

Short Title: Independent Hugo Administration

Moved, To rename the WSFS Mark Protection Committee to the Independent Hugo Award Administration Committee (IHAAC); to assign the administration of the Hugo Awards to the IHAAC; to require that Worldcons fund the operations of the IHAAC; and for other purposes, as follows:

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1. Amend Article 1 as follows:

Section 1.3: Restrictions. No part of the Society's net earnings shall be paid to its members, officers, or other private persons except in furtherance of the Society's purposes. The Society shall not attempt to influence legislation or any political campaign for public office. Should the Society dissolve, its assets shall be distributed by the current Worldcon Committee or the appropriate court having jurisdiction, exclusively for charitable purposes. In this section, references to the Society include the ~~Mark Protection Committee~~ Independent Hugo Award Administration Committee and all other agencies of the Society but not convention bidding or operating committees.

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Section 1.6: Authority.

1.6.1: Authority and responsibility for all matters concerning the Worldcon, except those reserved herein to WSFS or any of its committees established in this Constitution, shall rest with the Worldcon Committee, which shall act in its own name and not in that of WSFS.

1.6.2: The Worldcon Committee may elect to hold a Hugo Award Ceremony to present the Hugo Awards, although it is not required to do so. Holding such a ceremony does not include any right to be included in the administration of the Hugo Awards

Section 1.7: ~~The Mark Protection Committee~~ Independent Hugo Award Administration Committee

1.7.1: There shall be a ~~Mark Protection Committee~~ an Independent Hugo Award Administration Committee of WSFS, which shall be responsible for registration and protection of the marks used by or under the authority of WSFS and the administration of the Hugo Awards.

1.7.2: The ~~Mark Protection Committee~~ Independent Hugo Award Administration Committee shall submit to the Business Meeting at 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~~ Independent Hugo Award Administration Committee shall hold a meeting at each Worldcon after the end of the Business Meeting, at a time and place announced at the Business Meeting.

1.7.4: ~~The Mark Protection Committee~~ Independent Hugo Award Administration Committee shall determine and elect its own officers.

1.7.5: The Independent Hugo Award Administration Committee shall be responsible for arranging for the administration of each year's Hugo Awards as provided elsewhere in this Constitution.

1.7.6: Each Worldcon shall contribute funds to the Independent Hugo Award Administration Committee to cover its expenses. This contribution shall be no less than X% of the cost of a WSFS membership per WSFS member of that Worldcon if the Worldcon holds a Hugo Award ceremony, and Y% of the cost of a WSFS membership per WSFS member of that Worldcon if it does not.

Section 1.8: Membership of the ~~Mark Protection Committee~~ Independent Hugo Award Administration Committee.

1.8.1: ~~The Mark Protection Committee~~ Independent Hugo Award Administration 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,

(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.

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.

2. Amend Article 2 as follows:

Section 2.1: Duties. Each Worldcon Committee shall, in accordance with this Constitution, provide for

~~(1) administering the Hugo Awards,~~

~~(2) (1) administering any future Worldcon or NASFiC site selection required, and~~

~~(3) (2) holding a WSFS Business Meeting.~~

Section 2.2: Marks. Every Worldcon and NASFiC Committee shall include a notice in each of its publications that clearly acknowledges the service marks of the Society. ~~The Mark Protection Committee~~ Independent Hugo Award Administration Committee shall supply each Worldcon committee with the correct form of such notice.

3. Amend Article 3 as follows:

Section 3.1: Introduction. Selection of the Hugo Awards shall be made as provided in this Article.

Section 3.2: General.

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3.2.8: The ~~Worldcon~~ Independent Hugo Award Administration Committee shall not consider previews, promotional trailers, commercials, public service announcements, or other extraneous material when determining the length of a work. Running times of dramatic presentations shall be based on their first general release.

3.2.9: The Worldcon Committee may relocate a story into a more appropriate category if it feels that it is necessary, provided that the length of the story is within twenty percent (20%) of the new category limits.

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3.2.11: The ~~Worldcon~~ Independent Hugo Award Administration Committee may relocate a dramatic presentation work into a more appropriate category if it feels that it is necessary, provided that the length of the work is within twenty percent (20%) of the new category boundary.

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3.2.13: The ~~Worldcon~~ Independent Hugo Award Administration Committee is responsible for all matters concerning ~~their~~ the Awards.

3.2.X: Worldcon Committee shall make available to the Independent Hugo Award Administration Committee sufficient information, including mailing and electronic mail contact information for WSFS members of their Worldcon, to permit the Independent Hugo Award Administration Committee to administer the Hugo Awards. The Independent Hugo Award Administration Committee shall exercise due care to protect this information and shall delete any such information after it is no longer needed to administer the Hugo Awards for a given year.

Section 3.3: Categories.

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3.3.20: Additional Category.

3.3.20.1: Not more than one ~~special category~~ Special Category may be created by the current Worldcon Committee with nomination and voting to be the same as for the permanent categories.

3.3.20.2: The Worldcon Committee must inform the Independent Hugo Award Administration Committee of their intent to present a Special Category at least three hundred and thirty (330) days before the first day of that Worldcon.

3.3.20.3: The Independent Hugo Award Administration Committee may not create a Special Category unless requested to do so by the Worldcon Committee.

3.3.20.4: The Worldcon Committee is not required to create any such ~~category~~ Special Category ; such action by a Worldcon Committee should be under

exceptional circumstances only; and ~~the special category~~ any Special Category created by one Worldcon Committee shall not be binding on following Committees.

3.3.20.5: Awards created under this ~~paragraph~~ section shall be considered to be Hugo Awards.

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Section 3.5: Name and Design.

3.5.1: The Hugo Award shall continue to be standardized on the rocket ship design of Jack McKnight and Ben Jason as refined by Peter Weston.

3.5.2: ~~Each~~ If the Worldcon Committee elects to hold a Hugo Award ceremony, it may select its own choice of base design. If they do so, manufacture of the award trophy and the distribution of trophies to the winners shall be the responsibility of the Worldcon Committee.

3.5.5: If the Worldcon Committee declines or is unable to hold a Hugo Award ceremony, the Independent Hugo Award Administration Committee shall conduct a ceremony at its discretion, which may be held online only. In this case, the Independent Hugo Award Administration Committee shall use a generic base design and shall be responsible for the manufacturer and distribution of trophies.

3.5.6: The name (Hugo Award) "Hugo Award" and the design of the Hugo Award trophy rocket shall not be extended to any other award, including any other Awards presented by the Worldcon Committee.

Section 3.6: "No Award". ~~At the discretion of an individual Worldcon Committee,~~ Independent Hugo Award Administration Committee, if the lack of nominations or final votes in a specific category shows a marked lack of interest in that category on the part of the voters, the Award in that category shall be canceled for that year.

Section 3.7: Nominations.

3.7.1: ~~The Worldcon Committee~~ Independent Hugo Award Administration Committee shall conduct a poll to select the finalists for the Award voting. Each member of the ~~administering current~~ current Worldcon or the immediately preceding Worldcon as of January 31 of the current calendar year shall be allowed to make up to five (5) equally weighted nominations in every category.

3.7.2: The Committee shall include with each nomination ballot a copy of Article 3 of the WSFS Constitution and any applicable extensions of eligibility under Section 3.4.

3.7.3: Nominations shall be solicited only for the Hugo Awards, the *Astounding* Award for Best New Writer, and the Lodestar Award for Best Young Adult Book.

Section 3.8: Tallying of Nominations.

3.8.1: Except as provided below, the final Award ballots shall list in each category the six eligible nominees receiving the most nominations as determined by the process described in Section 3.9.

3.8.2: The ~~Worldcon Committee~~ Independent Hugo Award Administration Committee shall determine the eligibility of nominees and assignment to the proper category of works nominated in more than one category.

3.8.3: 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.

3.8.4: Any nominations for “No Award” shall be disregarded.

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 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~~ Independent Hugo Award Administration 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: The ~~Committee~~ Independent Hugo Award Administration Committee shall move a nomination on an individual ballot from another category to the work’s default category only if the member has made fewer than five (5) nominations in the default category.

3.8.8: If a work is eligible in more than one category, and if the work receives sufficient nominations to appear in more than one category, the ~~Worldcon Committee~~ Independent Hugo Award Administration Committee shall determine in which category the work shall appear, based on the category in which it receives the most nominations.

3.8.9: If a work receives a nomination in its default category, and if the ~~Committee~~ Independent Hugo Award Administration Committee relocates the work under its authority under subsection 3.2.9 or subsection 3.2.11, the ~~Committee~~ Independent Hugo Award Administration Committee shall count the nomination even if the member already has made five (5) nominations in the more-appropriate category.

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Section 3.10: Notification and Acceptance.

3.10.1 ~~Worldcon Committees~~ Independent Hugo Award Administration Committee shall use reasonable efforts to notify the finalists, or in the case of deceased or incapacitated persons, their heirs, assigns, or legal guardians, in each category prior to the release of such information. Each person notified shall be asked at that time to either accept or decline the nomination. If the person notified declines nomination, that finalist(s) shall not appear on the final ballot. The procedure for replacement of such finalist(s) is described in subsection 3.9.4.

3.10.2 In the Best Professional Artist category, the acceptance should include citations of at least three (3) works first published in the eligible year.

3.10.3 Each finalist in the categories of Best Fanzine and Best Semiprozine shall be required to provide information confirming that they meet the qualifications of their category.

Section 3.11: Voting.

3.11.1: The Independent Hugo Award Administration Committee shall conduct Final Award voting ~~shall be by balloting~~ in advance of the Worldcon. ~~Postal Ballots cast by postal~~ mail shall always be acceptable. Only WSFS members may vote. Final Award ballots shall include name, signature, address, and membership-number spaces to be filled in by the voter; however, if the voter does not have their membership number, it may be supplied by the ~~Hugo Administrator or their designated staff member~~ Independent Hugo Award Administration Committee.

3.11.2: Final Award ballots shall list only the Hugo Awards, the John W. Campbell Award for Best New Writer, and the Lodestar Award for Best Young Adult Book.

3.11.3: “No Award” shall be listed in each category of Hugo Award on the final ballot.

3.11.4: ~~The Committee~~ Independent Hugo Award Administration Committee shall, on or with the final ballot, designate, for each finalist in the printed fiction categories, one or more books, anthologies, or magazines in which the finalist appeared (including the book publisher or magazine issue date(s)).

3.11.5: Voters shall indicate the order of their preference for the finalists in each category.

Section 3.12: Tallying of Votes.

3.12.1: In each category, tallying shall be as described in Section 6.4. “No Award” shall be treated as a finalist. If all remaining finalists are tied, no tie-breaking shall be done and the finalists excluding “No Award” shall be declared joint winners.

3.12.2: “No Award” shall be the run-off candidate for the purposes of Section 6.5.

3.12.3: The complete numerical vote totals, including all preliminary tallies for first, second, . . . places, shall be made public by the ~~Worldcon Committee~~ Independent Hugo Award Administration Committee within ~~ninety (90)~~ thirty (30) 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.

Section 3.X: Hugo Award Administration Subcommittee.

3.X.1: The Independent Hugo Award Administration Committee shall each year appoint a Hugo Award Administration Subcommittee (HASC) consisting of competent persons to administer the Hugo Awards for a given Worldcon.

3.X.2: The HASC may consist of members of the Independent Hugo Award Administration Committee and other persons. Members of the HASC shall serve at the pleasure of the Independent Hugo Award Administration Committee.

3.X.3: The HASC shall be responsible to the Independent Hugo Award Administration Committee regarding any decisions regarding eligibility and other interpretations of the Hugo Award rules in this Article.

3.X.4: The HASC shall have use of the existing WSFS websites and social media accounts already controlled by the Independent Hugo Award Administration Committee.

Section 3.13: Exclusions.

No member of the current ~~Worldcon Committee~~ Independent Hugo Award Administration Committee, the Hugo Award Administration Subcommittee, or any publications or other works closely connected with a member of ~~the Committee~~ those Committees shall be eligible for an Award. ~~However, should the Committee delegate all authority under this Article to a Subcommittee whose decisions are irrevocable by the Worldcon Committee, then this exclusion shall apply to members of the Subcommittee only.~~

Section 3.14: Retrospective Hugo Awards.

3.14.1: A Worldcon held in a year that is an exact multiple of 25 years after a year in which no Hugo Awards were awarded may conduct nominations and elections for retrospective year Hugo Awards for that year with procedures as for the current Hugo Awards, provided that year was 1939 or later and that no previous Worldcon has awarded retrospective year Hugo Awards for that year.

3.14.2: In any listing of Hugo Award winners published by a Worldcon committee, the Independent Hugo Award Administration Committee, or WSFS, retrospective Hugo Awards shall be distinguished and annotated with the year in which such retrospective Hugo Awards were voted.

Provided That the changes in this motion shall not take effect until the conclusion of the Worldcon two years following the ratification of this motion.