

4.2 Resolution of Continuing Effect

Items under this heading may be voted upon and final action taken by the Preliminary Business Meeting.

4.2.1 Short Title: Preserving Worldcon History

Resolved, that the WSFS Business Meeting of the 71st World Science Fiction Convention endorses the activities of the Worldcon Heritage Organization, a non-profit corporation, in its purposes of acquiring, maintaining, storing, and displaying items of interest to the World Science Fiction Society as being for the benefit of WSFS as a whole, and encourages Worldcon committees with surplus to donate some of that surplus to the Worldcon Heritage Organization.

Moved: Kent Bloom

Seconded: Mark Olson

Explanation: The Worldcon Heritage Organization was incorporated last year as a Colorado non-profit corporation to be a home for the Worldcon History Exhibits. In the past, that material had been collected and maintained by fans who are now no longer willing to continue the activity.

Because we thought it would be good to keep this work going, a group of fans got together to take this on. To keep this work going, we have created the Worldcon Heritage Organization, a non-profit with this purpose:

“One of the principal purposes of the Organization shall be the acquiring, maintaining, storing, and displaying items of interest to the World Science Fiction Society, including but not limited to providing items for display at the World Science Fiction Convention.”

The Organization was started up with a donation from Renovation, which has paid for a year’s storage for the exhibits and some miscellaneous startup costs. At the moment, there is enough money to pay for another year’s storage, plus probably enough to file an application for recognition as a public charity with the IRS.

The collection includes the History of Worldcons exhibit (Hugo Trophies, program books, convention souvenirs, and other miscellaneous physical items) formerly held by Bruce Pelz. We would like to be able to add to the collection, for example, by purchasing Hugo trophies and program books that are not currently in the collection, if they become available, as well as accepting donations of like materials. This means we need to build up a small surplus in addition to current expenses.

Current expenses include:

- climate-controlled storage that includes insurance (about \$2,200 per year, although if we ship half the exhibits to LonCon we may be able to cut back to a smaller unit at \$1,800 per year).

- We need a couple of hundred dollars a year in supplies (for maintenance and repair of the exhibits) and for labels.
- We would like to acquire more robust packing materials for some of the bulky objects like Hugo trophies.
- We need to pay a hundred dollars or so in government fees to maintain legal status.
- We need to acquire additional shipping cases as the exhibits grow (about \$600 each).

All told, that means WHO needs \$3,000 to \$5,000 per year. Currently, Worldcons have been paying for shipping (both ways) and storage for the exhibits, so this will not be a significant addition to Worldcon expenses.

We would appreciate having the Business Meeting endorse the Worldcon Heritage Organization as a recipient of Worldcon surplus funds, as that seems to us to be an appropriate way of paying for our expenses in attempting to preserve the tangible history of the Worldcon.

Currently, the officers of the Worldcon Heritage Organization are Mary Morman, President, Laurie Mann, Secretary, and Ted Monogue, Treasurer.

Below is the current financial report for the Worldcon Heritage Organization. It should be noted that so far, supplies and legal filing fees have been covered by individuals who are participating in the Organization.

Worldcon Heritage Organization
Report for period 8/1/2012 - 8/2/2013

Current Balance as of 08/02/2013

Checking	\$2,171.37
Savings	\$500.44
Total	\$2,671.81

Income

8/29/2012 Donation from Renovation	\$5,000.00
Interest	\$0.44
Total	\$5,000.44

Expenses

9/18/2012	Storage Locker Rental 8/12-9/13	\$2,203.00
9/18/2012	Supplies for display at Chicon 7	\$125.63
	Total	\$2,328.63