

1.4 Hugo Eligibility Rest of the World (HEROW) Committee

The HEROW Committee members are: Ben Yalow (Chair), Alex von Thorn, Jim Mann, Kevin Standlee, Pat McMurray, Perianne Lurie, Vincent Docherty, Sharon Sbarsky, Tim Illingworth, Colin Harris, Ed Green, Mark Olson.

The HEROW committee recommends the adoption of a number of resolutions. In some cases, a minority of the committee proposes the adoption of amendments or further motions, which we recommend be taken up by the meeting for final disposition.

The highlights are that we recommend that the Business Meeting adopt a 2013 extension resolution, and does not adopt a 1938 extension resolution. But there's a lot more detail below, with the following resolutions:

- (a) A motion to extend the committee for another year.

1.4.1 Short title: We Need Another HEROW

Moved: to extend the HEROW committee for another year, with membership appointed by the Chair of the Business Meeting, and with the chair of the HEROW committee authorized to add members.

- (b) An extension resolution for 2013 works.

1.4.2 Short Title: This Year's Model, Part 1

Moved, to extend eligibility for all works that are allowed by a resolution under the following sections of the WSFS Constitution:

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.

3.2.4: A work shall not be eligible if in a prior year it received sufficient nominations to appear on the final award ballot. This motion extends eligibility for the Hugo Award; therefore, it requires a 3/4 vote.

Further provided that, if passed, this motion shall automatically only cover the current year Hugos, and not Retro Hugos.

Discussion:

It is the belief of this committee that an extension resolution only covers the current year Hugos, and not the Retros. The "Further provided" makes this opinion explicit.

Note: a minority of the committee believes differently and moves a substitute motion. See Minority Report #1

- (c) No extension resolution for 1938 works.

The committee also considered the question of whether to recommend a separate 3.2.3 extension covering the Retros. The committee recommends against doing so.

Note: a minority of the committee believes differently and makes a motion to extend eligibility for 1938. See Minority Report #2

- (d) Changing specific works exemption to 2/3.

1.4.3 Short Title: Two-Thirds Is Good Enough, Part 1

Moved: to amend Section 3.4 of the Constitution by replacing “three fourths (3/4)” with “two thirds (2/3)”.

Discussion:

This makes the requirement for a specific works exemption somewhat easier, by reducing the supermajority needed to pass such a resolution to the number more consistent with all of the other supermajorities needed in our rules.

- (e) Changing non-U.S. works exemption to 2/3.

1.4.4 Short title: Two-Thirds Is Good Enough, Part 2

Moved: to amend Section 3.2.3 of the Constitution by replacing “(3/4)” with “two thirds (2/3)”.

Discussion: This makes the requirement for a non-U.S. works exemption somewhat easier, by reducing the supermajority needed to pass such a resolution to the number more consistent with all of the other supermajorities needed in our rules.

Note: In addition to recommending reducing the requirement, as in the above item, a minority of the committee also recommends making the 3.2.3 extension permanent. and moves the motion as Minority report 3

1.4.5 Minority Report 1 – Amendment to Motion 1.4.2

This item is an amendment.

Moved: to amend the text following “Further provided” in (b), above, by replacing it with “Further provided that, if passed, this motion shall automatically cover both the current year Hugos, and the Retro Hugos.”

Discussion: It is unclear, from the wording in the Constitution in 3.13 (“Procedures shall be as for the current Hugos”), as to whether an extension under 3.2.3 covers both current and Retros, since there is no history saying whether the extension motion is considered to be one of the procedures that must be identical.

The opinion of the committee is that there is no such requirement; the minority believes there is, and the Business Meeting must decide that. If this amendment

passes, and the main motion then passes, then further motions concerning an extension of Retros are moot.

Proposed by: Ben Yalow and Vince Docherty

Minority Report 2

1.4.6 Short Title: This Year's Model, Part 2

This is an independent resolution.

Since Loncon3 has chosen to award Retrospective Hugos, then,

Moved to extend eligibility for all pre-1938 works that are allowed by a resolution under the following sections of the WSFS Constitution:

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.

3.2.4: A work shall not be eligible if in a prior year it received sufficient nominations to appear on the final award ballot. This motion extends eligibility for the Hugo Award; therefore, it requires a 3/4 vote.

Proposed by: Ben Yalow and Vince Docherty

Minority Report 3

1.4.7 Short Title: We Don't Need Another HEROW

This is a Constitutional amendment.

Moved, to amend the WSFS Constitution for the purpose of making permanent the Hugo Award Rest of World Eligibility Extension, by ~~striking out~~ and adding words as follows:

1. Amend Section 3.2:

3.2.1: Unless otherwise specified, Hugo Awards are given for work in the field of science fiction or fantasy appearing for the first time during the previous calendar year.

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~~ previous

calendar year shall also be eligible for Hugo Awards ~~given in the following year.~~

3.2.4: A work shall not be eligible if in a prior year it received sufficient nominations to appear on the final award ballot.

Proposed by: Vincent Docherty

Seconded by: Kevin Standlee

Commentary: The purpose of the extension has been to allow nominators to be aware of and nominate works that might not be as readily available to the critical mass of Worldcon members who actually participate in the Hugos. A general extension to 3.2.3 has been adopted in all but one year it has been proposed since 2001 (at the 2005 BM, a majority, but less than the required $\frac{3}{4}$, voted in favour). It is proposed to treat all but specific-work extensions in the same way as the English Language extension 3.2.2 that already does not need Business Meeting Approval. In effect, this change provides additional guidance to the Hugo Administrator. In practice the number of works likely to be affected will be limited.

Additional benefits of a general extension include:

- Nominators will have an extra 6 months or more (the date of the preceding WSFS BM v the close of the nomination period) to identify possible works;
- Any works extended will not be listed in the ballot instructions (as specific extensions usually are) and so will not receive additional visibility compared to other potential nominees.
- If this proposal is passed and ratified, the work of the HEROW subcommittee can be concluded.