

Instant Message

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NESFA Meeting Attendance List (2023-11-12)@

Gloria Albasi	Dave Cantor%	Rick Kovalcik	Mary Olszowka%	Kylie Selkirk%
Dave Anderson%	David D'Antonio*	Ellen Kranzer*	Peter Olszowka	Tim Szczesuil
Ted Atwood*	Gay Ellen Dennett	Suford Lewis	Kelly Persons%	Margo Williams*
Judith Bemis	Jan Dumas	Tony Lewis	Michael Rasnick%	Walter Williams*
James Boggie	Maria Eskinazi	Paula Lieberman	Tim Roberge*	Ben Yalow
Wes Brodsky	Dave Grubbs	Ken London	Joe Ross%	
Ann Broomhead	Chip Hitchcock	Robert Luoma	Sharon Sbarsky	
Rodger Burns*	Mike Kerpan	Terry Neill*	Kristin Seibert%	

@ This month everyone attended via Zoom * Boskone meeting only % Business meeting only

Proxies (for Business meeting only): no proxies

[Boskone Meeting started at 12:05 pm EST]

(MIKE KERPAN): Jeff Keller is sending email to each guest about the hotel and the short story contest.

PLAQUES (TONY LEWIS):

Tony Lewis has ordered the Plaques, except for the Jack Gaughan award.

Sharon Sbarsky said that there has been difficulty with getting a confirmation from the third judge for the Gaughan Award.

CARTOGRAPHY/LAYOUT (CHIP HITCHCOCK):

Chip has been working with Bill Todd on the game room.

Andrea Senchy indicated that the art show layout is okay.

Chip has done some work on the river of darkness in the Dealers' area.

TREASURY (JUDY BEMIS):

We have opened art show and dealers. We have taken in money as of Wednesday.

ECOMMERCE (SHARON SBARSKY):

We are now using Square for memberships but not for art show or dealers. For Square, there was a problem with automated receipts.

PROGRAM (RODGER BURNS):

Programming invitations have been sent to roughly 200 people. Next we need to get some topics loaded in so people can start indicating their interests. We need the survey out by the end of this month.

DRAGONSLAIR (JAN DUMAS):

While Jan does not change the Dragonslair panels much from year to year, she would like to put them into Zambia as soon as possible. She needs to talk to music, art show and a few others.

MUSIC/FILK (ELLEN KRANZER):

Potentially, there is a French steampunk duo, but there is some question whether they are looking for a paying gig (no budget for it) or just selling some merchandise (has been done in the past); they would need a full stage with a suitable sound system.

There was a discussion on past instances of participants selling merchandise. Suford pointed out that we need to get sales tax info from everyone who wants to sell stuff.

EVENTS (DAVID D'ANTONIO):

I have sent out emails to previous performers. The Mrs. Hawking group indicated that they wanted to perform but I need to check with tech.

GAMING (BILL TODD):

Bill has a preliminary schedule.

Queries need to be sent to Anime to check on status.

ART SHOW (ANDREA SENCHY):

We have artists who have not shown before. We should have a good art show.

DANCE (KRISTIN SEIBERT):

Dance has its own tech needs and might need to interface with other divisions such as hotel and Zambia (program). Dance is going to be in Marina One.

Gay Ellen Dennett said that we will have a dance floor.

DEALERS' ROOM (WALTER WILLIAMS, ANGELA JONES):

There was a discussion about listing links for those dealers with websites.

As mentioned above, Chip is working on the river of darkness in the dealers' area.

Money is being collected for the tables. All dealers also have memberships.

FAN TABLES (GERI SULLIVAN):

In addition to the regular in-person fan tables, there have been queries about online fan tables.

There was a discussion on Authors Alley (tax info needed for those selling books).

There was a discussion concerning discord.

HOTEL LIAISON (GAY ELLEN DENNETT):

Get your reservation in because we seem to be sharing with another group. In particular, the hotel seems to be running out of suites. The convention should reserve rooms for our guest of honor.

So far, the only room parties are for Albacon and Glasgow (Worldcon).

SIGN SHOP (ROBERT LUOMA): Report next month.**RIBBONS (SHARON SBARSKY):**

I need to get the Arisia order in first (to avoid confusion).

TECH (PAULA LIEBERMAN) / IT SUPPORT (TIM ROBERGE):

Chip needs to know who is responsible for Harbor 1 (the hybrid room).

Aside from Harbor 1, we need to know if there are other networking needs.

Tim Roberge asks who needs access to a printer. Based on previous years, at-door registration may have tech problems. If possible, try to get tech requests (network, printer or otherwise) as early as possible.

Gay Ellen Dennett wants to get in writing the request for the network connection needed for streaming.

There was a discussion on a/c power. Things will be different because consuite has been moved to a hotel room.

LOGISTICS (RICK KOVALCIK):

We will need two trips because of the dance stage. Since this year Monday is not a holiday, getting to Arisia storage will be hard during rush hour. We don't have space for two trucks or drivers for two trucks.

STAFF DEN (JONI BRILL DASHOFF): no report

PRE-REGISTRATION (SHARON SBARSKY):

There are some rollovers, and a lot of people bought memberships at Boskone 60. We have all the people who purchased online. There are still issues (such as “mascot” memberships). We’re probably looking at another 1,000 to 1,200 person con, but it’s still a bit early to tell.

We have not yet started selling virtual memberships (\$12.61).

CON SUITE (MARIA ESKINAZI):

I have the layout for the Con Suite. I would like to purchase a special power strip that is made for percolators and coffee pots.

There was a discussion on the lack of corkage waiver for the Galleria (including the Dealers’ Room). It was also mentioned that the hotel is cranky about (non-hotel) food.

There will be allergy notices on the food.

Also there are plans to show (out-of-copyright) movies at the Con Suite.

FLYERS (MIKE KERPAN AND RICK KOVALCIK):

There will be flyers at the Clubhouse for people to pick up and distribute.

POCKET PROGRAM (SKIP MORRIS):

Several people emphasized that there should be no cutting involved in making the pocket program; we don’t have the people points to cut paper.

SOUVENIR BOOK:

We need someone to create the Souvenir Book.

HELMUTH (TONY LEWIS):

I request artwork from the GOH.

The online rate was set at \$12.61 at the October Business Meeting.

Frank Wu wants to announce and present the Frank R. Paul awards at Boskone. It was suggested that we contact Frank to ask if he would be willing to participate in our usual award presentations during our main Saturday night event.

Further information can be found at <http://frankwu.com/frankrpaulawards.html>

It was also suggested that we ask Frank if he is willing to be our third judge for the Gaughan Award.

Terry Neill asked if we are running out of stickers for day badges.

The Boskone Meeting was adjourned at 1:45 PM EDT

NESFA Business Meeting 2023-11-12

Meeting started at 2:00 PM EDT

Ask the Clerk to enable the recording and transcription function.

Call for amanuenses (notes takers).

Call the meeting to order at 2:00 PM EDT.

Quorum for a meeting is 30% of the regular membership. Currently that is 8 regular members (30% of 25 regular members).

Asked if there are any votes-by-secret-ballot expected, so that the Rules Committee (Dave Anderson) can start to prepare them.
None expected

CORRECTIONS TO THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: none

CALL FOR PROXIES: none

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (RICK KOVALCIK):

I've been spending some time going over NESFA's finances. Besides getting rid of the dumpster, there have been a couple of other things I've been working on.

Our insurance policy increased from about \$9k last year to about \$11k this year. Dave Cantor was asked to find out what savings were possible.

The options are:

- Quote #1 - \$5,000 Deductible (from \$1,000) - annual savings \$1,308
- Quote #2 - Clubhouse Contents at \$110,000 (from \$160,000) with \$1,000 Deductible. Annual savings \$607
- Quote #3 - Clubhouse Contents at \$110,000 with \$5,000 Deductible. Annual savings \$1,818

Unless there is any objection, we will be going with option 3, which brings the policy down to about what we paid last year.

The other thing I've been working on is dealing with some mysterious ACH charges on the NESFA bank account. It turns out that they're coming from a long-ago credit card processor that we haven't used in at least five years. We'll be trying to get this canceled ASAP and also trying to get refunds.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT (SHARON SBARSKY):

We had a request from Frank Wu to add the revived Frank Paul award ceremony to our award ceremony, but we are talking to Boskone about that.

TREASURER'S REPORT (ANN BROOMHEAD):

October 2023

Checking	\$39,838.73
Boskone 60/61	\$15,355.31
PayPal	\$8,216.30
Postage	\$17.40
Total	\$63,427.74

Increase: \$1,921.32

CLERK'S REPORT (ROBERT LUOMA):

As usual the *IM* was produced ten days after the business meeting. Dues-due notices also went out. Due to Thanksgiving, the *IM* may be published on a different schedule this month.

E-BOARD REPORT (ROBERT LUOMA):

No eboard activity to report.

MAIL ROOM REPORT (DAVE CANTOR):

Nothing of note (i.e., no anomalies).

RULES COMMITTEE REPORT (DAVE ANDERSON): No report

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT (WES BRODSKY):

New members since the previous report:

Subscribing:

Monika Balkind

Cole Garvey

Maureen Elliott

Kelsey Coffin (Returned after hiatus since 2016)

Family Dependency:

Abigail Daltas

Affiliate:

National Fantasy Fan Federation (N3F)

Pat Lang has been transferred to Inactive Membership.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT (TIM SZCZESUIL):

Thanks to Sharon, Rick, and Ann for their assistance with our Form 990 preparation. We're nearly ready to submit the form electronically. Paper submission is no longer allowed. I expect to file within the next couple of days.

BOSKONE 61 REPORT (MICHAEL KERPAN):

We had a Boskone meeting. There will be a Boskone. Progress is being made. If you want details, read the Boskone report in the Boskone meeting section of this *IM*.

NESFA PRESS REPORT (DAVE GRUBBS):**News:**

- On October 22, 2023, we posted versions of all six Zelazny ebooks to all three of our sales sites, satisfying our contract with the Zelazny estate by beating the October 29 deadline. The ebook for Zelazny Volume 3 (*This Mortal Mountain*) was posted without the Ellison collaboration because we had not concluded the permissions discussions with the rights holder.
- On October 31, we received full permission to include the Ellison collaboration, which allowed us to update the posted files with complete, unredacted files for all six Zelazny ebooks. The ebooks now on sale have the same contents as the hardcover volumes we have had on sale since 2009.
- The six Zelazny ebooks were available immediately on our own site and accepted quickly by Smashwords, which supplies non-Amazon sites such as Apple, Kobo, and Barnes & Noble. Amazon had some rights questions that were settled in a few days, so the six Zelazny ebooks are now also available on Amazon.
- We were approached by EBSCO Information Services a couple of years ago. They offer database search facilities primarily to academic libraries. They wanted electronic copies of a number of our books for their archives. We earlier sent them all but two of the books they requested. The final two had to be recovered from archival sources and were transmitted to EBSCO a few days after the NESFA Business Meeting.
- We recently noticed that we were offering Volume 2 of the NESFA Hymnal for sale on our website but not Volume 1. While locating a copy of Volume 2 to ship, we found a box of Volume 1 (second edition). No one contacted (including Tony Lewis, Joe Ross, and Ellen Kranzer) could figure out why we weren't selling it; the best guess is that we thought it was out of print; we apparently have the rights to sell it based on the copyright and explanation in the Introduction to Volume 1. Therefore, we plan to make this (Volume 1 of the NESFA Hymnal) available for sale again on our website.

Printed Books:

- No printed book projects are in progress or even on the queue. We continue to seek more hardcover projects.
- Unfulfilled requests received: [Same as last month. No one has stepped up to be a honcho for any of these.]:
 - * to create a collection of Robert Abernathy's writings.
 - * to bring Ursula Le Guin's *The Language of the Night* back into print. (Amazon sells only used copies. \$86/hardcover, \$54/trade-paper, \$90/mass-paper.)

eBooks:

- The ebook state of *Living in the Future* will be posted soon. (no change from last month)
- The six Zelazny ebooks are now on sale. We have seen a few dozen purchases, mostly of all six volumes, over the past two weeks.
- Jim Mann continues work on the InDesign base files for Tenn's *Here Comes Civilization*, which we'll turn into an ebook when he is done.

- Other ebook projects still pending or potential: (No change from last month.)
 - * John Myers Myers's *Silverlock*
 - * Tony Lewis's *Concordance to Cordwainer Smith*
 - * Chris Kovacs's *Ides of October*
 - * Several other potential projects await permissions and the energy to approach them.

Technical items:

- Our master ISBNs file is in the NESFA Press Google Drive in 01-Management/Catalog/ISBNs.docx.

NESFA SALES REPORT (TIM SZCZESUIL):

Sales continue.

E-COMMERCE REPORT (SHARON SBARSKY):

Hearing no objection, we will do a holiday sale of 20% off physical books, including ISFiC press, starting sometime early Thanksgiving week through 31 December.

We have moved Boskone Memberships from Miva to the Balticon Reg System (which uses Square).

There was a discussion of a way of allowing NESFA Memberships to auto-renew.

SALES AT CONVENTIONS (BOSKONE) (SUFORD LEWIS): no report

CLUBHOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT (RICK KOVALCIK):

The two bathroom mirrors were replaced.

The tree at the end of the driveway has been removed to make it easier and safer to get a truck in and out. The first two quotes came in at \$1000 and \$1550. Fortunately, we were able to find a third quote for \$600 and went with that third quote, and it was done in a day.

Move to repeal 1.17(15)M and any amendments since it was last published (Kovalcik, Peter O.):

1.17(15)M

COVID Pandemic

(a) The Clubhouse is in limited use, allowing only essential NESFA work plus anything else allowed by subsection 1.17(15). [9/20, from a Zoom transcript. 5/21, allow use of the library. 7/21, allow more general use.]

(b) People who can be vaccinated must be vaccinated to use the clubhouse and do not need to wear masks; anyone over the age of two who cannot be vaccinated must wear a mask to use the clubhouse. [10/20, from a Zoom transcript. 7/21, was everyone must be masked.]

(c) The maximum number of people allowed in the clubhouse at any one time (including for events) varies based mostly on the CDC classification of the Middlesex County risk level for COVID-19 or any other similar disease:

- 24 if the level is low or the CDC doesn't classify
- 18 if the level is medium
- 12 if the level is high or an indoor mask requirement is in effect

The Executive Board may set a limit for any additional classification that the CDC may declare, which may be changed by a majority vote of the Membership. Event organizers may specify a lower limit for their event. Two of those slots are reserved for people doing NESFA work who have announced their schedule at least 24 hours in advance." [5/21. 7/21, raise the limit from 6 to 12, require 2 reserved slots. 7/22, change the limit to 12/18/24 based mostly on CDC risk level, make explicit that event organizers may lower the limit, authorize the EBoard to set limits for new CDC classifications.]

(d) NESFA key-holders may sign up for office hours to allow non-key-holders to use the library. Hours will be posted on the doors and online. [5/21. 7/21, moved limit on number of people to (c).]

(e) Game Days and Video Days are allowed, but all attendees must sign up in advance. [7/21]

(f) Everyone should use hand sanitizer or wash their hands when they enter the clubhouse and at other appropriate times. [10/20, from a Zoom transcript.]

(g) There shall be a paper log at the clubhouse in which people should sign in and out with their date and time of arrival or departure. Notify the Executive Board and the Clubhouse Committee if you later test positive for COVID or discover that you had been in contact with someone who tests positive. [10/20, from a Zoom transcript.]

(h) Anyone in the clubhouse MUST follow the most restrictive of current Federal (including CDC), State (Massachusetts), Local (Somerville), and Standing Rules GUIDANCE regarding the use of masks and occupancy limits effective for Somerville. [8/21. See current CDC guidance.]

(i) Whenever masks are required for everyone in the clubhouse and people from more than one household are present in a room, no eating or drinking (except if using a straw under a mask) is allowed in that room. [8/21. 10/21, treat each room separately.]

(j) Everyone SHOULD announce on the nesfa-active mailing list their plans (date and time period) to use the clubhouse. [5/22]

Chair rules that this would not preclude individual events from setting their own requirements (including masking, attendance limits, or signing up in advance, etc.) as long they are announced at a business meeting [which would give the club a chance to overrule the rules].

Question was called (19 to 0).

Main motion passes (21 to 1).

IT COMMITTEE REPORT (SHARON SBARSKY):

The Library Server was updated from a slow Raspberry Pi to a loaner 10-year-old laptop, which is orders of magnitude faster than the Raspberry Pi. There was a question of whether we need more scanners. We have nine scanners, including two of the good Honeywell scanners. The Library Committee should look into whether we need more scanners and what type we should buy.

COMPUTER COMMITTEE REPORT (RICK KOVALCIK):

We still need to deal with the broken HP 9000 printer and the flakey HP 9000 printers.

WEB COMMITTEE REPORT (DAVE GRUBBS): No report.**SOCIAL MEDIA (SHARON SBARSKY):**

We have been posting more things to social media, especially about cataloging.

HOTEL COMMITTEE REPORT (GAY ELLEN DENNETT):

The hotel links have been activated for Boskone. Please make your reservations!

LIBRARY COMMITTEE REPORT (MIKE KERPAN):

The library cataloging project continues apace. We now have 7204 items in the catalog, an increase of 1611 from last month's report. We've been doing cataloging during open library hours on both Wednesdays and Saturdays, and it shows in the progress we've been making. We've also been working on other library projects, such as rebuilding shelves, organizing the young readers collection, and revamping our circulation policies.

The paper checkout binder has now been retired for all new checkouts. We ask that anybody checking out materials do so electronically. If something you want to check out is not yet cataloged, please bring it to a person on library duty, who will catalog it for you. If you don't have a library card, let us know and we'll make one for you. As part of the closeout of the paper binder, we've gone through and made a list of everything still signed out. We will send mail to people with long outstanding items, letting them know what they have out and asking them to return, replace, or pay for the items in question.

Additionally, after careful consideration, we've decided to limit checkouts to 60 days (a base period of 30 days plus a single renewal). This is a change from the 90 days announced in April, but it aligns better with what other libraries do, and it gives less room for folks to forget about things. If you have a specific reason to check something out for longer than 2 months, let the library committee know and we'll see what we can do. As always, items that are requested for hold or which are in high demand are due back sooner.

We've also been developing a wish list of items we want to acquire. It's available to view on the Google Drive. If you wish to donate something from the list or to suggest an item be added, please let the library committee know.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT (KRISTIN SEIBERT):

The Outreach Committee redid the window in the Flynn Room. It now has a *Nightmare Before Christmas* theme. The Outreach Committee has been posting extensively, especially about Library work at the Clubhouse.

PROCUREMENT REPORT (DAVE ANDERSON): nothing significant.

Awards:

FELLOWSHIP AWARD (JOE ROSS):

Ballots have been counted and the result reported to those who need to know. The results will be announced at Boskone.

GAUGHAN AWARD (SHARON SBARSKY):

Still looking for a third judge.

SHORT STORY CONTEST (STEVEN LEE):

All stories have been handed out to the "first round" readers for grading and review. About half of them have been returned with initial grades & reviews. I feel I'm on schedule for this.

However, I'm still waiting to hear if any of our Boskone Guests are willing/interested in being Judges. I need to know soon because if they say no, I need time to ask other people.

SKYLARK AWARD (TONY LEWIS):

Ballots have been counted and reported to those who need to know. The trophy has been ordered. The results will be announced at Boskone.

Clubhouse Activities (Wednesday Nights, Reading, Writing, Other):

They continue.

GAMING COORDINATOR REPORT (MIKE RASNICK):

We have changed, and will confirm changes today at our NESFA Business Meeting, to the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions for the Game day events. As of last Sunday's event, we will be running only one Masking Required event a month, which will take place on the first game-day Sunday of every month [which may not be the first Sunday]. One Sunday a month will still be a business meeting for Boskone and NESFA, and the rest will be Masking Optional Game days!

We have received a lot of positive feedback from this change already, and I fully expect attendance for those events to increase and to increase overall.

MEDIA COORDINATOR REPORT (MIKE KERPAN):

We continue to have monthly Media nights and watch Anime on some Wednesday nights.

(MIKE RASNICK): I would like to run a Dr. Who social event(s) at Boskone 61 if it's possible to make it happen. I must discuss and plan this with the appropriate Boskone 61 Staff. In October, I ran a Halloween-themed media event at the NESFA Club-house that went very well, and everyone enjoyed it a lot! So much so that I think that in 2024, NESFA should think about running more Halloween-themed events for the whole month of October, especially having more Saturday-night Media events. We also need to restart having our Club Halloween Party as well, but do something that actually reaches out to the local community.

MCFI LIAISON (RICK KOVALCIK):

The MCFI officers were all reelected. MCFI is in the throes of getting ready for Smofcon.

WORLDCON LIAISON (SHARON SBARSKY):

Ben Yalow reports that Chengdu was the largest Worldcon on record, with at least 6000 full attending plus 10000 one-day memberships plus various school groups coming through on tours. Hugos were awarded and site selection was won by Seattle. Online had problems, but in-person was very successful. The building the con was held in was probably one of the most beautiful that's ever held a Worldcon.

The next (2024) Worldcon will be in Glasgow. There will be a NASFiC in Buffalo as well.

<https://seattlein2025.org/>

<https://glasgow2024.org/>

<https://buffalonasfic2024.org/>

<https://tain2026.org/>

PharaohCon (Cairo, Egypt) (Replacing Jeddah) Update, October 2023: bid suspended due to not being able to obtain government permission. The committee is considering alternatives.

SILENT AND SILLY COMMITTEES: All silent.

BACK TO OUTREACH COMMITTEE:

As part of the Library Cataloging work, we have decided to have a Jelly Bean Contest on the number of books in the main collection (Fiction, not counting Anthologies, Magazines, Non-Fiction, etc., but including YA.) The person getting closest gets a one-year NESFA membership and a Boskone membership. The next two runners-up get a NESFA Press Book each. Entries are being accepted through the end of the 2023 year.

Passes 17 to 0.

OLD BUSINESS: no old business

NEW BUSINESS:

We have 632 copies of *All Our Yesterdays* on hand at PSSC. We have sold about 6 a year over the last handful of years.

Therefore Moved:

- a) We ask FANAC if they want some (if they can be delivered by fannish express or they pay the shipping) to give away as they see fit.
- b) We take a small number (50) to Boskone to give away.
- c) Once we have numbers for (a) and (b) we remove that number from PSSC and instruct PSSC to destroy whatever number is necessary to bring the total on hand at PSSC down to 132.

[This would effectively remove 500 copies of *All our Yesterdays* from PSSC.]

There was a question as to whether this was a NESFA Press book. It is.

Motion to postpone until the next meeting to allow us to figure out the price break for taking things out of PSSC vs destroying them. Passes 22 to 0.

Moved:

The Library Committee may take one copy of any book NESFA is directly selling (as opposed to books on consignment) to add to the (lending) library. If that copy is lost or damaged beyond repair they may take another copy and repeat as necessary. They may also take one boxed copy of any boxed (Boskone etc.) book to put in the "special collections" area [currently the wooden case under the microwave]. This motion shall also be interpreted to repeal SR 1.12(9)M.

[I think it is an arbitrary distinction between NESFA Press Books and SCIFI, ISFIC etc. books. If we like SCIFI, ISFIC etc books enough to sell them we should like them enough to put them in the library. Note: the motion does say "may". If the book is on consignment any damaged books would presumably go back to the owner. SR 1.12(9)M presumably was not meant to apply to books on consignment anyway.]

1.12(9)M

"When a book becomes unsaleable at regular price because of damage, it is declared a "hurt book". The Library Committee shall be given the opportunity to add the book to the library or to replace an inferior copy with it. Otherwise, the book shall be given away at Boskone or elsewhere, or sold at a reduced price. If the book is too damaged, it may be thrown away at the discretion of the Sales Committee."

Motion passes 19 to 0.

[Note: The “special collections” area is currently the wooden case under the microwave]. While looking through it to see if we had a copy there of *Once More with Footnotes* (we didn’t), I noticed that there were duplicate copies of some NESFA Press books, especially Boskone books.

So, moved:

Any duplicate books in the “special collections” (case under the microwave) area may be put up for sale as the Library Committee sees fit. If there are both a boxed and unboxed copy, it is the unboxed copy that should be sold. Any net proceeds should go toward the purchase of more or missing library books.

Motion passes 20 to 0

Also to be moved at the next meeting:

Books in the “special collections” area may be taken out of “special collections” area for reading in the clubhouse as long as there is not also a copy of that title in the regular lending library (whether checked out or not) and the book is removed from the “special collections” area by request to a regular member. If that regular member leaves the clubhouse, they must inform at least one other regular member that the book is temporarily out of the “special collections” area.

[This motion would presumably only affect things like the Indexes or Rare Books rather than most NESFA Press Books in the “special collections” area. Unless, of course, a copy of *Once More with Footnotes* magically appears in the normal library.]

(Motion Kovalcik, Kerpan)

Discussion of what the special collection is for. Much debate. Motion to postpone until the next meeting to figure that out online. Passes 15 to 6.

And finally, to be moved at the next meeting:

Unneeded ARCs [Advance Reader Copies] of NESFA Press Books or other books should be put up for sale. Any net proceeds should go toward the purchase of more or missing library books.

(Kovalcik, Rasnick)

Motion to split the question. Passes 16 to 2.

Discussion about selling our ARCs.

Unneeded ARCs [Advance Reader Copies] or Galleys of NESFA Press Books should be put up for sale. Any net proceeds should go toward the purchase of more or missing library books.

Passes 11 to 4

Unneeded ARCs [Advance Reader Copies] of other (non-NESFA) books may be put up for sale. Any net proceeds should go toward the purchase of more or missing library books.

Passes 12 to 2.

TIMES AND PLACES OF FUTURE EVENTS:

see In Times To Come

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

NETWORKING REQUESTS (WHO NEEDS TO TALK TO WHOM AFTER THE MEETING IN BREAKOUT ROOMS)

[NESFA BUSINESS MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:15 PM EST]

The Official NESFA Glossary

B99 • Boskone 99

CH • Clubhouse

CotBH • Committee of the Black Hole (a humorous term for Committee of the Whole)

CotW • Committee of the Whole

EBoard • NESFA Executive board (President, VP, Treasurer, Clerk)

FN • Fellow of NESFA

GED • Gay Ellen Dennett

IM • *Instant Message* (this publication)

MCFI • Massachusetts Convention Fandom, Inc.

MCP(U) • Motion from committee passed (unanimously)

MF • Motion failed

MP • Motion passed

MPH • Motion passed and Hartered

MPU • Motion passed unanimously

MSP • Motion seconded and passed

MSPH • Motion seconded, passed, and Hartered

MSPU • Motion seconded and passed unanimously

OM • Other Meeting

PSSC • Publishers’ Storage

Raz • Michael Rasnick

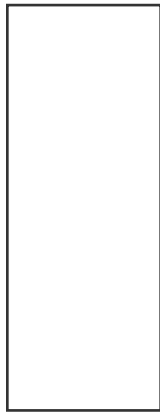
RKov • Rick Kovalcik

UC • Unanimous Consent

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In Times To Come

(See www.nesfa.org/events for the full schedule)

- Nov 25** noon-midnight • **Turkey Fest Movie Day**. At clubhouse
- Nov 26** noon-10pm • **Game Day** mask optional. At clubhouse
- Dec 1-3** • **Smofcon 40** in Providence, RI
- Dec 3** noon-10pm • **Game Day** mask required. At clubhouse
- Dec 8** 7-10pm • **NESFA Reading Group** via Zoom
Book: *Sourdough* by Robin Sloan
- Dec 9** 2pm • **APAs Everywhere**. FANAC Fan History Zoom session.
To attend, please send a note to fanac@fanac.org
- Dec 9** 7pm-midnight • **Dr Who meet up & social**. At clubhouse
- Dec 10** noon-whenver • **Boskone Meeting (Noon) and NESFA Business Meeting** (no earlier than 2PM)
- Dec 16** 6-10pm • **Media Night**. SF/Fantasy media, anime, and the like. At clubhouse
- Dec 17** noon-10pm • **Game Day** mask optional. At clubhouse
- Dec 24** noon-midnight • **Bah-Humbug! Game Day** mask optional.
RSVP requested gaming-coordinator@nesfa.org. At clubhouse
- Dec 25** noon-midnight • **Bah-Humbug! Game Day** mask optional.
RSVP requested gaming-coordinator@nesfa.org. At clubhouse
- Jan 5, 2024** 7-10pm • **NESFA Reading Group** via Zoom
Book: *Police Your Planet* by Lester del Rey
- Jan 7, 2024** noon-whenver • **Boskone Meeting (Noon) and NESFA Business Meeting** (no earlier than 2PM)

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- Jan 12-15, 2024** • **Arisia 2024** in Boston, MA
- Feb 2, 2024** 7-10pm • **NESFA Reading Group** via Zoom
Book: *The King of Elfland's Daughter* by Lord Dunsany
- Feb 3, 2024** 1pm • **Boskone work session**
- Feb 4, 2024** noon-whenver • **Boskone Meeting (Noon) and NESFA Business Meeting** (no earlier than 2PM)
- Feb 9-11, 2024** • **Boskone 61** at The Westin Boston Seaport District Hotel; 425 Summer Street, Boston, MA 02210
- Mar 1** 7-10pm • **NESFA Reading Group** via Zoom
Book: *Elfelheim* by Michael Flynn
- Mar 29-Apr 1, 2024** • **Levitation 2024** at Telford, Shropshire, England and online
- Apr 8, 2024** • **solar eclipse** (totality in parts of New England)
- May 3-5, 2024** • **HELIOsphere** in Piscataway, NJ
- May 24-27, 2024** • **Balticon 58** in Baltimore, MD
- Jul 11-14, 2024** • **Readercon 33** Quincy Marriott in Quincy, MA
- Jul 18-21, 2024** • **NASFiC 2024** in Buffalo, NY
- Aug 8-12, 2024** • **Glasgow 2024** in Glasgow, Scotland
- Sep 27-29, 2024** • **Capclave** in Rockville, MD.
- Aug 13-17, 2025** • **Seattle Worldcon 2025** in Seattle, WA