



TAFFest

A NEWSLETTER OF THE TRANS-ATLANTIC FAN FUND #2 APRIL 2023

TAFF administrators Mike Lowrey and Fia Karlsson are pleased to announce the winner of TAFF 2023:

SANDRA BOND!



As the new TAFF delegate, Sandra Bond will make the Trans-Atlantic journey to Pemmi-con 2023, where the convention chairs have promised to treat her as a VIP. Further details about her upcoming trip will be released as they come. Stay tuned!

We want to thank both Sandra Bond and Mikołaj Kowalewski for standing for TAFF for the TAFF Race of 2023. They have both been brilliant candidates and were both worthy winners. The administrators hope that Mikołaj will chose to run a third time, in a future westbound race.

An image depicting a scene at a casino with a bad ass Sandra Bond. Picture by Oliver Facey.

A message from Sandra:

“I have won TAFF. Goshwowboyoboy.

When I look at the illustrious list of previous winners, I cannot help but feel like Romulus Augustulus. But there’s one difference, at least; which is that I shall not be the last of my kind. I shall strive to be the best TAFF delegate and administrator I can be, and to safeguard it on behalf of all fandom.

I would like to thank Alison Scott, Caroline Mullan, Claire Brialey, John D. Berry, and Ted White, my nominators; Mikołaj, for being a rival without rancour; Fia and Orange Mike for their efficiency and support during the race; Pat Virzi, for her awesome badges (I’ll be bringing the remaining stock on my trip with me to dish out); everyone who voted; and, heck, fandom as a whole for being the only place I know where a crazy and fabulous scheme such as TAFF could thrive for some seventy years. (Add crowdfunding to the list of things fandom was doing WAY before anyone else.) Now I’m gearing up to enjoy the distinction of being the only ever westbound candidate not to attend a Worldcon! See you in Winnipeg!”

VOTERS IN TAFF 2023 RACE

Adam Tkaczyk	Esther MacCallum-Stewart	Keith Freeman	Paul Skelton
Alan Rosenthal	Farah Mendlesohn	Konrad Pindel	Paweł Domownik
Aleksandra Cieklińska	Fia Karlsson	Krystyna Chodorowska	Perry Middlemiss
Alison Scott	Fiona Moore	Krzysztof Pempera	Peter Sullivan
Amy Thomson	Fionna O'Sullivan	Laurraine Tutihasi	Piotr Kunkowski
Andrew Porter	Fran Dowd	Lennart Uhlin	Piotr Szmielew
Andrzej Ziółkowski	Gary Mattingly	Leroy Kettle	Rafał Dziamski
Bartosz Kupajczyk	Gay Haldeman	Liz Batty	Ric Cooper
Ben Yalow	Geri Sullivan	Magdalena	Rich Coad
Bill Burns	Goran Lowie	Magdalena 'Serathe' Grajcar	Richard McAllister
Brian Nisbet	Heath Row	Marciej Starzycki	Robert A Jackson
Bridget Bradshaw	Henrik Pålsson	Marcin Klak	Saija Kyllönen
Bridget Wilkinson	Herman Ellingsen	Marcin Segit	Sandra Bond
Carolina Gomez Lagerlöf	Ian Maughan	Marie Engfors	Shana Worthen
Cas Skelton	Ian Millsted	Marilyn Holt	Spike
Catherine Crockett	Ian Stockdale	Mark Plummer	Stanisław Krawczyk
Catherine Pickersgill	Jacek Falejczyk	Mary Burns	Steve Glover
Catherine Sharp	James Bacon	Mary Ellen Moore	Steven Cain
Cheryl Morgan	James Shields	Matylda Naczyńska	Sue Edwards
Christina Lake	Janice Gelb	Max Harden	Sue Mason
Claire Brialey	Jeanne Bowman	Michael Lowrey	Suzanne Tompkins
Colin Hinz	Jerry Kaufman	Michał Szymański	Teddy
Constanze Hofmann	Jim Linwood	Mike Meara	Thomas Ferguson
Curt Phillips	Joe Siclari	Mike Scott	Thomas Recktenwald
Daniel Wójtowicz	Joel Zakem	Mikolaj Kowalewski	Thomas Westerberg
David Carlile	Johan Anglemark	Murray Moore	Tobes Valois
David Farmer	John Coxon	Nic Farey	Tom Becker
David Hodson	John D. Berry	Nigel Rowe	Tony Keen
Doug Faunt	John DeVoy	Omega	Tue Sorensen
Douglas Bell	John JC Clarke	Pamela Burr	Vincent Docherty
Douglas Spencer	Joseph Nicholas	Pat Charnock	Weronika Redziniak
Edie Stern	Jukka Halme	Pat McMurray	Zi Graves
Eli Cohen	Julianna Grefkowicz	Pat Meara	
Emily January	Justyna Zalewska	Pat Virzi	
Emma J King	Kari Sperring/Maund	Patrick Maher	

2023 VOTING RESULTS

Votes 2023	Sandra Bond	Mikolaj Kowalewski	No preference	Total
North American votes *	33	6	3	42
European votes	48	45	2	95
Total	81	51	5	137

- The North American column includes two votes from “Rest of the World” for the sake of voter privacy.

The total vote count is 137 votes. 40 votes were North American, 95 were European, and 2 came from “Rest of the World” meaning Asia and Australia. We have hidden these votes in the North American votes to protect the voter anonymity.

As per the rules, we excluded ballots sent in without declaring a preference, as these ballots are sent in blank as a way of donating money for TAFF. There were 5 votes in total that contained no actual vote, and thus are discarded. There were two double votes (with the same preferences), and 3 votes that were considered invalid due to not containing the minimum donation fee of €3/£3/\$4. None of these votes would have made a difference in the race.

Technical issues - During the race we experienced some technical issues with the North American PayPal, that bounced back payments, and left some payments pending. We were able to contact everyone who'd sent in a ballot and tried to pay to N.A.TAFF.2020@gmail.com but had their payment rejected or pending, and they were able to pay in the voting fee to EUTAFF@gmail.com. Mike is on top of the PayPal issue and will get back to everyone to make sure they have their original payment returned if they want to.

Voting break down – First preference votes, simple majority and 20 % rule

81 votes named Sandra Bond, and 51 votes named Mikołaj Kowalewski as their first preference. Since Sandra has more than 50 % of the total vote count (137), she achieves a simple majority.

In the second stage, we applied the 20 % rule. To win, a candidate has to have at least 20 % of the Europe and the North American regions votes, which comes up to 19 European votes and 8 North American votes.

Both Mikołaj and Sandra have 20 % European votes, but while Sandra has over 20 % of the North American votes, Mikołaj does not. Sandra wins with a simple majority and being the only candidate achieving 20 % of votes from each region. Since the result is clear in the first round, we've not had to go through the steps of counting second, third and fourth preference.

The total sum of ballot donations in different currencies is as follows:

Euro: 231.04, Pound: 582.67, Dollar: 414.82.



TAFF *Thanks*

A NEWSLETTER OF THE TRANS-ATLANTIC FAN FUND #2 APRIL 2023

TAFF thanks...

... Pemmi-con 2023, the “destination con” for the TAFF 2023 race. They will give the fan fund delegates a comped membership as well as room at one of the hotels for the convention.

...committee, volunteers, and members of Conversation, the 2023 Eastercon, for all your hard work, TAFF had a fun weekend and made a lot of money for the fan fund. The fan fund auction itself brought in £1733 which is a crazy amount. TAFF will get 40 % of that, and we are so pleased.

... committee, volunteers, and members of Corflu Craic for bringing in more enthusiasm (and money) for TAFF!

...Dave Langford – If TAFF were a band, he would be the manager. He runs the TAFF website, online ballot and voting, uploads ebooks, and all the money goes to TAFF.

...Claire Brialey – for basically everything from managing the administrators, the funds itself and donations. Providing guidance and good advice. Nobody does it better.

...Geri Sullivan, for her hard work making the Fan fund auction catalogue (times many), as well as bringing in awesome donations for the fund. And for being the fandom aunt Fia always dreamt of having.

...Alison Scott for providing ballots and helping with the fan fund auction.

... Meike, Suzanne Tompkins, Jerry Kaufman, Murray Moore, Mary Burns, John Coxon and Douglas Spencer for your extraordinary efforts in helping the fan fund table at Eastercon as well as the fan fund auction.

...admins Fia and Mike especially want to thank Sandra and Mikołaj as well as all the voters for making this such an exciting race. We had so much fun!