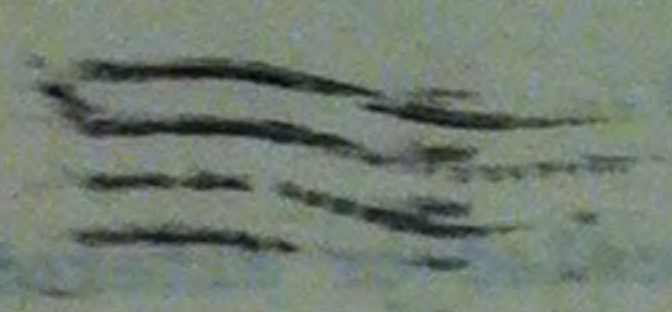


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Since the first SFWA announcement went out on January 15th, 1965, seventy-two active science fiction writers have responded to the invitation to join. They are declared to be the charter members of SFWA, and their names are listed below.

Brian W. Aldiss	Jack B. Lawson
Poul Anderson	Ursula K. LeGuin
Issac Asimov	Fritz Leiber
Alfred Bester	Edward H. Ludwig
Lloyd Biggle, Jr.	C. C. MacApp
James Blish	Robert E. Margroff
Ben Bova	Walter F. Moudy
Leigh Brackett	Kris Neville
Marion Zimmer Bradley	John S. Niendorff
Jonathan Brand	Alan E. Nourse, M.D.
Rosel George Brown	Edgar Pangborn
John Brunner	Alexei Panshin
Doris Pitkin Buck	Emil Petaja
David R. Bunch	Frederik Pohl
Arthur C. Clarke	Tom Purdom
Avram Davidson	Mack Reynolds
Jon DeCles	Walt & Leigh Richmond
Miriam Allen deFord	Robert H. Rohrer, Jr.
Gordon R. Dickson	Joanna Russ
Sonya Dorman	Fred Saberhagen
R. C. FitzPatrick	Robert Silverberg
Philip R. Geffe	Cordwainer Smith
Phyllis Gottlieb	Edward E. Smith
Ron Goulart	Jerry Sohl
James E. Gunn	Norman Spinrad
Edmond Hamilton	Theodore Sturgeon
Jim Harmon	Theodore L. Thomas
Harry Harrison	Wilson Tucker
Robert A. Heinlein	Jack Vance
Joe L. Hensley	Sydney Van Scyoc
Frank A. Javor	A. E. van Vogt
Edward Jesby	Kate Wilhelm
Damon Knight	Jack Williamson
Robert T. Kurosaka	Richard Wilson
R. A. Lafferty	Donald A. Wollheim
Keith Laumer	

Robert Silverberg

The enclosed draft of the SFWA by laws is submitted for your approval. You are not asked to vote on it now, but to read it carefully, and if in your opinion any part of it needs revision, to submit an amended version of that article or clause. Please accompany each amendment with a brief statement of your reasons, unless they are self-evident. The deadline for receipt of these amendments is March 26.

During the first week of April, the by-laws will be mimeographed again together with any amendments received, and you will then be asked to vote.

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BY-LAWS

SCIENCE FICTION WRITERS OF AMERICA

Article I

Name and Purpose

Section 1. This organization shall be known as the Science Fiction Writers of America.

Section 2. The purposes of this organization shall be to inform science fiction writers on matters of professional interest, to promote their professional welfare, and to help them deal effectively with publishers, agents, editors and anthologists.

Article II

Membership

Section 1. Any person is eligible to become or remain an active member of the Science Fiction Writers of America who has done any of the following:

1) Had a science fiction story published, for the first time, in an American magazine of general circulation, or in a collection or anthology published by an American trade publisher, within the previous two calendar years;

2) Had a science fiction novel published, for the first time, by an American trade publisher within the last five calendar years;

3) Written an original science fiction radio play or teleplay broadcast, for the first time, in America during the previous calendar year; or

4) Written a screenplay for a science fiction motion picture released, for the first time, in America during the last two calendar years.

Section 2. Any story published in a science fiction magazine of general circulation shall be considered a science fiction story.

Section 3. Any person who has done any of the things listed in Section 1, but not within the time restrictions set forth in Section 1, is eligible to become or remain an inactive member of the Science Fiction Writers of America.

Section 4. Only active members in good standing shall be eligible to run for office, hold office or vote in elections.

Article III

Officers

Section 1. The officers of this organization shall be a President, a Vice-President and a Secretary-Treasurer.

Section 2. The officers shall be elected by ballot by the active members in good standing.

Section 3. Only residents of the United States of America may be elected to office or hold office.

Section 4. The officers shall hold their respective offices for the term of one year or until their successors are elected and take office.

Section 5. The duties and powers of the officers shall be as follows:

(a) The President shall represent the organization in dealings with all other organizations and persons and may speak for the organization on all matters on which the organization has reached a consensus. He shall have the power to issue publications, appoint committees conduct correspondence and perform such other duties as are incident to his office.

(b) The Vice President shall have the power to perform any duties delegated to him by the President. He shall assume the office of President if it falls vacant, and hold it until a new President is elected.

(c) The Secretary-Treasurer's duties shall be as follows: 1) To collect all fees annual dues and subscriptions. 2) To keep an account of all monies received and expended for the use of the organization 3) To make disbursements on the written order of the President. 4) To deposit all sums received in a bank or banks 5) To make a financial report in January of each year, and at other times when called upon to do so by the President. 6) To keep a list of members in good standing and to furnish a copy of such list to the President in March of each year.

Article IV

Dues

Section 1. All members shall pay annual dues of \$3. The amount of annual dues may not be changed without the approval of a majority of the active members in good standing.

Section 2. In order to be considered a member in good standing, a member must have paid his dues in full within two months from the beginning of the calendar year.

Article V

Elections

Section 1. In January of each year the President shall request all members who desire to become or remain active members to show fulfilment of the membership requirements in Article II, Section 1. From the replies to this request he shall cause to be compiled a list of active members.

Section 2. In January of each year the President shall appoint an Election Committee of three members, of whom none shall be incumbent officers or candidates for office. The duties of the Election Committee shall be to use their best efforts to persuade qualified members to nominate themselves; to make sure if possible that at least one qualified member shall run for each elective office; to receive and count the ballots in the month of June following the nominations, and announce the results to the President.

Section 3. In March of each year, the Election Committee shall furnish to the President a list of members who shall have agreed to propose themselves for office, together with brief statements by the candidates of their qualifications and their intentions should they be elected. In the same month the President shall prepare ballots and cause a copy thereof to be mailed to the last recorded address of each member eligible to vote.

Section 4. All ballots shall have space wherein voting members may write the names of candidates not appearing on the ballot, such write-in votes to count as votes for the candidates whose names are so written in.

Section 5. To be counted, a ballot must be signed by the member who casts the ballot.

Section 6. The candidate receiving the most votes shall be elected to office.

Section 7. In case of a tie between two or more candidates, the names of the candidates so tied shall be submitted to the voting membership by ballot.

Section 8. If no Vice-President or Secretary-Treasurer shall be elected, or if, being elected, either shall refuse to serve, or if either office shall become vacant by reason of resignation, death or disability, the President shall have power to fill the vacancy by appointment. If the office of President shall fall vacant, the vacancy shall be filled by a special election, unless such vacancy occurs within the five months preceding a regular election.

Article VI

Amendments

Section 1. These by-laws may be amended, repealed or altered in whole or in part at any time by a majority vote of the qualified voters of the organization.

Submitted, February 28, 1965