

# Instant Message

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## Other Meeting Attendance List (2024-6-2)

Dave Anderson	Tom Dings	Suford Lewis	Samma Olszowka	Fumi Yoshikawa
Ann Broomhead	Domino <sup>1</sup>	Tony Lewis	Zack Olszowka	Yuko Yoshikawa
Dave Cantor	Dave Grubbs	Paula Lieberman	Sharon Sbarsky	
Gay Ellen Dennett	Mike Kerpan	Mary Olszowka	Tim Szczesuil	
Samantha Dings	Rick Kovalcik	Peter Olszowka	James Wolf	

<sup>[1]</sup> *Felis sylvestris catus*

We met at Tim and Ann's house for our first Other Meeting since 2019 on Sunday June 2. In addition to much social activity, there was some serious discussion at the OM. We talked about possible Science Speakers for Boskone. One name in particular came up. We also discussed NESFA Press guests and whether we needed one this year.

We also discussed NESFA Press ideas. Gay Ellen mentioned Ruth Nichols's early fantasies, *A Walk Out of the World* and *The Marrow of the World*. We should look into rights.

## Boskone and Business Meeting Attendance List (2024-6-9)

Gloria Lucia Albasi <sup>2</sup>	Lis Carey <sup>1</sup>	Mike Kerpan	Lori Melzer <sup>2</sup>	Joe Ross <sup>1</sup>
Ted Atwood	Joni Brill Dashoff	Rick Kovalcik	Mary Olszowka <sup>1</sup>	Kristin Seibert
Dave Anderson	Gay Ellen Dennett	Suford Lewis <sup>1</sup>	Peter Olszowka <sup>1</sup>	Andrea Senchy <sup>2</sup>
Judy Bemis	Jan Dumas <sup>1</sup>	Tony Lewis <sup>1</sup>	Samma Olszowka	Sharon Sbarsky
Ann Broomhead	Chip Hitchcock	Paula Lieberman	Zack Olszowka	Tim Szczesuil
Dave Cantor <sup>1</sup>	Dave Grubbs	Ken London	Kelly Persons <sup>1</sup>	

<sup>[1]</sup> NESFA Meeting Only

<sup>[2]</sup> Boskone Meeting Only

## Boskone Meeting 2024-6-12

Meeting started at 12:06 pm EDT

Joni introduced herself to the meeting in case anyone didn't already know her. She has selected her guests and encourages NESFA to go ahead and choose the guests that it gets to pick. We were at Balticon where we ran a fan table and also ran a waffle brunch in the con suite. See the Boskone report in the main meeting minutes for details..

## Committee Appointments

Tim Szczesuil: Program

Judy Bemis: Treasurer (this will need to be confirmed by the club)

Sharon Sbarsky: in-person and at-con reg, website

Dave Grubbs and Tim Szczesuil: Boskone Book (Kelley Armstrong, B62 Special Guest, said yes)

Dave points out that we need to come up with ways of connecting this to the con.

Dave Grubbs: Friday and Saturday Night Events (“Meet the Guests” & “Awards Ceremony”, respectively)

Kristin Seibert: Narniacon, Movement, Info, At-con Volunteers

Lori Melzer: Staff Den

Andrea Senchy: Art Show

Jan Dumas: Dragonslair

Gay Ellen Dennett: Hotel

## Space Planning Proposal:

A proposed space budget was presented to the committee.

Tim S wonders about the loss of a program room. People generally don't think it was an issue, though there is some debate about how much various rooms were used or not last year.

Gay Ellen says she will try to find us some space on the other side of the hotel, closer to the coffee, to use for KKs.

Sharon suggests combining the Info and Volunteer desk with the coat check. Kristin confirms that this is possible but adds that somebody else is needed to do pre-con volunteer recruitment.

Rick says that we really ought to be pushing for rooms near the con suite, including bed removal. Gay Ellen says that she'd see what she could do. Kristin says that the hotel screwed up BADLY last year and we ought to be using that to our advantage.

After the various discussions, this is what we came up with for now. There will be more tweaks later:

Space	Functions
Galleria	Art Show, Dealers, Office, Fan Tables, KKs
Marina CC	Narniacon, Info, Volunteers
Marina 1	Movement and Maker Space
Marina 2	Gaming
Marina 3	Program
Marina 4	Program
Harbor PF	Registration, Program Ops, Freebies
Independence	Readings
Harbor 1	Main Tent (Major Panels, Big Events)
Harbor 2	Program
Harbor 3	Program
Burroughs	Program
Carlton	Filk/Participatory Music
Griffin	Tech Ops
Lewis	Video/Anime/Film

## Galleria discussion:

We need to verify with the hotel that the alcove really is permanently unavailable, since having it might be useful for KKs.

Kristin says that the alcove space has been consistently used as storage for other events.

Chip wonders if we can move the Saturday night press event to the current fan table area and move the fan table area towards the center of the room.

Gay Ellen says that with the move to Zettle, moving the small press launch party doesn't hurt NESFA Press.

Gloria, based on past observations, thinks the office/art show admin & fan tables work well for various reasons. The Alcove is hopeless except for storage & logistics staging.

Sharon agrees with Gay Ellen regarding NESFA Press layout.

Joni wonders if Demos and Meetups might work in the game room. Various folks say no. Kristin says that Movement can handle demos and maker events but not meetups.

Paula wonders if we're making decisions too quickly

Joni points out that we have some budget updates needed at [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1H-WHQvM25Iic\\_fM0lixqbjS\\_8WLdlHtpCVlnqLGDMZU](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1H-WHQvM25Iic_fM0lixqbjS_8WLdlHtpCVlnqLGDMZU)

## Hybrid vs Streaming

RKOV says that hybrid still makes sense because it lets us potentially get better panelists and allows people to attend events who might not otherwise be able to attend. Kristin agrees that hybrid is still valuable and points out that we might be able to get things like a science speaker from Antarctica or an RPG game runner from Florida. Peter O points out that a big problem is program ops staffing. Paula says that she has a rough draft of a “people points” budget for various local and hybrid scenarios. She also says that having jobs around hybrid available can help us get people to help because they’re interested. Sharon shares some info about her experience from working as a virtual host for Balticon. Skip thinks that virtual/hybrid programming will likely become more important over time and that we should keep doing it so that we keep our skills sharp.

Kristin says that we should consider having other options besides drink chits for panelist thank-yous (perhaps mugs, NESFA books, etc).

Tim says that Program needs to know ASAP what kind of hybrid we’re doing so that they can plan around it and get sufficient staff.

Rick says that we need to make a decision about what kind of hybrid we’re doing before we come up with a final budget.

## NESFA Business Meeting 2024-6-12

Meeting started at 2:11 pm EDT

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 2:11 PM EDT.**

(Quorum for a meeting (30% of regular membership): currently 8, or 30% of 24)

### PROXIES:

Wes Brodsky to Dave Cantor

Gloria Lucia Albasi to Gay Ellen Dennett

**SECRET BALLOTS FOR VARIOUS OFFICER ELECTIONS DETERMINED TO BE POTENTIALLY NECESSARY**

### CORRECTIONS TO THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

Judy Bemis was not listed in attendance at the last meeting; she was there but not for an hour.

### PRESIDENT’S REPORT (RICK KOVALCIK):

#### Committee Appointments:

Membership: Wes Brodsky(c), Lis Carey, Gay Ellen Dennett, Sharon Sbarsky, Gloria Lucia Albasi. The entire slate is approved by large margins.

Rules: Dave Anderson(c), Dave Cantor, Tony Lewis, Joe Ross, Kristin Seibert, Tim Szczesuil. The entire slate is approved by large margins.

Other Committees remain unchanged and continue in force until re-appointed, so no other votes are needed.

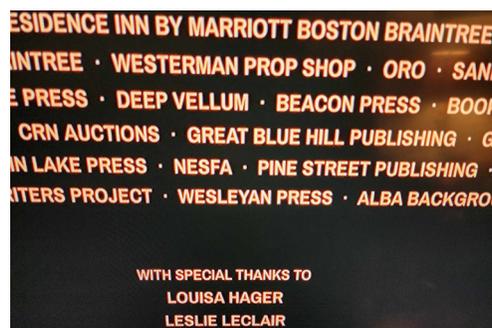
Rick puts out a special call for Hotel Search Committee: Paul Kraus and Kristin Seibert have expressed interest. If you’re also interested, please send email.

**VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT (SHARON SBARSKY):** The movie that borrowed books from us a few years ago was called *American Fiction*. People who saw the movie were surprised to see our books. We were in the credits. A screenshot of our name in the credits is included below.

The lawyer who handles our trademarks contacted us and pointed out that the Boskone Trademark is up for renewal. We are also checking on the status of the NESFA Trademark.

Move (Sharon, Mike K) to renew the Federal Trademark for Boskone, as well as NESFA if needed, at a cost likely to be about \$1000 each. (\$525 each for the renewal itself plus legal fees)

Hearing no objection, this is done by unanimous consent.



**TREASURER'S REPORT (ANN BROOMHEAD):**

We acquired a little more money than last month.

May 2024

Checking \$49,603.44

Boskone 61 \$15,121.91

PayPal \$500.00

Postage \$11.14

Total \$65,236.49

Increase: \$1,539.69

**CLERK'S REPORT (MICHAEL KERPAN):**

Clerking continues. As the only new member of the Eboard, I need to get my name onto the bank account and get the login information for the Commonwealth so that I can send in the change of officers. The Annual Meeting IM went out on colored paper, the first colored paper IM in a while.

**EBOARD REPORT (MICHAEL KERPAN):**

No report

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT (DAVE CANTOR FOR WES BRODSKY):** New members since the previous report

**Subscribing:**

Julia Tenney

Peter Locke

Robbie Saquet

Jonathan Greenough

Imani Waddy

**Family Dependency:**

Leslie Beegle

Brittany Waddy

Iona Waddy

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT (TIM SZCZESUIL):**

As mentioned at the annual meeting, we need to start working on a few audits of the Boskone and NESFA books for previous years. I plan to make progress on this over the summer.

**BOSKONE 61 REPORT (MICHAEL KERPAN):**

We have begun meetings in support of finishing the B61 Memory Book. Hopefully it will be done by the next meeting.

Judy Bemis reports that the books are ready for audit.

**BOSKONE 62 REPORT (JONI DASHOFF):**

Joni asks that Judy Bemis be appointed as B62 Treasurer with a possibly different at-con treasurer. Rick Kovalcik appoints her. This needs to be confirmed by a secret ballot of the membership. The membership approves the appointment.

Joni thanks the people who did the Waffle Party at Balticon, especially Kristin Seibert for organizing it as well as JB, Mike Kerpan, Rick Kovalcik, Paula Lieberman, Judy Bemis, and Sandra Childress.

Motion from Committee to do a numbered Boskone / NESFA Press Book for Kelley Armstrong with Tim Szczesuil for the Contract and Dave Grubbs as Production Manager (putting the text in InDesign etc.) with cost and exact details (number and whether we do a slipcased edition) to be decided by the Eboard.

Various people wonder if we should do a slipcased edition. Kristin, Mike K, and Tim S. say we shouldn't. Chip wants more numbers before we make a decision. Leave the decision about slipcase up to the Eboard is the consensus. Various people also debate numbers of copies printed, how to number books and more. The Eboard will decide all of these.

Motion Passes unanimously.

**At this point the results of the votes for Rules Committee, Membership Committee and Boskone Treasurer are announced. They all pass.**

**RULES COMMITTEE REPORT (DAVE ANDERSON):**

There is one item ready to be reported to the Membership; since notice was posted to the Active Members list on June 1st it will be included in the minutes without being read at the meeting.

==== 2024-03-IM1007.4

The library committee would like to move to replace standing rule 1.20(26)M with the following text:

The Library Committee shall ensure that at least one copy of each book chosen for discussion by the NESFA Reading Group is available for Members to read before that discussion if it can

be obtained at a reasonable cost.

Hearing no objection, this is done by unanimous consent.

The current text of SR1.20(26) is:

The Library Committee shall ensure that at least two copies of each book chosen for discussion by the NESFA Reading Group are available for Members to read before that discussion if they can be obtained at a reasonable cost.

====> Approved resolution:

In section 1.20(26)  
replace 'two copies' with 'one copy',  
replace 'are available' with 'is available', and  
replace 'they' with 'it'.

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There are two motions to amend the ByLaws to be voted on by the Membership, both of which include related changes to the Standing Rules. Notice of both was posted to the Active Members list on May 17th. Each requires a 2/3 vote.

==== 2023-07-IM1000.1

There was a motion to not require the auditing of any NESFA Fiscal Years up through FY55 that have not been audited yet. It was invalid since it conflicts with ByLaws section 5.10. To allow it:

Move to repeal ByLaws section 5.10. Its current text is

The Finance Committee shall appoint auditing subcommittees of its membership to examine and report on the annual report of the Corporate Treasurer and the final reports of all Boskone Treasurers; other reports of the Treasurers may also be audited at the Finance Committee's discretion. No Treasurer shall be a member of the subcommittee charged with examining his or her own books.

and to amend Standing Rules section 2.6(1) by replacing the first sentence with

"Unless directed otherwise by the Membership," followed by the former text  
of ByLaws section 5.10.

If that motion passes,

move to not require the auditing of any NESFA Fiscal Years up through FY55 that have not been audited yet.

The motion to modify the bylaws and standing rules passes 19-1

The motion to re-pass the original motion from July 2023 passes by unanimous consent.

==== 2024-05-IM1009.4

Moved (Outreach Committee) that there be TWO primary membership classes General and Voting. General Membership will be \$24 per year. Anyone may join as a General Member.

#### **NESFA PRESS REPORT (DAVE GRUBBS):**

##### **News:**

Several of our books appeared on the bookshelves in the agents' offices in the movie *American Fiction*, including at least *An Ornament to His Profession* by Charles Harness (in the 2nd agent office scene) and *From These Ashes* by Frederic Brown (in the 3rd agent office scene).

##### **Printed Books:**

- No NESFA Choice book projects are in progress or even in the queue. We continue to seek more hardcover projects.
- We are printing a Boskone book this year with material from Kelley Armstrong, the B62 Special Guest.
- A request for a collection of Robert Abernathy's works was received some time ago, but no one has stepped up to be a "honcho" for it.

Everyone currently a Subscribing Member will be transferred to General Membership.

Inactive, Family Dependent, Affiliate, Honorary, etc. are unchanged.

Passes 19-2

==>> Approved resolution:

Move to amend the ByLaws by

repealing section 1.1(d), which defines Subscribing Membership

in section 1.1(f), which defines Family Dependency Membership

delete Subscribing from the list of allowed sponsor classes in section 1.1A(a) setting the default underlying class for Honorary Members,

change Subscribing/Honorary to General/Honorary in section 1.1A(b) setting the dues discount for Honorary Members,

change Subscribing to General

in section 1.9 allowing joining without a vote,

change Subscribing to General twice

and to amend the Standing Rules by

in section 1.7(5) Guidelines to Membership Policy

repeal subsection I for Subscribing Membership in subsection IV for General Membership,

replace (a) which is inappropriate for new members with "automatic for anyone who applies for it and pays the dues."

delete (d) which is inappropriate for new members

in section 1.7(8) which allows multiple persons to share a membership

change Subscribing to General

in section 2.1(1) which sets dues amounts

delete the line for Subscribing

in section 2.1(3) which sets dues for Affiliate Members

change Subscribing to General

in section 4.3(11)(a) concerning the electronic version of IM change Subscribing to General

and to transfer all current Subscribing Members to General Membership with no dues adjustments until their dues become due.

The membership change motion Passes 18-1

- A somewhat long-term NESFA Press project is to typeset the Hymnals (NESFA Song Books) in InDesign, with the music entered into Sibelius (a music typesetting system).

**eBooks:**

[Ongoing] The ebook states of both Tenn books are still not available on Amazon, nor are the ebook states of both Fredric Brown books. The issue with the Tenn books revolves around our right to produce Tenn ebooks, while the issue with the Brown books revolves around Amazon’s claim that the material is in the public domain.

Work on the ebook for John Myers Myers’s *Silverlock* has been revived. No known schedule as yet.

Other ebook projects still pending or potential:

Tony Lewis’s *Concordance to Cordwainer Smith*

Chris Kovacs’s *Ides of October*

Several other potential projects await permissions and the energy to approach them.

**Technical items:**

Our master ISBNs file is in the NESFA Press Google Drive in 01-Management/Catalog/ISBNs.docx..

**NESFA SALES REPORT (TIM SZCESUIL):**

Year	Month	Miva Physical	Amazon Physical	Total Physical	Miva Digital	Smashwords	Amazon Digital	Total Digital
2023	January	34	158	192	2	39	124	165
	February	43	124	167	4	26	104	134
	March	58	184	242	3	18	116	137
	April	53	154	207	2	29	96	127
	May	25	149	174	3	24	126	153
	June	41	147	188	1	22	108	131
	July	54	161	215	4	24	112	140
	August	45	140	185	0	25	128	153
	September	55	154	209	1	40	109	150
	October	22	152	174	4	40	133	177
	November	29	167	196	81	46	336	463
	December	76	223	299	13	47	259	319
2024								
	January	89	174	263	84	30	239	353
	February	15	126	141	10	53	224	287
	March	13	187	200	27	64	246	337
	April	46	169	215	8	40	203	251

**E-COMMERCE REPORT (SHARON SBARSKY):**

No real report.

**OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT (KRISTIN SEIBERT):**

Outreach continues. Rick says that keeping the door open during nice weather really helps get people in. Gaming should remember to put out an open sign as needed. We should also consider getting a fancier open sign.

**BOSTON BOOK FESTIVAL REPORT (KRISTIN SEIBERT):**

Still waiting to hear back, but we should get in.

**SALES AT CONVENTIONS (READERCON) (GAY ELLEN DENNETT):**

We have two tables at Readercon. Dave Anderson will hopefully be helping with transporting the books to and from Readercon.

**CLUBHOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT (RICK KOVALCIK):**

We are waiting to meet with a couple of other contractors over the next couple of weeks about the floor project because the first person who gave us a quote is no longer able to do it because of staffing issues.

**IT COMMITTEE REPORT (SHARON SBARSKY):**

Use of the main room computers for library checkout and cataloging continues.

**COMPUTER COMMITTEE REPORT (RICK KOVALCIK):**

We ordered some more paper for the wide-format printer/plotter. The printers are getting older, and we'll have to consider replacing them someday.

**WEB COMMITTEE REPORT (DAVE GRUBBS):**

The Boskone 61 website has been archived as b61.boskone.org and b62.boskone.org is now an alias for www.boskone.org (i.e. the standard URL for the "current" Boskone).

Deena (our web designer) is working on a document describing the procedure for moving from one Boskone to the next. Since we moved to WordPress a few years ago, this procedure has been performed, but in a haphazard way.

[Pending] Deena plans to implement some corrections and alterations to the calendar on the main page. Among other things, calendar items need to be sorted by start time within each date, and if one item from a date is displayed, all items from that date should be displayed.

[Still pending] Deena plans to change the global search to avoid listing past events from the calendar. It does say "Upcoming Events" in the banner, so that would also be true for a website search.

[Still partially pending] Boskone Registration e-commerce has been moved from Miva to a new service and program managed by NFPHosting, which also hosts Zambia and ConClár. We hope this e-commerce platform will be expanded to Dealer Room and Art Show signup for Boskone 62.

It would be good if NESFA members reviewed our website occasionally. It is a banner over our front door, so it should be kept clean, correct, and current.

If you see anything wrong anywhere on our websites, send email to the appropriate maintainer. To report problems in: Upcoming Events (i.e. the calendar), send email to [calendar@nesfa.org](mailto:calendar@nesfa.org)

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**SOCIAL MEDIA (SHARON SBARSKY):**

We've made some changes so that links from NESFA Press look better on Social Media. It works with Discord and Facebook, but we haven't fully tested it elsewhere. Email [webmaster@nesfa.org](mailto:webmaster@nesfa.org) if you find problems.

**HOTEL COMMITTEE REPORT (GAY ELLEN DENNETT):**

We have been in contact with the hotel about a possible contract for 2026 giving us two rooms on the other side of the hotel. There will have to be some further negotiations. In general, we're more interested in a one-year extension than a two-year extension.

**LIBRARY COMMITTEE REPORT (MIKE KERPAN):**

The Library continues to exist. Cataloging continues. We are making our way through cataloging the anthologies. We now have a publicly accessible read-only listing on Google Drive of the cataloged part of our library ([tinyurl.com/NESFALibraryCatalog](https://tinyurl.com/NESFALibraryCatalog)).

Come help catalog. We'll have waffles (on Saturdays).

We received a donation of about six boxes of books last night (June 8). Please leave them for the Library Committee to deal with on Wednesday or Saturday.

Proxy from Chip Hitchcock to Tim Szczesuil.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE (SHARON SBARSKY):**

The forms are still up if you haven't filled them out and want to give your information.

**MAIL ROOM REPORT (DAVE CANTOR):**

Nothing out of sorts has happened with paper mail coming through the clubhouse.

**PROCUREMENT REPORT (DAVE ANDERSON):**

Same old stuff. Rick reminds folks to check the whiteboard to see if there's some things that people want bought or donated.

**CLUBHOUSE AND ONLINE ACTIVITIES (WEDNESDAY NIGHTS, READING, WRITING, OTHER):**

They continue.

**GAMING COMMITTEE REPORT (STEPHANIE SHIELDS):**

The lost pieces for Terra Mystica showed up and will be brought to the clubhouse soon.

**MEDIA COORDINATOR REPORT (MIKE KERPAN):**

Media events continue. We will have two more Hugo Finalist Viewing Events. We are running our second-ever Anime Social Event on the last Saturday of this month. We will also continue Doctor Who Events on the second Saturdays of July and August.

**NESFA PICNIC (GAY ELLEN DENNETT):**

Nothing to report. She will be asking for a budget for the picnic next meeting.

**MCFI LIAISON (RICK KOVALCIK):** We will be having an MCFI Meeting soon to decide what, if anything, MCFI wants to do.

**WORLDCON LIAISON (SHARON SBARSKY):**

Hugo voting is still open. There is now a revived Australia bid for Brisbane in 2028.

**SILENT AND SILLY COMMITTEES:**

Paula reports that Balticon said the following: "The truck was unloaded at BSFS at 2pm (with the exception of some otherly located stuff). We want to thank all those who stayed to help, including our friends from NESFA in Massachusetts."

**MEMBERSHIP REDUX:**

Vote to transfer Stephanie Shields to Voting Membership. Approved by secret ballot.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

There are a lot of out-of-date motions about Committee Expenditures in the Standing Rules. Rather than try to fix them all ... Moved (RKOV, Mike K) "Any committee may sign up for a recurring service costing any reasonable monthly amount with the approval of the Eboard up to the limit specified in 2.3(1)E (c). These approvals must be reported at the next meeting. Self-renewing contracts or contracts in effect for more than one year must be approved at a business meeting unless there is a critical need in which case the Eboard MUST poll the membership before approving." This motion shall be interpreted to delete all specific committee authorizations (e.g IT for web hosting / mailing lists, dumpster, cleaning, etc.) from the standing rules. [The limit specified in 2.3(1)E (c) is currently \$1000.]

Dave A asks how the recurring expenses fit with the one-time limit in SR2.3(1)(c). RKOV responds that the monthly cost must be at or under that limit.

Motion approved by unanimous consent.

Move to repeal:

3.6(5)FRules Committee: A proxy may be transmitted by electronic mail, but must still be presented in written form during the meeting for which it is valid. [1/93]

We haven't been doing this for a long, long time. While it might be possible to hold up a piece of paper with a proxy at an online meeting, that is kind of silly. We should get rid of things which don't make sense anymore. Transmission of proxies is covered by Bylaw 2.6b which I believe covers this sufficiently ("Every proxy must be in writing and be presented to the Clerk by the Member to be represented or, at the meeting, by the Member holding the proxy. A proxy is not valid for any question if it is presented after the voting on that question has begun.")

Passes by Unanimous Consent

Dave Cantor (second RKOV) moves to change the name of the Family Dependency Membership to Family Associate Membership. Rick moves to amend to strike Family and just call this Associated. Dave C does not take this as friendly because we used to have an Associate class. Kristin speaks against saying that this broadens the scope. Other folks say that this is just a name change, not a rules change. Kristin thinks that we should either scrap the whole membership entirely or restrict it to children and that changing the name doesn't solve the problem. Rick reiterates that he thinks this will help. Joe Ross (second Tim S) moves to postpone this discussion to the next meeting after all the issues brought up here have been discussed in email. Motion to postpone passes 15-1.

**TIMES AND PLACES OF FUTURE EVENTS:** See In Times To Come.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

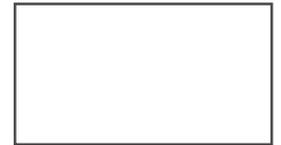
As part the elimination of the Subscribing Member class, all current subscribing members have been transferred to General membership. General member dues (\$24) will be due the next time you renew.

Move to adjourn. (Kerpan, Grubbs) passes unanimously. Meeting is over at 4:50. Under 3 hours — not too shabby.

## The Official NESFA Glossary

- B99 • Boskone 99
- CH • Clubhouse
- CotBH • Committee of the Black Hole (a humorous term for Committee of the Whole)
- CotW • Committee of the Whole
- EBoard • NESFA Executive board (President, VP, Treasurer, Clerk)
- FN • Fellow of NESFA
- GED • Gay Ellen Dennett
- IM** • *Instant Message* (this publication)
- MCFI • Massachusetts Convention Fandom, Inc.
- MCP(U) • Motion from committee passed (unanimously)
  - MF • Motion failed
  - MP • Motion passed
  - MPH • Motion passed and Hartered
  - MPU • Motion passed unanimously
  - MSP • Motion seconded and passed
  - MSPH • Motion seconded, passed, and Hartered
  - MSPU • Motion seconded and passed unanimously
- OM • Other Meeting
- PSSC • Publishers' Storage
- Raz • Michael Rasnick
- RKov • Rick Kovalcik
- UC • Unanimous Consent

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## In Times To Come

(See [www.nesfa.org/events](http://www.nesfa.org/events) for the full schedule)

- Jun 23** noon-10pm • **Game Day**. Mask optional. At clubhouse
- Jun 29** 6 pm to whenever • **Anime and Animation Night**. At clubhouse.
- Jun 30** noon-10pm • **Game Day**. Mask optional. At clubhouse
- Jul 5** 7-10pm • **NESFA Reading Group** via Zoom  
Book: *Critical Mass* by Daniel Suarez
- Jul 6** 6 pm-10:30 pm • **Hugo BDP Viewing**
- Jul 7** noon-10pm • **Game Day**. Mask optional. At clubhouse
- Jul 11-14** • **Readercon 33** Marriott Boston Quincy in Quincy, MA
- Jul 13** 7 pm to whatever • **Doctor Who Night**
- Jul 14** noon-10pm • **Game Day**. Mask optional. At clubhouse
- Jul 18-21** • **Buffalo NASFiC 2024** in Buffalo, NY
- Jul 20** 20:17 GMT (4:17 PM EDT) • Hugo Award Voting Deadline
- Jul 21** noon-10pm • **Game Day**. Mask optional. At clubhouse
- Jul 27** 6 pm to whenever • **Anime and Animation Night**. At clubhouse.
- Jul 28** noon-whensoever • **Boskone Meeting (Noon) and NESFA Business Meeting** (no earlier than 2PM)
- Aug 3** 7 pm-midnight • **Media Night**
- Aug 4** noon-10pm • **Game Day**. Mask optional. At clubhouse

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- Aug 8-12** • **Glasgow 2024 Worldcon** in Glasgow, Scotland
- Aug 10** 7 pm to whatever • **Doctor Who Night**
- Aug 11** 2 pm-whensoever • **Hugo Award Ceremony Viewing - Live**  
Time subject to change.
- Aug 18** noon-10pm • **Game Day**. Mask optional. At clubhouse
- Aug 25** noon-10pm • **Game Day**. Mask optional. At clubhouse
- Sep 2** • **NESFA Picnic** at The Shelter (a covered area with grills and tables) at Larz Anderson Park in Brookline, MA
- Sep 8** noon-whensoever • **Boskone Meeting (Noon) and NESFA Business Meeting** (no earlier than 2PM)
- Sep 13-15** • **Albacon** in Clifton Park, NY
- Sep 27-29** • **Capclave24** in Rockville, MD
- Oct 4-6** • **MCFI Relaxacon** in Dennisport, MA
- Oct 13** noon-whensoever • **Boskone Meeting (Noon) and NESFA Business Meeting** (no earlier than 2PM)
- Nov 22-24** • **Philcon 2024** in Cherry Hill, NJ
- Dec 6-8** • **SMOFcon 41** in Seattle, WA
- Feb 14-16, 2025** • **Boskone 62** at the Westin Boston Seaport District, Boston, MA
- Aug 13-17, 2025** • **Seattle Worldcon 2025** in Seattle, WA