

San Francisco Science Fiction Conventions, Inc.

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Regular Meeting of Board of Directors Minutes

Sunday, November 18, 2023, Sunnyvale, California

1. Call to Order

The regular trimesterly meeting of the Board of Directors of SFSFC, Inc., met on Sunday, November 18, 2023, in the home of Cindy Scott, 969 Asilomar Terrace #6, Sunnyvale CA 94086-2438. The meeting was called to order at 11:12 AM Pacific Standard Time, President Kevin Roche presiding and Secretary Kevin Standlee recording. Members present (*by Zoom videoconference †*ex officio* non-voting director ‡director emeritus): Sandra Childress*, Christine Doyle*, Bruce Farr*, David Gallaher‡ (arrived 11:23), Lisa Deutsch Harrigan*, Cheryl Morgan*, Kevin Roche, Cindy Scott, Randy Smith* (arrived 11:31), Kevin Standlee*, Andy Trembley. Members absent: Sean Bassett, David W. Clark‡, Tom Whitmore‡, Lani Wong-Bassett*, Jennifer "Radar" Wylie†*. Guests: None.

2. Previous Minutes

The minutes of the July 9, 2023 Regular Meeting were approved as distributed in advance of the meeting by unanimous consent.

3. Officer Reports

3.1. President

The President had no report.

3.2. Treasurer

Treasurer Lisa Deutsch Harrigan reported. Bank of the West has changed names to BMO. We currently have \$3,298.19 in checking and \$3,847.03 in the CD. Our only general fund expense since the last meeting is the \$610 grant to Pemmi-Con. We have filed for an extension of our taxes, and the filing has been accepted, so they are now due February 15, 2024. As that happens during Gallifrey One, she expects to have them filed before then.

3.3 Secretary

The corporate website is up to date.

3.3.1 Websites

Assistant Secretary Cheryl Morgan reports that the backup system we approved last meeting is running as scheduled. The President asked about how our WordPress sides are set up; Ms. Morgan confirmed that we're running WordFence on all of our sites.

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4. Standing Committee Reports

4.1. 2018 Worldcon Operating Committee

2018 Worldcon Operating Committee Chair Kevin Roche reported. Financial reports are attached. (See Appendices A-B.) At 11:20 AM the meeting went into Committee of the Whole, Mr. Farr presiding, to discuss the 2018 Worldcon Operating Committee. At 11:24 AM, the Committee of the Whole rose and reported:

• We continue to prepare for the program book mailing, which is our final significant commitment.

4.2. Costume-Con 39 Committee (2023)

At 11:25 AM, the meeting went into Committee of the Whole, Ms. Scott presiding, to discuss Costume-Con 39. At 11:28 AM, the Committee of the Whole rose and reported the following:

- There have been no significant changes since the previous meeting.
- The CC39 committee anticipates closing its books and requesting that it be discharged at the next regular meeting.

4.4. Westercon 74 Organizing Committee (2022)

Westercon 74 (Tonopah) Organizing Committee Chair Kevin Standlee reported. There have been no financial changes since last meeting. The only remaining action left for Westercon 74 is the remaining membership reimbursements for committee, staff, and program participants who did not receive complimentary membership. Several reimbursements have not yet been cashed. Once those checks have been cashed, the committee will request that it be discharged. Mr. Standlee said he intends to contract those people who haven't yet cashed their reimbursements once Mr. Farr has identified them and to ask them whether they actually want the money.

4.3. New Zealand 2020 Committee

Randy Smith was not present initially but arrived at 11:31. There have been no changes since the last report.

4.5 Pride Space Committee

At 11:41, the meeting went into Committee of the Whole, Ms. Scott presiding, to discuss the Pride Space Committee. At 11:50, the Committee of the Whole rose and reported:

- Jax McElravy has been appointed as Financial Director (Treasurer).
- The PSC is recruiting a Brand Manager and Art Director.
- The PSC have had productive discussions with Glasgow 2024 Worldcon.

The meeting recessed at 11:52 AM and reconvened at 12:07 PM.

5. Special Committee Reports

5.1. WFC Exploratory Committee

Ms. Weisman was unwell and unable to attend the meeting.

At 12:08, the meeting went into Committee of the Whole, Ms. Scott presiding, to discuss the WFC Exploratory Committee. At 12:12, the Committee of the Whole rose and reported:

• The Exploratory Committee is still reviewing sites and is not currently ready to request a standing committee.

• The Exploratory Committee expects to have a firm proposal for a 2026 or 2027 World Fantasy Convention at one of the next two SFSFC meetings.

By unanimous consent, the WFC Exploratory Committee was extended to the next meeting.

6. New Business

6.1 Director Elections for 3-year Terms Commencing January 1, 2024

The Secretary noted that the current board consists of thirteen authorized seats, with one vacancy, but that the board is organized into groups of five, five, and three directors.

At 12:15, the meeting went into Committee of the Whole, Ms. Scott presiding, to discuss the composition of the Board. At 12:27 the Committee of the Whole rose and reported:

- The Committee of the Whole recommends extending Mr. Bassett's term through 2025 in order to balance the term lengths better.
- The COTW recommends retaining the current authorized number of directors.

Without objection, Mr. Bassett's term was extended through 2025.

The terms of Christine Doyle, Cheryl Morgan, Andrew Trembley, and Lisa Deutsch Harrigan expire at the end of 2023. All incumbent directors are willing to serve another term. There were no other nominations. By unanimous consent, the incumbent directors were elected to three-year terms commencing January 1, 2024.

7. Announcements/Future Meetings

7.1. 2024 Meetings

Default dates for meetings in 2024 are:

- Saturday, March 16, 2024
- Saturday, July 20, 2024
- Saturday, November 16, 2024

As usual, these dates are subject to change as needed.

8. Adjournment

By unanimous consent, the meeting adjourned at 12:34 PM. A meeting of directors and directors-elect was held shortly after this meeting for the purpose of electing officers for the coming year.

Kevin Standlee Secretary [Approved: December 8, 2023]

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Appendix A: Worldcon 76 Balance Sheet, November 17, 2023

	Nov 17, 23
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
11000 · Corporate Bank Accounts	
11100 · Worldcon 76	3,474.44
11110 · Money Market	61,924.18
Total 11000 · Corporate Bank Accounts	65,398.62
Total Checking/Savings	65,398.62
Total Current Assets	65,398.62
Other Assets	
18600 · Other Assets	
18620 · Items paid for Corporation	1,950.19
18690 · Messner Reeves Retainer	470.50
Total 18600 · Other Assets	2,420.69
Total Other Assets	2,420.69
TOTAL ASSETS	67,819.31
LIABILITIES & EQUITY Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Credit Cards	
21000 · Meriwest Credit Card	1,863.70
Total Credit Cards	1,863.70
Other Current Liabilities	
26500 · Post Convention Pubs Shipping 26400 · MI Fund	60,000.00
26420 · MI Travel	4,638.20
Total 26400 · MI Fund	4,638.20
26300 · LGBTQ Fund	1,125.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	65,763.20
Total Current Liabilities	67,626.90
Total Liabilities	67,626.90
Equity	
30000 · Opening Balance Equity	-474.45
31500 · Temp. Restricted Net Assets	- 65,763.20
32000 · Unrestricted Net Assets	73,732.58
Net Income	-7,302.52
Total Equity	192.41
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	67,819.31

Appendix B: Worldcon 76 Income & Expenses Through November 17, 2023

	Aug 20, '16 - Nov 17, 23
Income	
4200000 · Convention Income	
4290010 · Rewards Points Cash	1,550.00
4290100 · Sponsorships	150.00
4290200 · Hotel Rebates	82,110.00
428600 · Extra Hugo Trophies	1,575.00
428500 · Mobie Rentals	10,897.50
4290400 · Garage Sale	1,325.47
4290300 · Sales to Members License Fees	5,197.08
4210000 · Adult Attending	
4210002 · 1 day memberships - fri-sun	560.00
4210001 · Adult Att	598,807.52
4210010 · Adult installment payments	63,494.70
4210100 · Adult Att - Voter Upgrade	82,910.00
4210200 · Adult Att - PS & Voter upgrade	11,150.00
4210300 · Adult Att - PS/no vote upgrade	7,910.00
4210400 · Adult Att - Friend no vote	1,426.45
4210500 · Adult Att - Pre Oppose Upgrade	280.00
4210600 · Active Duty/First Responder Att	1,015.00
4210700 · Staff Membership	12,300.00
4210000 · Adult Attending - Other	165,298.25
Total 4210000 · Adult Attending	945,151.92
4230000 · YA Attending	
4230100 · YA Attending	7,795.00
4230200 · YA Vote Upgrade	160.00
Total 4230000 · YA Attending	7,955.00
4240000 · Child Attending	4,965.00
4250000 · Supporting	
4250010 · Supporting memberships	73,820.00
4250100 · Site Selection Fees	53,280.00
Total 4250000 · Supporting	127,100.00
4260100 · Dealers' Room Deposits	
4260112 · Power for dealer's space	120.00
4260110 · Dealers' room space payment	75,475.00
4260111 · Dealer Room Deposit Refunds	-2,000.00
4260100 · Dealers' Room Deposits - Other	21,885.00
Total 4260100 · Dealers' Room Deposits	95,480.00
4260200 · Creator's Alley	2,057.35
4260201 · Art Show Sales	22,456.72
4260500 · Advertising	
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4260550 · Souvenir Book Advertising	18,469.92
4260500 · Advertising - Other	3,215.00
Total 4260500 · Advertising	21,684.92
4270000 · Donations and Grants	
4270700 · Charity Donations	
4270720 · TAFF/DUFF donations	1,901.50
4270710 · Alzheimer's Association	13,232.97
Total 4270700 · Charity Donations	15,134.47
4270600 · SYFY sponsorship	3,000.00
4270500 · Google Sponsorship	45,000.00
4270100 · General Donations	5,703.52
4270101 · Reg Fee Payment	9,407.50
4270102 · Staff shirt payments	1,741.70
4270200 · Passalong Funds	
4270203 · Helsinki	13,511.20
4270201 · Sasquan	28,395.00
4270202 · MAC2	33,000.00
Total 4270200 · Passalong Funds	74,906.20
4270900 · Mexicanx donations 4270910 · Mexicanx Membership donations	6,080.00
4270920 · Mexicanx Initiative Travel Fund	16,124.19
Total 4270900 · Mexicanx donations	22,204.19
4270930 · LGBTQ Initiative Donations	6,563.00
Total 4270000 · Donations and Grants	183,660.58
428000 · Tours	
428400 · BrewBike Tour	262.00
428100 · Winchester Tours	1,260.00
428200 · SLAC Tours	1,000.00
428300 · SV Loop Tour	1,367.50
428000 · Tours - Other	2,276.00
Total 428000 · Tours	6,165.50
4290000 · Interest Income	1,242.81
Total 4200000 · Convention Income	1,520,724.85
Total Income	1,520,724.85
ross Profit	1,520,724.85
Expense	
6200000 · Convention Expenses	
6205000 · Tech	
6205064 · Tech crash rooms	373.72
6205066 · Tech Misc	5,576.36
6205062 · Tech Transportation	9,363.14
6205025 · Main Stage Equipment	239.61

6205045 · Callahan's Power	2,280.00
6205037 · 2nd stage power	680.00
6205029 · Main Stage Power	2,598.00
6205000 · Tech - Other	170,000.00
Total 6205000 · Tech	195,538.83
6203000 · Exhibits Expenses	,
6203028 · Art show truck from LA	2,591.81
6203025 · Art Show Lighting	360.00
6203015 · Curated Exhibits printing & sup	124.23
6203081 · Cospitality	215.42
6203014 · Curated Exhibits Truck & Travel	1,745.10
6203041 · Costume Exhibit	417.41
6203011 · Cartographer	14.58
6203031 · Dealers room power	3,260.00
6203026 · Art Show power drops	4,890.00
6203019 · Power cord and strip rental	250.00
6203018 · Power	3,354.00
6203024 · Art Show expenses	2,487.96
6203030 · Dealers room expense	_,
6203033 · Dealer Room SWAG bags	289.13
6203030 · Dealers room expense - Other	-150.00
Total 6203030 · Dealers room expense	139.13
6203051 · Fanzine Lounge Expenses	377.52
6203022 · Children's play area	167.14
6203071 · Callahan's Decorations	2,393.25
6203016 · Curated Exhibits Misc	1,393.17
Total 6203000 · Exhibits Expenses	24,180.72
6213000 · Member Services Expenses	_ ,,
6213086 · Friday BrewBike tour	266.00
6213080 · Tours Misc	260.27
6213042 · Mobie hire convention funded	1,591.19
6213041 · Mobie Hire Passthrough	16,350.00
6213061 · Volunteers Misc	33.67
6213088 · Tours ground transportation	4,539.00
6213021 · Obmusdman expenses	79.34
6213016 · Business Cards	39.87
6213062 · Staff Shirt Expense	9,378.94
6213091 · Storage	49,881.82
6213085 · CHM Tour	140.00
6213084 · San Jose Brew Bike Wed 8/15	330.00
6213083 · Winchester 8/17	729.00
6213082 · Winchester Tour 8/14	308.00
6213044 · ASL & CART for Hugos	11,956.26
6213701 · Signs	3,245.82

6213031 · Childcare Expense	13,093.50
Total 6213000 · Member Services Expenses	112,222.68
6202000 · Events Expenses	,
6202016 · Hugo Program	3,026.23
6202008 · Masquerade Judges Dinner	182.80
6202004 · Masquerade Green Room Exp	332.68
6202001 · Opening Cermonies	693.09
6202029 · MPLC	2,500.00
6202043 · SF Short Film Festival	1,800.00
6202026 · License Fees	
6202028 · BMI License	320.00
6202027 · ASCAP License Fees	747.00
Total 6202026 · License Fees	1,067.00
Total 6202000 · Events Expenses	9,601.80
6201000 · Chair's Office	
6201076 · Membership reimbursements	341.00
6201024 · MexicanX Travel Fund Expense	10,200.00
6201027 · Charity Auction donation	15,000.00
6201026 · Mexicanx Reception	1,285.99
6201041 · Fairy Godfather Misc	1,505.70
6201025 · LGBTQ Reception	85.39
6201063 · GoH Welcome Food Event	986.89
6201015 · Legal Fees	161,567.22
6201010 · Staff Meeting Expense	17,178.41
6201011 · Meals and Entertainment	313.15
6201064 · Staff Food Coupons	107.52
6201020 · Chair's Fund	731.44
Total 6201000 · Chair's Office	209,302.71
6207000 · Promotions & Publicity	
6207040 · Domain Registration	1,821.51
6207015 · Lanyards for LTUE	568.80
6207012 · Party Room	2,805.62
6207022 · Helsinki banners and flyers	878.07
6207021 · Flyers	6,247.84
6207023 · Table Decorations	1,734.17
6207011 · Sponsorship at Other Convention	1,332.65
6207014 · Tips and Misc Party Expenses	961.93
6207013 · Party Supplies	11,430.87
6207016 · Online Advertising	9.70
6207010 · Ads in Other Program Books	1,608.22
Total 6207000 · Promotions & Publicity	29,399.38
6210000 · Facilities	
6210080 · Fairmont rooms on master	11,070.00

6210062 · Robinson Suite	1,530.00
6210057 · De Anza Attrition	10,183.38
6210069 · ASFA Suite Rental	1,381.50
6210068 · SFWA Suite Rental	6,433.95
6210056 · Party Maven	306.37
6210070 · Gratuities	172.09
6210054 · Attrition - Fairmont	29,191.24
6210055 · Marriott Estimate	28,660.64
6210013 · Decorator Furniture	1,800.93
6210014 · Decorator Misc	120,466.20
6210021 · Basic Hire	271,575.62
6210000 · Facilities - Other	90,200.05
Total 6210000 · Facilities	572,971.97
6212000 · Operations Expense	
6212031 · Truck rental	2,405.93
6212018 · Communications (Radios)	1,241.38
6212017 · Communications (Phones)	134.57
6212014 · Computer Rental	3,632.34
6212011 · Office Supplies	8,032.59
Total 6212000 · Operations Expense	15,446.81
6209000 · WSFS Expenses	
6209013 · MPC Dues	3,906.00
6209035 · Hugo Trophy Shipping	780.94
6209030 · Hugo Rockets	172.50
6209034 · Hugo award shipping boxes for w	205.10
6209031 · Retro Hugo Rockets & Bases	1,317.63
6209021 · Site Selection Expenses	179.79
6209038 · Hugo Nominee Pins	6,562.71
6209032 · Hugo Bases	10,510.40
6209036 · Hugo mailing list expenses	740.81
6209000 · WSFS Expenses - Other	36.67
Total 6209000 · WSFS Expenses	24,412.55
6211000 · Hospitality Expenses	
6211028 · Consuite Food	14,574.74
6211030 · Staff Lounge Food	594.56
6211026 · SFWA Suite Supplies	1,403.73
6211061 · Teen Lounge Misc	482.14
6211025 · Refrigerator Rental	27.79
6211021 · ConSuite Corkage Buyout	15,937.75
6211011 · Helsinki Hugo Losers Party	8,317.09
6211024 · ConSuite Kitchen/Serving Equip	3,000.00
Total 6211000 · Hospitality Expenses	44,337.80
6204000 · Programming Expenes	
6204051 · Children's Activities	993.45

6204022 · Hayes Per Diem	750.00
6204019 · Pettinger Per Diem	750.00
6204017 · Quinn Per Diem	750.00
6204015 · Picacio Per Diem	750.00
6204012 · Spider Per Diem	750.00
6204023 · GoH Gifts	437.83
6204080 · Robot Obstacle Course	600.00
6204030 · Program Ops	250.99
6204018 · Pettinger Travel	2,201.82
6204025 · NASA Guest Travel	640.52
6204061 · Program database	653.34
6204010 · GoH Expenses	
6204013 · Picacio Shipping	2,223.01
6204014 · Picacio Airfare	362.60
6204021 · Hayes Airfare	150.40
6204011 · Robinson Travel	2,400.00
Total 6204010 · GoH Expenses	5,136.01
Total 6204000 · Programming Expenes	14,663.96
6208000 · Publications Expenses	,
6208081 · Post Con Souvenir Book Shipping	4,113.20
6208073 · Newsletter paper & printer rent	1,121.22
6208072 · Paper	471.95
6208064 · Restaurant Guide	793.32
6208063 · Pocket Program	25,025.09
6208021 · PR1	1,726.57
6208031 · PR2	4,988.33
6208041 · PR 3	4,656.06
6208051 · PR 4	3,185.24
6208061 · Souvenir Book Printing	21,881.50
6208011 · Publications Software	1,033.64
6208000 · Publications Expenses - Other	22.40
Total 6208000 · Publications Expenses	69,018.52
6206000 · Finance Division	,
6206076 · Chicon 8	5,000.00
6206075 · PAF - 2021	10,000.00
6206074 · PAF - NASFiC 2019	2,500.00
6206072 · PAF NewZealand	20,000.00
6206071 · PAF - Dublin	20,000.00
6206025 · RegOnline Fees	25,584.85
6206012 · Paypal Fees	8,511.11
6206013 · Square Fees	5,224.53
6206011 · Reg Credit Card Fees	41,874.33
6206031 · Badges & materials	10,676.28
6206040 · Ribbons	4,999.37
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6206020 · Treasury Supplies	835.92
6206016 · Bank Charges	3,095.22
6206021 · Fictitious Business Name Filing	149.00
6206019 · SFSFC PO Box	307.50
6206030 · Registration Supplies	4,206.48
6206015 · Event Insurance	1,238.54
6206000 · Finance Division - Other	301.65
Total 6206000 · Finance Division	164,504.78
Total 6200000 · Convention Expenses	1,485,602.51
Total Expense	1,485,602.51
Net Income	35,122.34