

4.2.2 Short Title: Tidying Eligibility

Moved, to instruct the Secretary of the Business Meeting, under the authority of Standing Rule 4.3, to rearrange portions of Section 3 of the WSFS Constitution to provide some simplification to the three existing Extended Eligibility clauses by ~~striking out~~ and adding words as follows:

1. Amend Section 3.2:

~~3.2.2: A work originally appearing in a language other than English shall also be eligible for the year in which it is first issued in English translation.~~

~~3.2.3: The Business Meeting may by a 3/4 vote provide that works originally published outside the United States of America and first published in the United States of America in the current year shall also be eligible for Hugo Awards given in the following year.~~

2. Amend Section 3.4:

~~Section 3.4: Extended Eligibility. In the event that a potential Hugo Award nominee receives extremely limited distribution in the year of its first publication or presentation, its eligibility may be extended for an additional year by a three fourths (3/4) vote of the intervening Business Meeting of WSFS.~~

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Maker's Statement:

Standing Rule 4.3 reads, in part:

[The] Business Meeting Secretary shall change article and section numbers, titles, and internal cross-references as necessary to maintain a consistent, parallel structure, which shall not be altered unless the Business Meeting explicitly so directs. The Business Meeting Secretary may change punctuation,

capitalization, grammar, and other wording in the Constitution and Standing Rules only insofar as such changes clarify meaning and enhance consistency, and only insofar as such changes do not modify the substantive meaning of the documents.

There is precedent in the Business Meeting instructing the Secretary to rearrange portions of the constitution for “housekeeping” matters that do not change the substantive meaning of the Constitution, but clarify its meaning and, as in this case, bring related clauses in to the same portion of the Constitution.

The main intent is to simplify and clarify the rules regarding the eligibility extensions in the WSFS Constitution, by bringing the three existing clauses together in one section. There is no material change to the content of the clauses.