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PREXY'S REPORT

Fellow NEEFFers:

By the time you see this you will have received your ballots for the election of officers for next year. If you haven't voted already - DO SO AT ONCE! The Constitution requires that all ballots, to count, must be in the hands of the Official Tellers not later than December 10th.

To those members entitled to a 50% refund because of joining after July 1st, may I suggest that you follow the precedent set by others and have it credit against your next year's dues - or order a Finlay Portfolio. That way your organization can receive the full value of your support.

The Finlay Portfolio was again delayed by the illness of the printer who had taken on the job. Credit is due to Marty Carlson for obtaining his services. It was necessary for us to obtain the paper before the printer would promise to do the job. I managed to do this. Later, as he was preparing to run the folders, the printer got his hand in the press motor and received a high voltage shock which threw him against some other equipment. He has promised the folders as soon as he can run the press again.

With your election ballots you received a Presidential order. This order, supported by the Directorate, was necessitated by the premature publication of the Speer Constitution in the O.O. Publication of such is not forbidden, of course, but the publication of the Constitution announcing to the membership that it would be voted on was illadvised as it caused those circulating petitions for its adoption to cease their efforts under the assumption that it had been presented to the Board and approved for the election. Such was not the case. At this writing it has still not been filed with the Board for their action. In the spirit of fair play I wrote the order, took a Board vote on the matter (3 affirmative votes - 2 Directors not voting) and it was so ordered. Get your petitions in to Harry Warner, Jr. - Board Chairman - 303 Bryan Place, Hagerstown, Md., with the necessary signatures before December 1st.

The report of the Emblem Committee has been adopted by the Board of Directors, with the recommendation that the scroll contain the words Science and Fantasy, the name of the organization to be set in type beneath the emblem. Color cuts have been authorized (I'm having a black and white cut made also, personally) and as soon as the scroll has been appropriately lettered by Jack Sloan, cuts will be made and K.M. Carlson has volunteered to make up some stickers. The cuts authorized will have an overall height of 1".

In the last O.O. Speer asks that a better suggestion be brought forward for an organization name - what's wrong with the NATIONAL FANTASY FAN FEDERATION for a name?

In the last O.O. Boff Perry suggests that we publish supplements (similar to Unger's). The Unger type supplement was rejected and instead a complete bibliography of all stf mags by author and title with decimal classification is in production (Bill Evans' Biblio). It will not be released piece meal, though. /Dunk/

N3FORUM

PRESIDENTIAL ORDER

1443 Fourth Avenue South
Fargo, North Dakota
October 30, 1946

Due to the fact that neither the Speer Constitution nor the proposed amendments have complied with all the Constitutional requirements, ie Art. VIII Amendments. (A) Amendments to this Constitution shall be proposed in writing, signed by at least five (5) members, to the Chairman of the Directorate;... etc." At this writing the amendments have been presented and passed the Board of Directors. The Speer Constitution has not been presented to the Board as yet. After action by the Board the Constitution requires that the proposals be published in the official organ and ballots to come out one month after such publication. Due to these facts I have written the following order, submitted it to the Board of Directors and they have approved of it (three affirmative votes--two Directors not voting). I hereby order, with the approval of the Board of Directors, that a deadline of December first be proclaimed for the filing of Constitutions and recommended amendment changes--these petitions to be filed correctly with Board of Director Chairman Harry Warner Jr.--303 Bryan Place--Hagerstown, Md. These will then be published, on approval of the Directorate. (15 signatures make publication mandatory). The official publication will take place in the Official Organ of December. Open discussion among the members will take place in the January 1947 official Organ and the balloting will occur immediately thereafter (by February 1st) with all members then in good standing taking part.

Walter Dunkelberger
NFFF Prexy

121 Norton Street
N. Weymouth 91, Mass.
November 7, 1946

I don't know how the idea got around that it was my job to publish as well as prepare the ballot, but i don't intend to do it for the following reasons:

1. It is not my duty, & i have neither the time nor the inclination to assume it.
2. It has been customary in the past for the ballot to be sent out with the official organ.
3. I see no reason why three dollars or more of the treasury should be expended unnecessarily, which would be the case if ballots were sent out separately
4. I realize this action will violate the date requirements of the constitution, but i think the time has come for a showdown & an end made to the feeble dithering around of past years. The showdown could not come at a better time, when the membership is in a position to vote upon it. I Shall regard my election as a vote of confidence in myself and my methods. A constitution should be a guide, not a pair of handcuffs. TO BLAZES WITH RED TAPE--LET'S VOTE!

Art Widner
Secretary-Treasurer NFFF

303 Bryan Place
Hagerstown, Maryland
October 25, 1946

Neither ((constitution)) can be legally voted on at this time. Both proposals have received board approval only within the last few days. The new Speer constitution and the Dunk-Tarr amendments must now be printed in full in the NFFan (you have a right or rather an obligation to do this), and can be voted on only after a month has elapsed from the appearance of that issue of the NFFan. It's an infernal nuisance but it's what the present constitution says.

November 2, 1946

This constitutional business is apparently in a real mess. I'm as anxious as anyone to keep out the chicken, and my insistence on amending it according to the present document was inspired solely by thoughts of what may happen next year if someone gets disgruntled and asks that these changes be declared unconstitutional.

November 14, 1946

The Board of Directors has approved both the Speer constitution and the Dunkelberger-Tarr amendments that were up for vote. Anyway, as I told you in that postal, my opinion is that the constitution should be followed to the letter now to prevent a tangle of technicalities next year, in case the amendments should pass now without fulfilling the requirements, and their legality be questioned after they've been in effect for awhile. Something like that almost came up this year. The emergency constitution under which the NFFF was working had no provision for amendment, and after the present constitution had been in effect for a while, several people came very close to starting a rebellion. It petered out, probably because someone found that in the set of general laws which apply to all organizations amendments are valid if approved by the membership, whether an amending instrument was contained in the original document or not. All of it is a prime example of chicken, but I think it's justified this time.

Harry Warner Jr.
Chairman, Board of
Directors, NFFF

St. George, Utah
November 7, 1946

So you are the latest official Editor of THE NATIONAL FANTASY FAN. Personally I don't care who is editor so long as I can get my copy every month. I think your idea of adding a letter column is very good. I'm all for it, the other improvements sound good also. The emblem looks good to me. It is a thing I have long wanted, not only for use on stationery and official papers, but would also like to see it used on a lapel pin or button which all members would be proud to wear.

However the purpose of this letter is to urge all fans to vote in the coming election, ESPECIALLY all fan-Annies (female members of the NFFF). I hope you girls realize that this is your greatest opportunity in fandom. For the first time in fan history one of our small minority (FLSIE JANBA) is running for an office, is worthy to be a director and needs your support. Up to now we fan-Annies have wrote, drawed, edited and worked on committees, but never held office and had authority. Now is our chance. DON'T LET IT SLIP BY.

Mrs. Florence S. Anderson

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

This issue is of necessity rather short. For one thing no one sent in any material, except Art Widner last month for the Blatant Beast. Again it is necessary to carry this over till next month, but it will definitely be printed in its entirety then. The reason for this is that this issue must go out right away and I have no time to include anything else.

The ballots are included with this copy since Sec-Treas Widner says it is only his job to prepare the ballot, not publish it. Well, it may be interpreted that way, and, as he points out, it will save postage, so I am printing it according to his instructions.

Notice that the deadline for ballots has been moved up to Dec. 24 instead of Dec. 10 because the ballots will be about 2 weeks going out. Bob Tucker has been appointed Official Teller. Get your ballots in to him as soon as possible.

Although many people have been howling for a letter section, very few responded. I have included a few articles of interest in the Forum. These were not sent in as letters but they concerned matters vital to the NFFF, so I included them.

There has been much controversy over the constitution. Widner's copy of the ballot had the vote on constitutions on it, and since it is the duty of the Secretary-Treasurer to prepare it, it was my job to publish it as he directed.

Since practically everyone else has commented on the constitution, I think it is my turn now. Art Widner says to vote now, and I agree with him. I can see no reason why it should be unconstitutional. Harry Garner in his letter of October 25, 1946, remarked that both constitutions had been approved a few days before. Therefore I held up the O. O. thinking official confirmation would come and the constitutions could be printed. None came, so the October issue was mailed. Then I prepared a supplement to be mailed just as soon as definite word came in. Again Harry wrote that full approval had been granted, but it was so close to another mailing that I decided it would be better to mail the supplement with the November issue.

The point to observe is that both constitutions could have been included in the October issue if I had been informed in time.

Then they could have legally been voted on this month. Any way, they are officially printed in the October supplement. Since a month has elapsed since the constitutions should have appeared in the O. O., and since they have now appeared, I see no reason for holding up on the vote.

Dunk, in his Presidential order sets the final ballot for about Febl. There is no sense in that long a delay. Why set Dec. 1 as a deadline for filing when all petitions are in? Why designate January as a month for discussions when everyone has discussed it for three months, and the present constitution does not call for it. I say let the new constitution go into effect when the new officers go in, and start with a clean slate next year. One thing Dunk mentions in his editorial I am heartily in favor of. That is keeping the present name of the organization. The name should remain THE NATIONAL FANTASY FAN FEDERATION regardless of which constitution is selected. Once again let me urge everyone to VOTE NOW.

Andy Lyon

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