



SFFANZ

Science Fiction and Fantasy Association of New Zealand Inc.

Notice of Annual General Meeting of SFFANZ 11.00am Sunday, 29th August, 2010 at Au Contraire Quality Hotel, Cuba Street, Wellington

Agenda

Apologies

Minutes of meeting held at ConScription

The minutes of the 2009 AGM held at ConScription are available on the SFFANZ website at <http://sffanz.sf.org.nz/agmMinutes.shtml>

Matters arising from these minutes

Presentation of Accounts

The presentation of accounts will require a vote of the membership in order to accept the accounts.

Election of Officers

Any member of SFFANZ is eligible to stand for election onto the SFFANZ board. If you would like to put your name forward, please email enquiries@sffanz.sf.org.nz

General Business

If you have any items for general business, please contact us outlining the details of your item. Please email enquiries@sffanz.sf.org.nz

Known Items

- **Removal of the requirement to give certificates to finalists for the Sir Julius Vogel Awards**

In previous years, the rules have required finalist certificates to be awarded. Through an oversight, they have not been awarded in the past. Once this omission was noted, certificates were produced for the 2009 finalists. However it was a time consuming process which may prove to be quite expensive if continued. The rules under which the 2010 awards were judged make no mention of finalist certificates. We would like to have this requirement removed from the rules.

- **For Consideration Only At This Stage**

Multiple Vogel Award Nominations for one person in a single category

This year an arithmetic anomaly which we had not previously considered meant that a single person had a lot of nominated works in the final lists. We feel this is not fair to other people and so we would like to discuss limiting the number of works that a single person can have for any one category of award.

We will approach this in several stages:

Firstly we will discuss whether or not limiting the number of works by one person in a category is acceptable. If this proposal is passed, we then discuss what this number should be (both one and two have been suggested as the proper number). Finally we will discuss mechanisms for implementing this -- do we let the arithmetic decide, do we let the nominee decide which work(s) they prefer or does the Vogel committee make an arbitrary decision?

If the above is implemented, it will form rule 6(b) with the current rules being re-numbered appropriately.

The current rules can be found at:

http://sffanz.sf.org.nz/sjv/sjvAwardsRules_2010.shtml

Request for points for discussion, or motions relating to the rules of SFFANZ.

If you wish to bring up any points for discussion, or motions to change the rules of SFFANZ, please do so now. This is particularly important if you wish to change the rules OR comment about the proposed re-formatted rules.

At the request of the Au Contraire committee, the bids and voting for the 2011 and 2012 National Conventions will be held at the closing ceremony of the convention.

Bids for the 2011 National Science Fiction convention of New Zealand

No bids for the 2011 convention were received at the 2009 AGM. However a bid was received early in 2010 from Alan Parker proposing ConText, to be held 3rd to 6th June 2011. A poll of ConScripture and SFFANZ members confirmed it as the National Convention for 2011. We would like to take this opportunity to ratify that decision.

Bids for the 2012 National Science Fiction convention of New Zealand

We are now calling for bids for the 2012 convention at Au Contraire 2010. Please contact us with details of your bid. You will have the opportunity to make a short

presentation before voting takes place. Note that any special equipment you require for your presentation is your own responsibility to supply.

Bids will also be accepted at the convention.

We encourage people who are intending to bid for the 2012 convention to publicise their bid during Au Contraire. It is possible that some people may not be able to attend the closing ceremony. These people can leave proxy votes with any SFFANZ committee member.

Membership Fees

In order to vote at the AGM, membership fees are due before the start of the AGM on Sunday, 29th August 2010. We will be taking renewals and new memberships at Au Contraire. You can also renew or join by post if you cannot attend Au Contraire. Please contact us if you wish us to send you a joining form. Please note that in order to vote in the SJV awards by post, you must send us a membership form and payment with your vote before the convention, or get us the forms at the convention.

SFFANZ Proxy Voting

Eligible voters who are not able to be physically present at the SFFANZ AGM may elect to vote by proxy.

You may do this in two ways:

By stating your voting instructions to the meeting chair/returning officer via post, email or in person.

OR

You may nominate a person present at the meeting to act as your proxy.

The following rules hold:

- Only eligible voters may vote by proxy.
- Your choice of proxy must be clear and unambiguous - the chair has the right to reject any which do not meet these criteria. I.e. who is going to exercise your vote.
- If you do not specify voting instructions to the holder of your proxy vote, they are entitled to vote as they personally see fit.
- For those NOT attending the convention, notification of proxy can be in writing or by e-mail from an address recognised by SFFANZ as belonging to the eligible voter. Your notification must reach us no later than Tuesday, 24th August 2010.
- We suggest that notification by post be earlier and addressed to The SFFANZ President, PO Box 13-574, Johnsonville, Wellington.
- If you are emailing in your proxy notification, please email to president@sffanz.sf.org.nz

- For those attending the convention, notification of the proxy must be lodged with the meeting chair in writing up to, but not after, the commencement of the meeting.