Hold on Future Taxes (possibly to Dec 2027)	£44,250.00
Remaining Non Pass-Along Surplus	£20,891.35
Allowance for Future Operating Expenses (Bank/FX Charges etc)	£335.45

Prepared by: Stephen Cooper (Treasurer)

Approved by: Esther MacCallum Stewart (Chair), Maguerite Smith (Deputy Chair), Meg MacDonald (Deputy Chair)

Organisation: Glasgow 2024 Worldcon

Contacts:

Address: 1/1, 125 Crow Road, Glasgow, G117SJ

Email: treasurer@glasgow2024.org

B.8 Seattle in 2025 (2025 – Seattle, USA)

Seattle 2025: Sailing Away

Financial Report

May 21, 2025—June 15, 2026

Narrative Summary

Our prior report encompassed the period from our incorporation in July 2021 and ended on May 20, 2025. Obviously, that report ended prior to the bulk of our expenditures and also after the lion’s share of our revenue had been collected. Because this current report will look like we ran a huge deficit, I am providing readers with our total revenue from the last report. As of May 20, 2025, Seattle 2025 had a total gross revenue of \$1,261,600.96.

When the below revenue since May 20, 2025 is added, we had a total revenue of \$1,933,441.98 from July 2021 to June 2026. Our total expenditures as of June 15, 2026 were \$1,273,802.67.

Our budget surplus, therefore, is \$659,639.31. (At the time we set our pass along amounts, we had not received a rather sizeable refund from our facility, which inflated our surplus.) We still currently have an outstanding tax question with the City of Seattle, which we are pretty sure will end up in us needing to pay an undetermined amount of tax. As a result, our disbursements have slowed down until that issue is resolved.

I am including the full profit and loss report below, but highlighting up top some of our post-con disbursements for people.

Post-Con Budget Surplus Distribution

Description	Amount	Notes:
LA Con Pass Along	\$50,000	Already sent
Montréal Pass Along	\$50,000	Already sent
2028 Pass Along	\$50,000	Being held until LACon ends
Membership Reimbursements for Volunteers	\$32,907.89	Finished June 14, 2026
Event: Norwescon Thank You Party	\$5,252.14	(\$1300 of this is not accounted for below as the pymt was made after June 15)
Community Grant: Hugo House	\$2,000	This was one of our charities at con. People donated \$249, which the con rounded up.
Community Grant: Bureau of Fearless Ideas	\$2,000	This was one of our charities at con. People donated \$299, which the con rounded up.

Description	Amount	Notes:
Community Grant: LA Con Community Fund	\$8,000	We had \$2800 in leftover donations to our community fund that we passed along to LA and rounded up further.
Community Grant: Norwescon	\$20,000	
Community Grant: Edmonds HeightsK-12 Robotics Team	\$8,000	This team was in the Seattle Exhibit hall demonstrating their robot and driving Heimdall around the con.

We have one more charity disbursement to Books to Prisoners that needs to be made, which will be for \$2,000. People donated \$550 for this charity. In sum, we raised \$1,098 for our three charities and with the convention rounding up, we will have donated \$6,000 to our charities.

As noted above, we have an outstanding tax issue that has caused us to put our disbursements on hold, but we have plans to disburse money to the following organizations/entities after that resolution: Endeavour Award (via OFSCI), Clarion West, Sistah SciFi, Theater Artists Olympia, and Worldcon Heritage Organization.

We have received requests from the following organizations/entities that we will be evaluating once we can start disbursing money: Dargarth Wargaming Club of Seattle and SeaGL (Seattle GNU/Linux Conference).

Bank Balances

Description	Amount
BECU Main Fund	\$66,980.80
BECU Savings	\$204,196.83
Total Cash on Hand	\$271,177.63

Membership Counts

(Total for the life of the convention)

Membership Type	Purchased	Picked Up
Friend of Worldcon	194	169
Adult Attending	3,786	3,240
Adult Attending Reduced	1,604	1,426
Young Adult Attending	183	Unk
Teen Attending	80	Unk
Child Attending	189	160
Dealer	258	235

Membership Type	Purchased	Picked Up
Caregiver Companion	7	8
Comped Panelists	258	105
GoH Memberships	12	11
Total	6,571	5,354
Day Pass: Wed	144	132
Day Pass: Thurs	288	270
Day Pass: Fri	561	526
Day Pass: Sat	865	794
Day Pass Sun	237	181
Total	2,096	1,903
Grand Total (Warm Bodies)	8,667	7,257
Virtual Supplement	671	
Virtual Comped	117	
Total:	788	
Grand Total Attending Virtually and In-Person:		8,045

Revenue

REVENUE	Amount
4010.00 Basic Memberships	-
4010.01 WSFS Memberships	103,400.00
4010.02 Friend of Worldcon Supplement	15,595.00
4011.00 Adult Attending Supplements (25+)	-
4011.01 Adult Attending Supplement \$125 (10/20/23-03/14/24)	(500.00)
4011.02 Adult Attending Supplement \$150 (03/15/24-10/20/24)	(1,200.00)
4011.03 Adult Attending Supplement \$180 (10/21/24-01/02/25)	(1,260.00)
4011.04 Adult Attending Supplement \$200 (01/02/25-03/31/25)	(2,600.00)
4011.05 Adult Attending Supplement - \$230 (03/01/25-04/30/25)	1,345.00
4011.06 Adult Attending Supplement - \$250 (05/01/25-08/18/25)	133,260.00
4011.99 Adult Attending Supplement \$125 Reduced Rate	81,750.00
Total for 4011.00 Adult Attending Supplements (25+)	\$ 210,795.00
4012.00 Young Adult Attending Supplements \$50 (18-24)	4,045.00
4013.00 Teen Attending Supplements \$25 (13-17)	550.00
4014.00 Virtual Supplement \$35	10,465.00
4018.00 Dealer Supplement	27,875.00
4019.98 Coupon Discounts	36.00
4019.99 Installment Plans Owed	4,317.48
Total for 4010.00 Basic Memberships	\$ 377,078.48
4020.00 Day Passes	-
4020.01 Wed 8/13	7,240.00
4020.02 Thur 8/14	13,710.00
4020.03 Fri 8/15	36,494.29

REVENUE	Amount
4020.04 Sat 8/16	51,180.00
4020.05 Sun 8/17	10,970.00
Total for 4020.00 Day Passes	\$ 119,594.29
Total for 4000.00 Membership Revenue	\$ 496,622.77
4050.00 Member Services Revenue	-
4051.00 Member Pass-Thrus	-
4051.01 Childcare Pass-Thru	1,807.50
Total for 4051.00 Member Pass-Thrus	\$ 1,807.50
4150.00 Facility Comps	-
4151.00 Hotel Comps	25,243.27
4152.00 Staff Paid Comp Rooms	(3,296.92)
4153.00 Czech Republic Paid Rooms	(3,596.64)
Total for 4150.00 Facility Comps	\$ 18,349.71
4200.00 Exhibits Revenue 4201.00 Dealers Room Revenue	-
4201.01 Dealers Room - Corner Booths	-
4201.02 Dealers Room - Tables	26,345.00
4201.03 Dealers Room - Booths	12,225.00
4201.04 Dealers Room - Power	1,650.00
Total for 4201.00 Dealers Room Revenue	\$ 52,745.00
4202.00 Art Show Revenue	-
4202.01 Art Show - Panel & Table	4,040.00
4202.04 Art Show - Sales Commission 12%	16,323.71
4202.05 Art Shipping (Art Sale deduct)	-
Total for 4202.00 Art Show Revenue	\$ 20,363.71
Total for 4200.00 Exhibits Revenue	\$ 73,108.71
4350.00 Publications Revenue	-
4351.00 Souvenir Book	-
4351.01 Souvenir Book Pro Ads	325.00
4351.02 Souvenir Book Semi-Pro Ads	1,200.00
4351.03 Souvenir Book Fan Ads	1,525.00
Total for 4351.00 Souvenir Book	\$ 3,050.00
4352.00 Hugo Awards Program	(3,971.86)
Total for 4350.00 Publications Revenue	\$ (921.86)
4500.00 Program Revenue	-
4501.03 Film Festival Revenue	392.02
Total for 4500.00 Program Revenue	\$ 392.02
4800.00 Chair Revenue	-
4801.00 Interest Income	8,867.41
4805.00 Sponsorships	-
4805.01 Sponsorship ASFA Art Show Reception	1,500.00

REVENUE	Amount
4805.06 Post Hugo Awards Party	6,747.75
4805.08 Table Talks	(2,005.94)
Total for 4805.00 Sponsorships	\$ 6,241.81
4806.00 Donations	-
4806.01 Seattle 2025 Worldcon Community Fund Income	10,680.00
4806.02 Member Donations	4,516.52
4806.03 Hugo House Donation	249.00
4806.04 Books For Prisoners Donations	550.80
4806.05 Bureau of Fearless Ideas Donations	299.20
Total for 4806.00 Donations	\$ 16,295.52
4808.00 Resale of Assets	-
4808.01 Fire Sale	5,169.13
Total for 4808.00 Resale of Assets	\$ 5,169.13
4809.00 Sales to Members	89.00
4809.01 Sales to Members Merchandise	(829.07)
4809.03 Printful Seattle	22,824.64
4809.04 Spoonflower Commission	181.71
4809.05 At Con Sales to Members	23,440.07
Total for 4809.00 Sales to Members	\$ 45,706.35
4810.00 Miscellaneous Income	201.95
Total for 4800.00 Chair Revenue	\$ 82,482.17
Total Revenue May 21, 2025 - June 15, 2026	\$ 671,841.02
Revenue prior to May 21, 2025	1,261,600.96
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 1,933,441.98

Expenditures

EXPENDITURES	Amount
5100.00 Chair	-
5102.00 Corporate Expenses	-
5102.01 Incorporation and Fees	435.00
5102.02 Taxes	23,604.08
Total for 5102.00 Corporate Expenses	\$ 24,039.08
5103.00 Chair's Fund	201.80
5103.01 Friends of Worldcon Lounge	(14,446.70)
5103.02 DH Lunch Meetings at Con	(13,249.50)
5103.05 Health Supplies	3,650.52
5103.06 Chair's Discretionary Spend	10,275.94
Total for 5103.00 Chair's Fund	\$ (13,567.94)
5105.00 Hugo Award Nominee Gifts	418.29
5106.00 Old Phart's Party	541.62
5107.00 Sales to Members Cost of Goods	35,114.22
5108.00 Pass-Alongs	-
5108.01 LaCon V 2026	50,000.00
5108.02 Montréal 2027	50,000.00
Total for 5108.00 Pass-Alongs	\$ 100,000.00
5109.00 Community Grants	32,149.39
5110.00 Membership Reimbursements	32,907.89
Total for 5100.00 Chair	\$ 211,602.55
5160.00 Promotions/Marketing	-
5162.00 Advertising (outgoing)	743.82
5164.00 Conventions and Open Events	3,940.22
5167.00 Promo Materials and Mailing	39.86
5168.00 Flyers	230.82
Total for 5160.00 Promotions/Marketing	\$ 4,954.72
5200.00 Finance	-
5201.00 Comptroller/Budget	-
5201.01 Financial Software (QB)	80.00
5201.03 Legal/Contract Review	1,000.00
Total for 5201.00 Comptroller/Budget	\$ 1,080.00
5202.00 Taxes	-
5202.01 Sales Tax on Memberships	(6.15)
5202.02 Federal	62.50
Total for 5202.00 Taxes	\$ 56.35
5210.00 Licensing	-
5210.01 ASCAP	1,774.00
5210.02 BMI	540.00

EXPENDITURES	Amount
Total for 5210.00 Licensing	\$ 2,314.00
5220.00 Insurance	-
5220.01 Liability - D&O	1,003.00
5220.02 Liability - Event	965.00
Total for 5220.00 Insurance	\$ 1,968.00
5230.00 Treasury Expenses	-
5230.01 Square Transaction Fees	25,738.32
5230.02 PayPal Transaction Fees	133.66
5230.03 Wise.com Transaction Fees	51.06
5230.10 Bank Fees	54.52
5230.12 Treasury Postage	142.10
Total for 5230.00 Treasury Expenses	\$ 26,119.66
5240.00 At Con Treasury Expenses	40.00
5240.01 Registers	231.50
5240.02 Square Terminals	1,681.74
Total for 5240.00 At Con Treasury Expenses	\$ 1,953.24
Total for 5200.00 Finance	\$ 33,491.25
5300.00 Facilities	-
5310.00 Decorator Expenses	-
5312.00 Decorator Labor	-
5312.01 Teamsters	12,811.64
5312.03 Staging Rental and Setup in Convention Center	5,500.00
5312.05 CC Keys	500.00
Total for 5312.00 Decorator Labor	\$ 18,811.64
5314.00 Decorator Furnishing Rental	-
5314.01 Furniture Rental	74,111.59
Total for 5314.00 Decorator Furnishing Rental	\$ 74,111.59
5316.00 Stage Ramps	11,122.80
Total for 5310.00 Decorator Expenses	\$ 104,046.03
5350.00 Facilities All Other	-
5351.00 Hotel Liaison Expenses	-
5351.05 Tips	1,000.00
5351.06 Hotel Rooms for Facilities	(24,012.71)
5351.07 Third Floor Bar	2,207.00
5351.08 Party Liaison (Maven)	101.06
5351.10 Hugo Award Base Designer Hotel	1,500.00
5351.12 TAFF Hotel Room	2,397.76
Total for 5351.00 Hotel Liaison Expenses	\$ (16,806.89)
5352.00 FnB Sheraton	(20,363.29)
5352.01 Dave Robson Meetup	692.44

EXPENDITURES	Amount
5352.02 Carl Brandon Society	702.10
5352.03 LACon Hugo Award Party	15,516.59
5352.04 TOR	10,952.24
5352.05 SFWA	3,476.03
5352.07 Pride Event	1,600.08
Total for 5352.00 FnB Sheraton	\$ 12,576.19
5353.00 Exhibit Hall Expenses	-
5353.01 Convention Center Rental	92,467.00
5353.02 Exhibit Hall Mandatory Cleaning	9,237.18
5353.03 Convention Center Ushers	16,471.00
Total for 5353.00 Exhibit Hall Expenses	\$ 118,175.18
5354.00 Safety Planning Expenses	17,170.00
Total for 5350.00 Facilities All Other	\$ 131,114.48
Total for 5300.00 Facilities	\$ 235,160.51
5400.00 Tech	-
5401.00 Technical Director Expenses	207,278.60
5410.00 Event Staging	-
5411.00 Main Stage 5411.02 Main Stage Power	-
5411.03 Main Stage Lighting	59,421.82
5411.05 Main Stage Rigging	99,351.27
Total for 5411.00 Main Stage	\$ 158,773.09
5413.00 Second Stage	-
5413.02 Second Stage Power	-
5413.05 Second Stage Operators	57.00
Total for 5413.00 Second Stage	\$ 57.00
5420.00 Exhibit Hall (Tech)	-
5420.01 Exhibit Hall Power (Exhibits)	722.98
Total for 5420.00 Exhibit Hall (Tech)	\$ 722.98
5460.00 Tech Labor	2,415.65
5460.01 Tech Union Labor	3,559.90
Total for 5460.00 Tech Labor	\$ 5,975.55
Total for 5410.00 Event Staging	\$ 165,528.62
5600.00 IT Support Expenses	-
5603.00 IT Infrastructure Expenses	462.44
5603.04 Hugo Award Voting Servers	1,451.38
Total for 5603.00 IT Infrastructure Expenses	\$ 1,913.82
5604.00 Precon Software	-
5604.03 Email Management	2,072.63
5604.04 ConTroll Software Reg	162.99
Total for 5604.00 Precon Software	\$ 2,235.62

EXPENDITURES	Amount
5610.00 IT Purchase and Lease	-
5611.00 Laptops and Tablets	1,463.05
5613.00 Display Monitors	7,522.35
5614.00 Basic Printers	116.32
5619.00 Misc Computer Items	50.75
Total for 5610.00 IT Purchase and Lease	\$ 9,152.47
Total for 5600.00 IT Support Expenses	\$ 13,301.91
5700.00 At-con Internet	-
5710.00 Tech Internet	30,389.36
Total for 5700.00 At-con Internet	\$ 30,389.36
Total for 5400.00 Tech	\$ 416,498.49
6000.00 Staff Services	-
6001.00 Volunteer Costs	-
6001.01 Volunteers (incl rewards)	50.99
6001.02 Printful Staff Rewards	7,397.44
Total for 6001.00 Volunteer Costs	\$ 7,448.43
6004.00 Ribbons	4,997.28
6008.00 Postage	741.40
6011.00 Meal Vouchers	55,361.84
Total for 6000.00 Staff Services	\$ 68,548.95
6100.00 Member Services	-
6101.00 Registration	-
6101.01 Sticky Labels / Tape	616.02
6101.02 Badges	17,572.28
6101.03 Lanyards	6,381.56
6101.05 Registration Equipment Logistics	204.64
Total for 6101.00 Registration	\$ 24,774.50
6104.00 Childcare	-
6104.01 Childcare Provider	12,397.00
6104.02 Childcare Room Cost	3,147.06
Total for 6104.00 Childcare	\$ 15,544.06
6105.00 Children's Play Areas 6110.00 Accessibility	393.15
6111.00 Language Access	-
6111.01 Caption Provider #1	4,656.05
6111.03 ASL Interpretation	6,200.00
6111.04 Hearing Loop	1,817.11
Total for 6111.00 Language Access	\$ 12,673.16
6114.00 Accessibility Stickers	12.56
Total for 6110.00 Accessibility	\$ 12,685.72
6120.00 Safer Spaces	1,498.60

EXPENDITURES	Amount
6123.00 Community Fund Payouts	46,749.70
Total for 6100.00 Member Services	\$ 101,645.73
6200.00 Convention Services	-
6207.00 Logistics (includes MIMO) 6207.01 MIMO	3,032.64
6207.03 Truck Rental	3,689.08
6207.04 Carts & 2 Wheelers	221.18
6207.06 Loadmaster	15,628.00
Total for 6207.00 Logistics (includes MIMO)	\$ 22,570.90
6208.00 Con Office	-
6208.01 Supplies	7,960.77
6208.05 Cleaning Supplies	41.88
6208.06 Packing Supplies	56.18
Total for 6208.00 Con Office	\$ 8,058.83
6210.00 Operations	-
6210.01 Dispatch/Radios	2,049.72
6210.02 Rover Supplies	149.99
Total for 6210.00 Operations	\$ 2,199.71
Total for 6200.00 Convention Services	\$ 32,829.44
6400.00 Publications	-
6401.00 Souvenir Book	-
6401.01 Production	17,408.00
6401.02 Mailing	3,842.40
Total for 6401.00 Souvenir Book	\$ 21,250.40
6402.00 Pocket Program Book	9,429.17
6402.01 Program Grids and Small Run of Guides	1,489.26
6402.50 Passport Books	4,755.13
6403.00 Restaurant Guide	2,507.62
6404.00 Event Booklets	-
6404.01 Hugo Awards	722.93
Total for 6404.00 Event Booklets	\$ 722.93
6406.00 Signage	8,582.50
6409.00 Event Photography	594.31
Total for 6400.00 Publications	\$ 49,331.32
6500.00 WSFS	-
6501.00 Hugo Awards	-
6501.01 Rocket	1,652.70
6501.02 Rocket Pass Thru	(7,128.16)
6501.03 Base	6,110.44
6501.06 Engraving of Plaques	437.85
Total for 6501.00 Hugo Awards	\$ 1,072.83

EXPENDITURES	Amount
6502.00 Other Awards	-
6502.02 Lodestar Award	420.00
Total for 6502.00 Other Awards	\$ 420.00
6503.00 Awards Admin	-
6503.01 PO Box Share (with Site Selection)	96.00
6503.03 Trophy Shipping & Misc Supplies	5,219.33
Total for 6503.00 Awards Admin	\$ 5,315.33
6504.00 Site Selection	-
6504.03 Electronic Site Selection	997.00
Total for 6504.00 Site Selection	\$ 997.00
6506.00 Business Meeting	-
6506.01 Business Meeting Printing	21.74
6506.04 Online Business Meeting	23,554.51
Total for 6506.00 Business Meeting	\$ 23,576.25
6507.00 Mark Protection Committee dues	8,045.00
Total for 6500.00 WSFS	\$ 39,426.41
6600.00 Exhibits	-
6601.00 Artshow	-
6601.01 Artshow Build, Hooks etc.	4,919.31
6601.03 Art Show & Chesley Reception	5,789.53
6601.04 Art Show Missing Art Costs	281.01
Total for 6601.00 Artshow	\$ 10,989.85
6603.00 Fixed Displays	-
6603.06 Paint and Take Booth	112.42
6603.09 Fixed Displays	1,273.95
6603.11 Freebies/SFOP	89.65
Total for 6603.00 Fixed Displays	\$ 1,476.02
6604.00 Exhibits Shipping	-
6604.01 Artist GOH Shipping and Insurance (Donato Giancola)	2,909.33
6604.02 Small Exhibit Shipping	4,723.04
6604.03 Aldis Exhibit Shipping and Insurance	1,224.64
6604.04 Shipping for Worldcon Heritage	4,444.78
Total for 6604.00 Exhibits Shipping	\$ 13,301.79
6605.00 Fan Tables	112.00
6607.00 Fanzine Lounge	100.85
6608.00 Member lounge	224.37
6609.00 Costume Repair	296.19
Total for 6600.00 Exhibits	\$ 26,501.07
6700.00 Program	-
6701.00 Program Ops	616.96

EXPENDITURES	Amount
6701.01 Program Participants Packets	384.68
Total for 6701.00 Program Ops	\$ 1,001.64
6710.00 Guest Expenses	-
6712.00 GOH Gifts	1,006.87
6713.00 GOH Martha Wells	-
6713.01 Hotel - Martha Wells	1,017.20
6713.02 Per Diem - Martha Wells	750.00
6713.03 Travel - Martha Wells	2,844.74
Total for 6713.00 GOH Martha Wells	\$ 4,611.94
6714.00 GOH Donato Giancola	-
6714.01 Hotel - Donato Giancola	1,000.00
6714.02 Per Diem - Donato Giancola	750.00
Total for 6714.00 GOH Donato Giancola	\$ 1,750.00
6715.00 GOH Bridget Landry	-
6715.02 Per Diem - Bridget Landry	750.00
Total for 6715.00 GOH Bridget Landry	\$ 750.00
6716.00 GOH Alexander James Adams	-
6716.01 Hotel - Alexander James Adams	1,721.91
6716.02 Per Diem - Alexander James Adams	750.00
6716.03 Travel - Alexander James Adams	1,400.00
Total for 6716.00 GOH Alexander James Adams	\$ 3,871.91
6717.00 Host K. Tempest Bradford	-
6717.01 Hotel - K. Tempest Bradford	2,050.84
6717.02 Per Diem - K. Tempest Bradford	750.00
6717.03 Travel - K. Tempest Bradford	396.61
Total for 6717.00 Host K. Tempest Bradford	\$ 3,197.45
6718.00 Host Nisi Shawl	-
6718.01 Hotel - Nisi Shawl	1,498.60
6718.02 Per Diem - Nisi Shawl	750.00
Total for 6718.00 Host Nisi Shawl	\$ 2,248.60
6719.00 Poet Laureate Brandon O'Brien	-
6719.02 Per Diem - Brandon O'Brien	750.00
6719.03 Travel - Brandon O'Brien	728.79
Total for 6719.00 Poet Laureate Brandon O'Brien	\$ 1,478.79
Total for 6710.00 Guest Expenses	\$ 18,915.56
6730.00 Program Office	152.65
6740.00 Workshops	1,606.19
6748.00 Green Room	10,743.22
Total for 6700.00 Program	\$ 32,419.26
6800.00 Events	-

EXPENDITURES	Amount
6803.00 Pre-Hugo Awards Reception	9,563.23
6803.01 Pre-Hugo Awards Reception Drink Tickets	3,295.47
6804.00 Hugo Awards Ceremony	269.25
6805.00 Masquerade	366.12
6810.00 Masquerade Green Room	269.25
Total for 6800.00 Events	\$ 13,763.32
6900.00 Virtual	1,328.10
6910.00 Virtual Program Tech	183.65
6920.00 Ring Central Events	6,000.00
6930.00 Discord	73.65
Total for 6900.00 Virtual	\$ 7,585.40
Unapplied Cash Bill Payment Expenditure	44.25
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 1,273,802.67
NET INCOME	\$ 659,639.31

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Convention: Seattle Worldcon 2025

Business Entity: Seattle Genre Alliance

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B.10 LAcon V (2026 – Los Angeles, USA)

LAcon V

84th World Science Fiction Convention

Financial Report for September 1, 2024 – May 31, 2026

Assets

ASSETS	Amount
LA in 2026 Checking	\$57,982.16
Money Market	\$624,304.33
Total:	<u>\$682,286.49</u>

Income

INCOME	Amount
Opening Balance September 1, 2024 <i>(LA in 2026 Bid Transfer)</i>	<u>\$73,515.80</u>
Site Selection (Voting) Fees	\$29,901.86
Memberships	\$557,910.49
Dealers' Room	\$30,356.52
Art Show	\$12,957.51
Film Festival	\$80.12
Advertising – Souvenir Book	\$7,562.45
Passalong Funds - Chengdu	\$60,000.00
Passalong Funds - Glasgow	\$25,240.00
Passalong Funds – Seattle	\$50,000.00
Interest	\$8,583.44
Sponsorships – Discon III	\$5,000.00
Sponsorships - ConZealand	\$5,000.00
Community Fund	\$961.01
Sales to Members	\$623.02
TOTAL INCOME:	<u>\$794,176.42</u>

Expenses

EXPENSES	Amount
CHAIR	
Legal	(\$77.00)
Meetings - Mar 2025	(\$2,711.96)
Meetings - Nov 2025	(\$5,032.09)
Meetings - Apr 2026	(\$5,553.64)
Chair's Fund	(\$1,993.50)
FINANCE	
Banking	(\$640.11)
Insurance	(\$965.00)
Licenses (ASCAP, BMI etc)	(\$985.00)
Registration - Equipment	(\$10,671.97)
Registration - Consumables	(\$610.00)
FACILITIES	
Convention Center Hire	(\$50,275.00)
Hilton Hire	(\$25,000.00)
Hilton - Corkage and Forkage	(\$15,000.00)
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	
Platforms and Hosting	(\$2,377.72)
S/W - Zoom Events	(\$5,340.89)
S/W - Election Buddy	(\$698.00)
S/W - Buffer	(\$240.00)
S/W - Other	(\$79.32)
PROGRAM	
Guest of Honour Travel	(\$1,273.00)
EXHIBITS	
Exhibits Management	(\$164.63)
Art Show Build	(\$1,025.00)
Costume Displays	(\$1,062.00)
HOSPITALITY	
Hugo Award Losers' Party - Seattle	(\$12,352.72)
SUPPORT SERVICES	
Onsite Hardware (Monitors)	(\$201.33)
Logistics - Storage	(\$3,678.03)
Postage and Shipping	(\$481.29)
PROMOTIONS	
Promotional Materials	(\$1,614.55)
Social Media	(\$1,258.00)
Advertising - Outbound	(\$5,297.83)
Conventions and Events	(\$12,894.82)
Local and Outreach	(\$355.00)

EXPENSES	Amount
PUBLICATIONS	
Publications Management	(\$413.27)
Email Management	(\$1,954.90)
WSFS	
Hugo Award Rockets	(\$7,128.16)
Hugo Award Trophy Bases	(\$6,000.00)
<u>TOTAL EXPENSES:</u>	<u>(\$185,405.73)</u>
<u>CLOSING BALANCE (May 31, 2026)</u>	<u>\$682,286.49</u>

Memberships as of May 31, 2026

Membership Type	Total
Attending – Adult	2,161
Attending – First Worldcon	486
Attending – Young Adult	42
Attending – Teen	21
Attending – Child	16
Attending – Kid-in-Tow	13
<u>Total In-Person Attending</u>	<u>2,739</u>
Virtual Attending	463
WSFS Members	1,649
<u>Total Members</u>	<u>4,851</u>

Elayne F. Pelz, Treasurer 6/3/2026

B.11 Montréal in 2027 (2027 – Montréal, Canada)

Montréal 2027 Worldcon



Financial Report

Worldcon 85 - Montréal

Jan 1, 2024 – May 31, 2026

Financial Activity (\$ CAD)

Income	Amount
4000-00 Finance Income	
4001-00 Pre-Vote	95,244.36
4009-00 Interest Income	1,650.54
4010-00 Membership Income	
4011-01 Voting Fees from Seattle 2025	51,560.20
4011-02 WSFS Memberships	35,700.00
4013-00 Adult Attending	106,759.38
4014-00 First Worldcon Attending	10,380.00
4015-00 Staff Attending	1,160.00
4020-00 Young Adult Attending	3,590.00
4021-00 Teen Attending	720.00
4051-00 Installment Plans Owed	(870.00)
Total for 4010-00 Membership Income	\$208,999.58
Total for 4000-00 Finance Income	\$305,894.48
4100-00 Chair Income	
4101-00 Pass-Alongs	
4101-01 Glasgow 2024	36,508.00
4101-02 Seattle 2025 Worldcon	68,488.45
Total for 4101-00 Pass-Alongs	\$104,996.45
4103-00 Member Donations	738.00
Total for 4100-00 Chair Income	\$105,734.45
4200-00 Communications Income	
4201-00 Souvenir Book Ads	
4201-01 Souvenir Book Pro Ads	6,705.78
Total for 4201-00 Souvenir Book Ads	\$6,705.78
Total for 4200-00 Communications Income	\$6,705.78
4300-00 Convention Services Income	

Income	Amount
4302-00 Scholarship Fund Donations	2,210.00
Total for 4300-00 Convention Services Income	\$2,210.00
Unapplied Cash Payment Income	451.95
Total for Income	\$420,996.66
Gross Profit	\$420,996.66

Expenses	Amount
5000-00 Finance Expenses	
5010-00 Bid Expenses	41,996.32
5030-00 Treasury Expenses	
5030-01 Bank Fees	81.79
5030-02 Square Terminals	946.67
5030-03 Square Transaction Fees	4,961.38
5030-04 PayPal Transaction Fees	28.88
Total for 5030-00 Treasury Expenses	\$6,018.72
Total for 5000-00 Finance Expenses	\$48,015.04
5019-99 Unallocated Bid Expenses	106.00
5100-00 Chair	
5103-00 Scholarship Program Matching Funds	1,090.00
5130-00 Chair Approved Travel	
5130-01 Travel - Chair Approved	1,854.06
Total for 5130-00 Chair Approved Travel	\$1,854.06
Total for 5100-00 Chair	\$2,944.06
5200-00 Communications	
5201-00 Advertising	
5201-01 Ads in Souvenir Books	2,244.98
5201-04 Locus Magazine	21,436.52
5201-07 Local promos	300.00
5201-10 Business Cards	51.94
Total for 5201-00 Advertising	\$24,033.44
5210-00 Conventions and Open Events	
5210-01 Flyers & Postcards	685.03
5210-03 Ribbons	1,605.70
5210-05 Fan Tables at Cons	158.21
5210-07 Parties - Supplies	523.39
5210-08 Cost to Ship Supplies	342.18
Total for 5210-00 Conventions and Open Events	\$3,314.51
Total for 5200-00 Communications	\$27,347.95
5300-00 Convention Services	
5311-00 PO Boxes	265.00

Total for 5300-00 Convention Services	\$265.00
5400-00 Events	
5401-00 LAcon V 2026 closing ceremony	139.54
Total for 5400-00 Events	\$139.54
5500-00 Exhibits	
5520-00 Static Displays	
5520-07 Anniversary Banners	250.25
5520-11 Costume Display	48.02
Total for 5520-00 Static Displays	\$298.27
Total for 5500-00 Exhibits	\$298.27
6000-00 Tech	
6001-00 IT Infrastructure	
6001-02 Hosted servers (CanHost)	1,279.21
6001-04 Conferencing Services (Zoom)	185.21
Total for 6001-00 IT Infrastructure	\$1,464.42
6002-00 IT Software	
6002-01 Financial (QB)	819.54
6002-03 Reg, Dealers, Art Show (NFP Hosting for ConTroll)	140.01
6002-05 Newsletters (Envoke)	352.00
6002-08 Timeline (Wrike)	402.14
Total for 6002-00 IT Software	\$1,713.69
Total for 6000-00 Tech	\$3,178.11
Total for Expenses	\$82,293.97
Other Expenses	
6999-98 Exchange Gain or Loss	506.46
Total for Other Expenses	\$506.46
Surplus	\$338,196.23

Balance Sheet

Description	Amount
Current Assets	
Cash and Cash Equivalent	
1000-00 Bank Accounts-CAD	
1001-00 BMO Main Funds-CAD	1,558.55
1003-00 Square-CAD	1,897.89
1005-00 RBC Royal Bank of Canada	
1005-01 RBC Main Account	219,538.27
1005-06 RBC Scholarship Fund	2,180.00
Total 1005-00 RBC Royal Bank of Canada	\$ 221,718.27
Total 1000-00 Bank Accounts-CAD	\$ 225,174.71
1010-00 Bank Accounts-USD	
1012-00 Key Bank-USD SWOC	
1012-01 Key Bank-USD Chequing	81,805.82
1012-02 Key Bank-USD to Secure Visa	15,167.63
Total 1012-00 Key Bank-USD SWOC	\$ 96,973.45
1014-00 PayPal-USD	65.82
1015-00 RBC Royal Bank of Canada USD	10,518.50
Total 1010-00 Bank Accounts-USD	\$ 107,557.77
Total Cash and Cash Equivalent	\$ 332,732.48
Accounts Receivable (A/R)	
1201-00 Accounts Receivable-CAD	
1201-01 Due from CanSmof	5,663.54
Total 1201-00 Accounts Receivable-CAD	\$ 5,663.54
Total Accounts Receivable (A/R)	\$ 5,663.54
Total Current Assets	\$ 338,396.02
Total Assets	\$ 338,396.02
Liabilities and Equity	
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$ 338,396.02

Membership Counts

Membership Type	Total
Adult Attending Supplements	653
First Worldcon Attending Supplements	75
Staff Attending Supplements	10
Young Adult Attending Supplements	28
Teen Attending Supplements	8
Comped Memberships Adult Attending	7
Guest of Honor Memberships	4
Total Attending	785
WSFS Membership 2024 Site Selections	699
WSFS Memberships	525
Total WSFS	1224
(WSFS Only)	439

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