

# Instant Message

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## Boskone and Business Meeting Attendance List (2024-9-8)

Dave Anderson <sup>1</sup>	Rebecca Brumberger <sup>2</sup>	Dave Grubbs	Ken London	Sharon Sbarsky
Ted Atwood <sup>2</sup>	Dave Cantor <sup>1</sup>	Chip Hitchcock <sup>1</sup>	Lori Melzer <sup>2</sup>	Tim Szczesuil
Judy Bemis	Lis Carey <sup>1</sup>	Mike Kerpan	Mary Olszowka <sup>2</sup>	Kelly Persons <sup>1</sup>
James Boggie <sup>1</sup>	Sandra Childress <sup>2</sup>	Rick Kovalcik	Peter Olszowka	Joe Ross <sup>1</sup>
Wes Brodsky	Joni Brill Dashoff	Suford Lewis <sup>1</sup>	Kelly Persons <sup>1</sup>	Walter Williams <sup>2</sup>
Ann Broomhead	Gay Ellen Dennett	Paula Lieberman	Joe Ross <sup>1</sup>	Ben Yalow <sup>1</sup>

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

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

We note with sadness, the passing of Bill Desmond (1941-2024), a founder of NESFA who was important in the early days of modern Boston fandom (though since long gafiated), died on 11 August aged 83.

## Boskone Meeting 2024-9-8

Meeting starts 12:04

The chair has enjoyed Worldcon and Bouchercon. We have Albacon, Philcon, and SMOFcon in Seattle to look forward to. We still need a guest liaison as the two folks previously considering the role have had to drop out due to personal reasons.

Program had a successful meeting and has its timeline set. The consensus of the program brain trust is that they support the status quo regarding hybridization. We'll be sending out surveys to possible program participants soon. We need a meeting with Peter to discuss getting things set up. If you want to be on program (or want somebody to be on program), please email [program@boskone.org](mailto:program@boskone.org) and we'll make sure that you get at least an initial screening survey. Sharon offers to clean up some data in the database of potential participants. Walt says that we should consider using a professional email system to try to track where messages might be getting lost. Paula says we need find a way to vet potential PPs who aren't good with surveys. Rebecca asks that we include a children's programming question in the survey. Peter says that we use Amazon for Zambia email and that they're pretty good about getting through.

We have our contract. We have a hotel link but still need the extended shoulder nights. Once we get them, the link will go live, first for staff, and then for everybody.

Registration is mostly on schedule, but there are a few tasks we have to get done soon like making sure that life members and former GoHs are properly marked as members.

Walt wonders if we're ready to start taking signups for dealer tables? He also says he has some catch-up to do and needs to get the website info for dealers and reach out to folks who have dealt in the past. Sharon says that we have a dealers' announcement mailing list that we can use, but we need to make sure that everybody who dealt last year was actually in it. She also says that we'll be using Controll (the reg system), but she'd like a demo session with the Controll devs (Syd and Mike Rafferty) and the various principals (Andrea, Walt, Sharon, Judy) before this goes live.

Rick says that the lack of bread and supplies on Saturday and Sunday was a problem last year. Lori and Joni say that the bread issue was related to changes around timing and that we need to plan delivery times and orders more carefully this year. We also need to come up with a solution for gluten free stuff that gets snacks and food to gluten free folks who need them without having lots of leftover. Maria suggests that we should take a certain percentage of registrations/staff to calculate what we need to buy and maybe also send out a pre-con survey. We should also make sure that we are buying universal snacks (enjoyable by everybody) where possible. Lori agrees with the survey idea and asks how we might do it. We think using the committee list is the way forward and that October would be a good time to send an initial survey.

What kind of hybrid do we want to do? Peter reports that the tech people discussed what we can do via a vis hybrid/streaming and that while we can't expand to another room, adding the ability to accept remote participation to Main Stage (Harbor 1) can be done for zero extra money plus only a small number of extra people points. Given the limited number of panel slots in Harbor 1, program should be very selective in who they invite to participate remotely. If things go well next year, tech might be able to expand next year, assuming there's buy-in from the committee. Rick says that we need to step up to make sure that we treat online attendees to a good experience, and that means that we need to make sure that there are folks running mics and monitoring online chats. Tim generally agrees that if we see value in doing this, an incremental approach is the way forward. Paula reports that at least some folks have told her that they would be interested in being on hybrid panels. Peter thinks that maybe Program should find somebody less involved with Program Planning to start recruiting Program Ops folk. Paula suggests we mention the need for online and in room Program Ops volunteers through our FB posts and email PRs. Joni says we should ensure that our PP packets are updated with proper info about mic etiquette and moderation guidelines. Walt suggests that we need to get this to folks earlier. The general consensus is that we should focus on getting stuff right rather than expanding this year.

We agree to keep the current membership rates until 1/21/25. This will need approval by the Business Meeting. We also think getting an extra Boskone debit card for Gay Ellen might avoid some additional problems. We also cut the budget for KaffeeKlatsch leader Starbucks (to \$250) and Staff Dinner (to \$500). We also cut the con suite budget to reflect the fact that we are consistently under budget there. The final budget is just over \$2000 in the negative, but with careful spending and good membership sales, we should be able to make up most of that gap.

Meeting over 1:57 pm.

## NESFA Business Meeting 2024-9-8

Meeting started at 2:05 pm EDT

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 2:14 PM EDT.

(Quorum for a meeting (30% of regular membership): currently 8, or 30% of 25)

### PROXIES:

Gloria Lucia Albasi to Tim Szczesuil

Kristin Seibert to Mike Kerpan

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

Chip points out that he was at most of the last meeting.

Andrew Bressen's name was misspelled in last IM. Please see the correct spelling here

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

Moved to appoint Maria Daggett as Boskone 2026 Chair. This needs a vote.

Maria already has some ideas about guests and thinks that having an Asteroid theme and that we should emphasize the links between science and science fiction. Peter O asks what Maria thinks of Hybrid and Maria responds that she thinks that it's a good idea but not everything needs to be hybrid.

Dave Anderson will set up the secret ballot for this.

Moved to create a Hotel Search Committee for years after 2026 consisting of Paul Kraus (chair), Gay Ellen Dennett, Michael Kerpan, Peter Olszowka, and Kristin Seibert. Passes 18 to 0..

### VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT (SHARON SBARSKY):

Sharon managed to attend Glasgow and get something other than COVID. She says, "I've been a bit out of it for the last month."

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

Checking	\$50,819.69
Boskone 61	\$15,657.55
PayPal	\$546.06
Postage	\$11.14
Total	\$67,034.44
Increase:	\$2,539.75

Chip reminds the Treasurer that he needs reimbursement for the lighting he bought to vanquish the River of Darkness.  
We have a (large) insurance payment coming up.

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

It appears that some of the dues-due reminder postcards sent out last month were lost in the mail. Therefore, according to Bylaws 1.2c, I am ruling that all members whose dues would have expired last month should be extended by one month. I will make an effort to reach out to everybody whose memberships would have expired at the end of August and see if they wish to renew. I will also start bringing postcards to a real post office rather than relying on the mailbox near the clubhouse, hoping this doesn't happen again.

Dave C reminds us that it's September, so that means that (almost) everybody will be getting a printed IM with an attached roster.

**EBOARD REPORT (RICK KOVALCIK FOR THE EBOARD):**

The Eboard voted to waive a member's dues.

The Eboard feels that the Dues Due Report is useful and it should be produced (including the most recent expired membership and those due in the next two months) on a monthly basis and asks that this be added to the Standing Rules as an Eboard Fiat. It should be sent to both the Eboard and the Membership Committee and include EXPYY,EXPMO,TYPE,LNAME,FNAME,RATE,EMAIL as per the report we have sometimes received. [Yes, that means that even if there is a combined meeting (July / August etc.) the report should be produced each month.] We leave it to the Rules Committee to wordsmith this.

Moved to go into Committee of the Whole to discuss the Clubhouse.

Moved out of Committee of the Whole that we accept Bluesy's offer to work with us to replace the main room floor tiles at their expense subject to approval of the tiles by the Eboard in exchange for their free use of the clubhouse on Tuesday evenings once the work is complete for three months or through the end of the year (whichever is later) and authorize Bluesy to look into grants and engage in additional fundraising for other improvements subject to final approval by the NESFA Membership. We confirm that we are interested in a long term partnership with Bluesy. Passes unanimously from CofW.

Motion out of committee passes unanimously.

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT (WES BRODSKY):**

**New members since the previous report**

**General:**

Drew Nichols  
Brian Thiam  
Hector Cazares  
Bradley Marsceill  
Bianca Limage  
Amin Sennour and Lindsay Rabelais sharing a membership  
Ryan Leach  
Todd Crone  
Yebin Chon  
Paul Bradford  
Kate Noyes-Caton  
Alison Holzer  
Hope Cole

**Family Dependency:**

Wendy Derjue-Holzer

**Honorary:**

Heather Preston

There was an error in the previous Membership Committee report. Stephanie Shields did not become a Voting Member until the June meeting, so does not need to attend at least one more Business Meeting immediately prior to first meeting in November to maintain Voting Membership. See ByLaws section 1.8

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

We are in the process of replacing our bookkeeper. Our previous bookkeeper had a series of health problems and is also moving. Rick and I will be interviewing a new bookkeeper on Monday. We filed for an extension for our tax returns for last year. We need to close the books from last year to do our taxes. Hopefully, our new bookkeeper can catch us up.

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

Our plan for hybrid stays all in one room. If the Program Team has potential remote participants we can handle them in that room. We will also work to ensure that we have staff to handle questions from remote attendees and make sure all can hear questions (especially from within the room).

Move that the rates stay the same from 30 September through the day after Arisia. Hearing no objection, this is approved by

unanimous consent.

We discussed food allergies and will do a survey of the Boskone Committee and Staff about food allergy requirements.

We have a budget. It needs to be approved. We tweaked some expenses and are a little less in the red than our earlier drafts.

However we found a mistake in the formula and when fixed, we ended up finding a missing expense. Budget approved 19-0 with one abstention. Due to space constraints, it will be printed in the next IM.

We need a GoH Liaison. The previous person had to drop out due to health reasons.

It is the recommendation of the Boskone Committee that we get a Boskone Debit Card for Gay Ellen as, after Dave Anderson and Rick Kovalcik, she buys the next most stuff for Boskone and Dave and Rick already have Boskone Debit cards.. This would make bookkeeping easier. Hearing no objection the Finance Committee will figure out how to do this.

**BOSKONE 63 (MARIA DAGGETT):**

Maria Daggett was overwhelmingly elected Boskone 2026 Chair. Congratulations to Maria

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

Notice of these updates to the Standing Rules has been posted, so they will be included in the minutes without being read at the meeting. Their text has been cut down to the minimum amount required; for more details see that notice.

==== 2024-06-IM1011.2

Move to amend the Standing Rules by

a) repealing section 1.7(11) and

b) in section 2.1(12)

deleting "and who do not receive Instant Message on paper".

Approved resolution:

Do that.

==== 2024-06-IM1010.2

Move to repeal 3.6(5)F Rules 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]

Approved resolution:

Delete Standing Rules section 3.6(5).

==== 2024-06-IM1011.4

Moved (Kovalcik, Mike K):

Any food stored in the refrigerator should be marked with an owner (if any) and date stored. Anything without an owner marked on it will be considered for general use.

Restaurant and homemade food may be stored through 11:59 PM on the 7th calendar day after the day [should be date] marked, after which time it may be thrown out.

Store bought food may be stored until the expiration date on it or until it goes bad, after which time it may be thrown out.

Approved resolution:

Replace Standing Rules section 1.17(4)(h) by

All food stored in any refrigerator

\* should either be for general use or be marked with an owner

\* if perishable and without an expiration date, should be marked with the date stored

\* may be thrown out if it goes bad

Store-bought food marked with an expiration date may be thrown out after that date.

Other food marked with a date stored may be thrown out after 11:59pm on the 7th calendar day after that date.

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Notice of the following two ByLaws amendments and of one amendment to the original motion has been posted.

==== 2024-06-IM1011.3

Motion to "abolish family dependency membership and transfer any current family dependents to general membership".

Discussion:

The changes to both the ByLaws and the Standing Rules must be included in a single motion since neither set of changes makes any sense without the other.

Approved resolution:

Move to amend the ByLaws by  
deleting subsection 1.1(f) which defines Family-Dependency membership  
in section 1.3A deleting the last sentence  
in section 1.9 deleting "or Family-Dependency" twice  
in section 1.10 deleting "other than Family-Dependency Members"  
and to amend the Standing Rules by deleting subsection 1.7(5)III  
in section 2.1(1) deleting the entry for Family-Dependency  
and to transfer all Family-Dependency members to General membership  
without paying additional dues until their current dues expire.

If this motion passes, any Family-Dependency Member whose dues will soon be due will have to quickly decide whether they prefer to become a General Member or cease to be a Member. They should be given time to think about this decision, therefore:

Move to amend the motion to abolish Family-Dependency Membership by

- 1) making it effective as of January 1st 2025 rather than immediately,
- 2) until that effective date allow, on request to the Membership Committee, any current Family-Dependency Member to immediately transfer to General Membership as provided in the main motion, and
- 3) immediately cease to sell new Family-Dependency Memberships.

Dave A speaks for the amendment, Rick speaks against the amendment and says we should reject this amendment and come up with another one that has an earlier effective date. Joe Ross says that he thinks that second order amendments are allowed and we can just amend this before passing.

Rick Moves (Second Joe Ross) to amend the effective date to November 1 2025. It is accepted by the makers and the meeting as friendly.

The final amendment is accepted unanimously

The modified motion passes unanimously.

==== 2024-06-IM1011.1

Move to amend ByLaws section 1.2(c) by replacing

"The Clerk shall notify each Member" with

"Each Member shall be notified".

An annotation would be added to BL1.2(c) referring to SR2.1(12).

Passes 15 to 1.

Discussion:

Section 2.1(12) of the Standing Rules already specifies that the Clerk shall send the notifications.

Approved resolution:

Make that motion.

Motion passes 19-1

**BOSKONE 63 REPRORT REDUX**

Moved (RKOV, Dave C) to allow Maria to pursue the science speaker guest she discussed during her election speech. Motion passes unanimously.



## NESFA PRESS REPORT (DAVE GRUBBS):

### News:

This year's Boskone convention book, with material from Kelley Armstrong (the B62 Special Guest), is now in progress. A contract was signed, and we have some material to start with. We have talked to an artist. To get the books in time to number them and have them for sale at Boskone, Sheridan suggests we get them the body and jacket materials by mid-November. We'll try to beat that.

### New Printed Books: (This is much like previous months.)

No NESFA Choice book projects are in progress or even in the queue. We continue to seek more hardcover projects. If you have a project in mind, we can help.

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.

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

### Reprints:

The hardcover inventories of three books we believe should stay in print are near zero. We would like the club to reprint three books: Zelazny: Volume 6: *The Road to Amber* / Myers: *Silverlock* / deCamp & Pratt: *Mathematics of Magic*. Based on recent sales, we will choose an appropriate number to print. (All Zelazny books collect small changes [and occasionally, some not-so-small changes, such as a new story found in an old fanzine]. Zelazny6 also collected some changes while turning it into an ebook last year.)

We are also running low on four other books, but based on their lack of recent sales, we have decided not to reprint them (and therefore will allow them to go out of print): *The Compleat Boucher* / Brown: *Martians and Madness* / Brown: *From These Ashes* / Sheckley: *Masque of Mañana* (We have ebooks of the two Brown books for sale on our website and at Smashwords, if not Amazon.)

We are nearly out of two books: Dickson: *Dickson!* and McGuire: *Letters to the Pumpkin King*. We cannot reprint either of them.

### eBooks:

[Ongoing] The ebook states of two Tenn books are still not available on Amazon, nor are the ebook states of both Fredric Brown books. The issue with the Tenn books is that Amazon doesn't seem to accept 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.

The EPUB file for John Myers Myers's *Silverlock* is (still) nearly finished. We are working on acquiring the rights to the dozens of ancillary contributions and waiting for more feedback from reviewers. It also turns out that the conversion from Pagemaker to InDesign was not clean, so we have more work to do both for the ebook (which was exported from InDesign) and for the reprint of the *Silverlock* hardcover mentioned above.

### 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:

The NESFA Press shared drive contains files for every NESFA Press project we found on our original "N:" drive, plus anything that has happened since then.

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

### Excess Inventory:

We have 12-24 books with hundreds of copies at PSSC that will take 50 or more years to sell out. In the past two years, we haven't sold a single copy of some of them. The Sales Committee proposes that we offer a coupon for 50% off on a few of these titles each month to be decided in consultation between Sales and Eboard. (Selling a book at PSSC for 50% off is better than pulping it, an option we will take to bring the inventory level down to 50 or so if a book doesn't sell.) The Grimm Future (normally \$35) and Conspiracy! (\$17) will likely be the first two books we offer for 50% off.

Discussion about proposal (Dave C, RKOV) to allow the Sales Committee to offer discounts up to ⅓ on books that we have a massive oversupply of.

Dave C says we should just drop this motion. Everybody else agrees.

Move (RKOV, Mike K) move to in Standing Rules section 4.2(19)M change Eboard to Eboard or Sales Committee. Passes 16-1

Move to authorize reprints of Zelazny: Volume 6: The Road to Amber / Myers: Silverlock / deCamp & Pratt: Mathematics of Magic. with price, copy count and other details to be worked out by eboard and sales committee. Passes 16-0

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

To keep track of titles going out of print, Dave Grubbs has created a program to import the PSSC inventory and estimate the months of stock we have for each book. An essential task for the accuracy of this effort is to have a physical inventory of the stock in the clubhouse. We'll schedule this in Times & Places. [ed. note: About 80% of this work happened at a session on 8/17. The rest will happen later]

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

Miva is working as well as expected. We need to talk with the ConTroll devs about getting Art Show and Dealers online. We do Miva coupons as sales come up. We're working with Deena to make changes to the membership widget as requested.

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

We have a table at Tufts Community Day on 29 September. We also received an invitation to what is essentially Malden Community Day in October. The Committee should decide if we want to take part in that.

**BOSTON BOOK FESTIVAL REPORT (RICK KOVALCIK):**

It looks like we might not have a booth at BBF this year. If anything changes we'll send email to nesfa-active.

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

I think most of this was covered under Eboard. Clubhouse will probably be closed for floor work to start September 19th until it reopens for Bluesy Tuesy on September 24th. [ed. Note: This has happened. The floor is glorious]

As per the motion last meeting or the meeting before we are about to send a deposit to fix the rest of the back wall. We expect this to cost about \$10,000..

The Blue Room seems to get hotter than the other room. We need to figure out what is causing this. Figure out what is causing the heat. Replace the router if that is it.

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

See sub-reports (computer, web , social media)

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

No real changes

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

The staff handling webmaster duties requests help from everyone to keep our web pages up-to-date. Please review the parts of the nesfa.org and boskone.org websites you care about and send corrections to webmaster. Making changes is fast, figuring out what to change isn't.

**SOCIAL MEDIA (SHARON SBARSKY):**

Putting the picnic up on Facebook and Meetup helped increase picnic attendance. Our Facebook post regarding the book fair was cross-posted to Reddit, increasing turnout. We should look into ways we can more directly utilize Reddit.

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

We have links but need to fix the shoulder nights and then send it to boskone-discuss to have staff try it out before we open it to the public.

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

Library cataloging continues. We are getting closer to finished. We have finished with Anthologies and are now working on Non-Fiction. We need to update the list of Library Books on the website.

RKOV reports that our book fair raised \$885 in cash and \$23 by Zettle and Paypal. We sold 1 NESFA Press Book via Zettle (24 Frames Into The Future - Scalzi)

We also sold one new paper membership. Another person paid for their membership which they had started online earlier and the payment failed

(Other people said they would join online, but I'm not sure we've seen any yet.)

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

The usual.

**PROCUREMENT REPORT (DAVE ANDERSON):**

The usual.

**FELLOWSHIP (JOE ROSS)**

No report.

**GAUGHAN AWARD (SHARON SBARSKY)**

Regina Flath (Sr. Art Director, Del Rey, Pronouns: She/Siya) agreed to be a Gaughan Judge. John Picacio and Laren Panepinto are willing to continue, but OK with someone taking their spots, I haven't heard back from Sara.

#### **SHORT STORY CONTEST (STEVEN LEE)**

As of today (September 7th), we have 21 valid submissions, slightly more than this time last year, slightly less than this time two years ago. Most submissions come in the last two weeks before the contest, so I expect we'll have plenty.

I'm all set with readers (thanks to those who volunteered). But if you're really interested in being a reader, let me know. You'd have to read at least 10 stories in October and November, grading them and writing a short review for each; in December you'd need to read at least 5 more, but just grade those.

#### **SKYLARK AWARD (TONY LEWIS)**

No report.

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

Activities continue.

#### **NESFA READING GROUP (WES BRODSKY):**

We discussed *Light from Uncommon Stars* by Ryka Aoki. As usual, there was a lively discussion with a wide range of opinions.

The next book discussion is on Friday, October 4, 2024 • 7:00pm to 9:30 on *The Forgotten Beasts of Eld* by Patricia McKillip

We agreed on *System Collapse* by Martha Wells for the December book, scheduled for Friday, December 6, 2024 • 7:00pm to 9:30pm

All the scheduled group times can be found at: <https://www.nesfa.org/events/?cat=nesfa-events..>

#### **GAMING COMMITTEE REPORT (GROUP FOR STEPHANIE SHIELDS):**

Gaming continues. Gaming has graciously agreed to allow a Women's Reading Group to take part one Sunday a month in the Flynn room.

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

We continue our ongoing series during our Open Media Days. Anime/Animation Days continue. We will be planning our Annual Turkeyfest for November. We may try to schedule a Horror Night for October if there is room on the schedule.

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

Thank you to everyone who assisted on the day of the picnic. We almost ran out of food. We planned for 30 people and wound up with 40. We should see if we can be better about RSVPs next time. Otherwise we may need to be flexible about buying more food that day if necessary.

#### **MCFI LIAISON (RICK KOVALCIK): We need to schedule the MCFI annual meeting.**

#### **WORLDCON LIAISON (SHARON SBARSKY):**

There was a Worldcon in August in Glasgow. Many people (including some NESFans) were there. Next year is in Seattle. It was announced in Glasgow that the year after that will be in LA. Geri Sullivan is fan Guest of Honor for the LA Worldcon. People should congratulate her when you see her

2027

Montreal in 2027

Tel Aviv in 2027

2028

Brisbane in 2028

Rwanda in 2028

2029

Dublin

#### **SILENT AND SILLY COMMITTEES:**

Dave G reports that everybody in Japan eats KFC for Christmas, thinking it is an American tradition, which he finds silly.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

At this next meeting a motion will come up under old business to repeal Standing Rule 1.7(8)M- 1.7(8)M: Two or more persons in the same household may jointly hold a Subscribing Membership upon request, or a membership of another class by vote of the Membership <<https://data.nesfa.org/rules/Bylaws.html#blo.2:c>>. \*[Based on a precedent set in 10/82 and previous tradition.]\*

and convert any such people holding "/2" memberships, as they are called, (or "/3" memberships etc should they exist) to individual memberships of their current class for the remainder of their currently paid membership term.

[There may be some Inactive/2 or even Regular/2 memberships. So, people can't just all be converted automatically to General Membership]

Justification For:



No other SF club seems to do this sort of thing. It costs money to run the club and library. \$24 or \$30 is not that much money especially compared to other SF clubs. If people can't afford \$24 or \$25 or \$30 per year, they can always ask for a dues waiver or, in some cases, a "couple" may decide they only need one membership if only one person is going to use the Library, etc.

Justification Against:

It's effectively another dues increase. People might be upset.

Moved (Anderson, Kovalcik) to amend to make the effective date of this motion November 1st and that we stop selling new shared memberships immediately and allow anyone who has a shared membership who wants to to change their membership type before November 1st to do it at no cost by request to the membership committee.

Amendment passes by unanimous consent.

Main motion passes by unanimous consent.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion to create a new Standing Rule setting dues for those under 18 years old ("Young Readers") to half of the standard dues for that membership class for people 18 years old and older. [Kovalcik, Kerpan]

Friendly Amendment to remove the word "Young Readers" so as not to dis "Young Gamers" etc. Accepted by the meeting

Various folks ask questions about how this will work out practically. We will have to work this out over the next week or so if this passes.

Passes 13-1

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

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

MCFI Relaxacon is coming. Go to the cape.

Move to adjourn. (Too many makers and seconders to count) passes unanimously. Meeting is over at 6:32.

#### 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

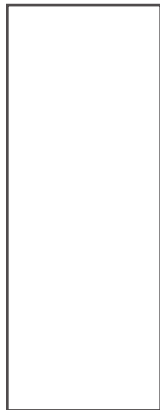
RKov • Rick Kovalcik

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)

Pay your dues by PayPal. Use [paypal@nesfa.org](mailto:paypal@nesfa.org)

**Oct 1 7:30 pm-10:30pm • Bluesy Tuesy**  
Weekly blues dance. Lessons from 7:30 to 8:30, dance from 8:30 to 10:30.

**Oct 4 7 pm-9 pm • NESFA Reading Group.**  
Book: *The Forgotten Beasts of Eld* by Patricia McKillip

**Oct 4-6 • MCFI Relaxacon** in Dennisport, MA

**Oct 6 • noon-10pm • Game Day.**

**Oct 8 7:30 pm-10:30pm • Bluesy Tuesy**  
Weekly blues dance. Lessons from 7:30 to 8:30, dance from 8:30 to 10:30.

**Oct 12 7 pm-whenever • Doctor Who Meetup and Social**

**Oct 13 1 pm-whenever • Boskone Meeting (1 pm) and NESFA Business Meeting** (no earlier than 2PM)

**Oct 14 • noon-10pm • Tentative Bonus Holiday Game Day.**

**Oct 15 7:30 pm-10:30pm • Bluesy Tuesy**  
Weekly blues dance. Lessons from 7:30 to 8:30, dance from 8:30 to 10:30.

**Oct 19 7pm-whenever • Open Media Night.**

**Oct 20 • noon-10pm • Game Day.**

**Oct 22 7:30 pm-10:30pm • Bluesy Tuesy**  
Weekly blues dance. Lessons from 7:30 to 8:30, dance from 8:30 to 10:30.

**Oct 26 6pm-whenever • Anime and Animation Night.**  
Social discussion starts at 6, screenings begin at 7.

**Oct 27 • noon-10pm • Game Day.**

**Oct 29 7:30 pm-10:30pm • Bluesy Tuesy**  
Weekly blues dance. Lessons from 7:30 to 8:30, dance from 8:30 to 10:30.

**Nov 1 7 pm-9 pm • NESFA Reading Group.**  
Book: *Titanium Noir* by Nick Harkaway

**Nov 10 noon-whenever • 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