

Central Arizona Speculative Fiction Society

General Meeting Minutes

1998

Minutes From the Meeting May 29, 1998

Guests

- Alyson Bishop
- Julie Douglas
- Alda Fox
- Becky Fox
- Marguerite Murray
- Michael Griffin
- Nick Schumacher

Secretary's Report

- Waived the reading of the minutes.

Treasurer's Report

- Attached.
- Voted to accept the report as read. **Many - 0 - 2**

Committee Reports

1. *HexaCon 8*

- Proceeding apace.
- Steve Jackson will hopefully be at Hex. They sent bumper stickers, which Ozzie joyfully distributed.
- Decision Games will be present and possibly play-testing.
- There have been some dealer problems – an aftermath from last year.
- Otherwise, everything is OK.

2. *CASFS Board*

- All members were present.
- Business was approved.
- Doug Cosper passed the Fannish Database to Craig Dyer, who will write up policies for the maintenance of same.
- Adam Niswander wants to be reminded of the next meeting.
- Brian Korn was accepted as CASFS Auditor; Pat Connors is the backup.

3. *Book Festival*

- A follow-up letter was received.
- Next year's Festival is scheduled for April 10.

4. *CopperCon 18*

- The next meetings will take place: 6/7, 7/18, 8/19, and 8/30. All will begin at 6:00 p.m. at the CASFS JB's.

- The convention still needs: a Hotel Liaison, a Volunteers Coordinator, a Publicity person, and a Registration person. *Please* contact Jim Cryer to volunteer.

5. *ConNotations*

- The next deadline is June 1st.
- Some books remain; please take and review!
- Stephanie has a list of promotional material from ConNotations, if anyone is interested in looking at it.

Old Business

1. *Bylaw Voting*

- Dave is withdrawing Amendment F for the time being.
- All other amendments attached.
- Amendment B was tabled.
- Bruce read the active members' names.
- Voting:
 - a. Amendment A: **19 -- 4 -- 0 Approved.**
 - b. Amendment C: **16 - 5 -- 2 Approved.**
 - c. Amendment D: **21 - 2 - 0 Approved.**
 - d. Amendment E: **21 - 2 - 0 Approved.**

All Amendments Pass.

2. *Belle Relaford* requested that people please control their children during meetings.

3. *Leprecon & the Shed*

- Matt Frederick proposed that we forgive the \$900 debt owed to us by Leprecon for the shed.
- It was discussed – what are the legal implications? Why should it be forgiven? Let sleeping dogs lie. The shed is an asset – might it not be better for all concerned to let the debt stand?
- Charles Jarvis, a member of the Leprecon board, stated that he as an individual appreciated the sentiment.
- Norman Porter suggested that we arrange for Leprecon to make payments of a minimum of \$1.00 a month at 0% interest.
- Frances Burns pointed out that Leprecon hadn't asked for the debt to be dropped; why should we do anything at all right now?
- Matt Frederick pointed out that he wants CASFS to *donate* the \$900.00 because it is a charitable organization.
- Voting:
 - a. First vote: **11 - 11 - 5 Tie.**
 - b. Second vote: **15 - 12 -- 3 Approved.**

Motion passes. The debt to Leprecon, Inc. is forgiven.

New Business

1. *Book Discussions*

- Pat Connors has found two places willing to work with us on having book discussions: the Glendale Public Library and Barnes & Noble Metrocenter.
- Lee Whiteside noted that the *Arizona Republic* frequently lists book discussions. Having them could be good publicity.
- Pat proposed that CASFS lend their name and spring for some publicity to support book discussions.
- Jim named **Pat Connors** as the **Book Discussion Committee**. See Pat after the meeting to volunteer.

2. *CopperCon 20*

- David Hungerford moved that CopperCon 20 voting be pushed back to the December elections because of the uncertainty of the pending WesterColt 2000 bid.
 - Frances Burns amended the motion to push it back to July instead.
 - Voting:
 - a. **Most - 2-4 Approved.**
- Motion passes. Voting for CopperCon 20 will take place at the July, 1998 meeting.**

Nominations

1. *President*

- Member up for re-election: Jim Cryer.
- Nominated:
 - **Jim Cryer**
 - **Frances Burns**
 - **Charles Jarvis**

2. *Vice President*

- Member up for re-election: Jerry Edwards.
- Nominated:
 - **David Hungerford**
 - **Matthew Frederick**
 - **Randall Whitlock (DECLINE)**
 - **Belle Relaford**

3. *Secretary*

- Member up for re-election: Diane Elliott.
- Nominated:
 - **Angel Trinkle**
 - **Diane Elliott**

4. *Treasurer*

- Member up for re-election: Bruce Farr.
- Nominated:
 - **Bruce Farr**
- Bruce's response: "That's cruel."

5. *Board of Directors*

- Members up for re-election: Pat Connors, Jeff George, & Jim Strait.
- Nominated:
 - **Pat Connors**
 - **Jeff George**
 - **Lea Farr**
 - **Margaret Grady**
 - **Belle Relaford**
 - **Craig Dyer**

6. *HexaCon 10 "Hexadecimal"*

- Jeff George moved that the voting be pushed back to July for HexaCon.
 - Voting:
 - a. **Most - 1-1 Approved.**
- Motion passes. HexaCon officers will be elected at the July, 1998 meeting.**

Announcements

- Dan & Debbie Smith are at the hospital having a baby.
- Jeff Hitchin is CopperCon 18's Filk Guest of Honor.
- Clara Laurence was shot to death earlier this week. There will be a dance Friday night at CorsairCon in her memory.
- CorsairCon:
 - CASFS members with their membership cards will get into CorsairCon for \$20.00.
 - Corsair sent CASFS a lovely letter thanking the membership for the grant.
- Pat Connors & Shahn Cornell have been elected as Westercolt 2000 chairman and banker.
- Ozzie Osman has a Spam poster.
- Ozzie Osman presented a plaque to Normie Porter & Becca Davies for LepreCon 24's Staff Lounge.
- We are bidding for Westercon in 2000. *Please* vote! Westercon is in San Diego this year. Many details were explained.
- The Changing Hands Bookstore at Guadalupe and McClintock is having Alan Dean Foster on June 6 for a signing.
- Babylon 5:

- Lee is getting 6 new episodic Babylon 5 CDs.
- There will be 4 new episodes airing in May & June.
- *Thirdspace* will air July 19.
- *River Of Souls* will air in November.
- *A Call To Arms* will air in January.
- Jeff Conaway will appear in *Crusade*.
- There is a Creation Con this weekend, featuring Leonard Nimoy on Saturday, and Salmonius on Sunday.
- Slanted Fedora is holding a convention next weekend in Tucson, with Jimmy Doohan, Nichelle Nichols, George Takei, Walter Koenig, Stephen Furst, and Chase Masterson.

The meeting was adjourned.

Received:

- Thank-you letter from CorsairCon
- Bylaw amendments
- Treasurer's Report
- ConNotations Report

Proxies:

- Diane Elliott
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Motions Passed

- Accept the Treasurer's Report as written.
- Accept bylaw amendments A, C, D, and E.
- Forgive the \$900 debt of Leprecon, Inc.
- Voting for CopperCon 20 will take place at the July, 1998 meeting.
- Voting for HexaCon 10 will take place at the July, 1998 meeting.

Committees Formed

1. Book Discussion Committee.
 - Purpose: to coordinate book discussions at various locations.
 - Chairman: Pat Connors

Minutes From the Meeting June 26, 1998

Guests

- Alyson Bishop
- Alda Fox
- Melissa Tribble
- Meredith Julian
- Tasha Cady
- Chuck Cady
- Michael Griffin
- Marguerite Murray
- Karin Rosmalen

Neither the President nor the Vice President is present, so the Procedural Secretary is running the meeting.

Secretary's Report

- Waived the reading of the minutes. 18 - 1 - 3

Treasurer's Report

- Waived the reading of the treasurer's report. 17- 2 - 3

Committee Reports

1. *HexaCon 8*

- Lots of maps were handed around.
- Ozzie is busy all weekend; if you have any questions or concerns regarding Hex, talk to Susan Uttke.
- The program book deadline is June 30th.

2. *CASFS Board*

- All business was ratified.
- The HexaCon 9 contract will be available for review at 8:00 p.m.
- \$1,000.00 was transferred to the ConNotations account.

3. *CopperCon 18*

- As the chair was not present, no CopperCon 18 report was given.

4. *ConNotations*

- Great issue!
- The next deadline is August 1st.
- Please look at and take the review books, or they'll be donated to VN SA at CopperCon.

- ConNotations' financial records for Volume 8, Issue 2 were distributed. Other records are available for everyone's perusal.
- Stephanie Bannon was applauded for producing the issue on time.

Old Business

1. *Book Discussions*

Nothing was done for this meeting.

New Business

1. *Phoenix Public Library* is having a SF festival in October, and would like to borrow our mailing list for a one-time mailing.

- It was moved and seconded that we donate a set of completed mailing labels.
- Voting:
 - a. **Lots - 0 - 0 Approved.**
 - b. **Motion passes. CASFS will donate a set of mailing labels to the Phoenix Public Library SF Festival.**

2. *CorsairCon*

- Corsair was a success!
- They are presenting CASFS with a \$350.00 donation.
- Gigi read an absolutely *glowing* letter from the hotel.

3. *Maria Holbrook* passed away on June 6th.

- Adam moved to donate \$100.00 to the Lupus Foundation in memory of Maria.
- Voting:
 - a. **Lots - 0 - 0 Approved**
 - b. **Motion passes. CASFS will donate \$100.00 to the Lupus Foundation in memory of Maria Holbrook.**

Nominations

1. *President*

- Member up for re-election: Jim Cryer.
- Nominated in May:
 - **Jim Cryer**
 - **Frances Burns**
 - **Charles Jarvis**
- New Nominees:
 - **Diane Elliott (DECLINE)**

2. *Vice President*

- Member up for re-election: Jerry Edwards.
- Nominated in May:

- **David Hungerford**
- **Matthew Frederick**
- **Randall Whitlock (DECLINE)**
- **Belle Relaford**
- New Nominations:
 - NONE

3. *Secretary*

- Member up for re-election: Diane Elliott.
- Nominated in May:
 - **Angel Trinkle**
 - **Diane Elliott (DECLINE)**
- New Nominations:
 - NONE

4. *Treasurer*

- Member up for re-election: Bruce Farr.
- Nominated in May:
 - **Bruce Farr**
- New Nominations:
 - NONE

5. *Board of Directors*

- Members up for re-election: Pat Connors, Jeff George, & Jim Strait.
- Nominated in May:
 - **Pat Connors**
 - **Jeff George**
 - **Lea Farr**
 - **Margaret Grady**
 - **Belle Relaford**
 - **Craig Dyer**
- New Nominations:
 - **Jim Strait**
 - **Pete Manly**

6. *HexaCon 10 Treasurer*

- Nominations:
 - **David Hungerford**

7. *HexaCon 10 Chairman*

- Nominations:
 - **Craig Dyer**

8. *CopperCon 20 Treasurer*

- Nominations:

- **Diane Elliott (DECLINE)**
 - **Jeff George**
9. *CopperCon 20 Chairman*
- Nominations:
 - **Mark Boniece**
 - **Jim Strait (DECLINE)**

Point of order: The membership list has not been circulated at this point. Bruce Farr announced that only one member was on the cusp, and he is aware that said member is present.

Speeches were given.

Bruce Farr read the list of eligible voters.

Elections

1. *President*
 - **Frances Burns**
2. *Vice President*
 - **David Hungerford**
3. *Secretary*
 - **Angel Trinkle (by acclimation)**
4. *Treasurer*
 - **Bruce Farr (by acclimation)**
5. *Board of Directors (by a minor miracle, it only took one round of voting)*
 - **Pat Connors**
 - **Jeff George**
 - **Jim Strait**

The President-elect took a straw poll to determine when future meetings should start. It was overwhelmingly for 8:00.

Announcements*

- Maria Holbrook died on the 6th of June.
- WesterColt 2000:
 - Pick up your site selection ballots and vote for Phoenix for the 2000 WesterCon!
 - There will be a WesterCon meeting on Sunday.
 - WesterCon voting closes in one week and 23 minutes.
- DarkCon memberships are available at \$15.00. They will draw for fan GoH at CopperCon from the first 100 memberships. The date remains "in June."

- Adam Niswander's new book, *The Sanddwellers*, is out. He has copies available.
- SF Festival:
 - Meredith Julian of the Phoenix Public Library thanked us for the donation of mailing labels approved earlier in the meeting.
 - Guests for the upcoming Festival include Timothy Zahn, Robert McCall, and Danata Giancola (sp?). They are also asking R.A. Salvatore and Steve Sansweet.
 - Admission will be free.
 - Pete Manly gave a vote of confidence; he's been to Phoenix Public Library events as an author, and has been pleased.
- Babylon 5:
 - TNT's West Coast feed goes online July 1st.
- The first meeting of the Conrunners' Group will take place July 13, from 7 - 9 PM. Topic: Resources for conrunning.
- The Fabulous Phoenix Fourth will take place at Wesley Bolin Plaza on Saturday, July 4th.
- World Horror Con paid CASFS the required \$1.00 rental fee for use of shed supplies. They thanked us.
- Stephanie Bannon wants someone to come and get the ConSuite stuff from her house.

*For the sake of continuity, all the announcements are grouped together. During the meeting, the announcements were given in two groups: before nominations, and during the vote count. The announcements listed beginning with the Conrunners' Group meeting were made during the vote count. The meeting was temporarily suspended after the announcement concerning the Fabulous Phoenix Fourth for voting results.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40.

Received:

- SF Festival flyer
- ConNotations Report for Volume 8, Issue 2

Proxies:

- None
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Motions Passed

- Waive the reading of the Secretary's Report.

- Waive the reading of the Treasurer's Report.
- Donate a set of mailing labels to the Phoenix Public Library for the SF Festival.
- Donate \$100.00 to the Lupus Foundation in memory of Maria Holbrook.

Elections

- President: Frances Burns
- Vice President: David Hungerford
- Secretary: Angel Trinkle
- Treasurer: Bruce Farr
- Board of Directors: Pat Connors, Jeff George, and Jim Strait

Committees Formed

- None

Funds Committed/Received

- Committed: \$100.00 (Lupus Foundation)
- Received: \$\$350.00 (CorsairCon)

Minutes From the Meeting July 31, 1998

Guests

- Melissa Tribble
- Joe Collins
- Alda Fox
- Barry Bard, the Permanent Welcome Fixture
- Richard Bolinski, who is joining tonight
- Amy Gould
- 3 Ariline Guests

Secretary's Report

- Waved the minutes.
- The minutes were read.

Treasurer's Report

- The computer died. There is no treasurer's report or membership list.
- Voted to waive the report. **Lots - 0 - 9**

Committee Reports

1. *CopperCon 18*

- There is a meeting August 9th at 6 PM.
- The scheduled walkthrough was "unsuccessful."

2. *HexaCon 8*

- Happened! There were good things, bad things, and strange things.
- The convention received a letter from the hotel. They are remodeling their function space, were happy to have us, and want us back! (No copy was given to the secretary.)

3. *HexaCon 9*

- On track – promises to be big and better.
- We will have a sanctioned *Magic* tournament, computer gaming, Laser Tag, and maybe even a regional *Duelmasters* tournament!
- ConSuite will be relocated near gaming.
- We're beefing up publicity and advertising, including pencils and radio spots.

4. *CopperCon 19*

- We're talking to hotels. A hotel liaison is needed; to volunteer, talk to Ozzie.
- The concom has been set up in a 'mentor-protégé' style.

5. *ConNotations*

- The next deadline is tomorrow. The issue will be going to the printer on August 10, so get your submissions in now!
- The next issue will be labeled on August 16th. Be there or else.
- Books remain. Review them. This is your last chance.
- The *ConNotations* web page is updated as of today! (And there was much rejoicing.)
- Please sell ads for the next issue between August and December 1998.

6. *Book Club*

- Book discussions are scheduled at the MetroCenter Barnes & Noble on 9/24, 10/22, 11/18, and 12/16. After the New Year, it will be on the 4th Thursday of every month.
- There will be a meeting Sunday at 6 PM if anyone's interested in getting involved.
- B&N will be giving CASFS lots of free publicity!
- Stephen Donaldson will be signing at the Metro Barnes & Noble shortly before CopperCon.

7. *CASFS Board*

- Business was approved.
- A new member was accepted.
- Stephanie was reimbursed for the CASFS bulk mail permit.

8. *Book Festival*

- No firm date as yet.

9. *Venue*

- Dan Smith is willing to let the position go since he has done nothing.
- **This is an open position!**

Committees not reporting here are now dissolved.

Charles resigned as webmaster. Craig sort-of volunteered and is now official. He encouraged others to work on the web site – he wants more graphics.

Barry is contacting video and book people to give us stuff.

Stephanie is getting a regulation booklet.

Old Business

1. *CASFS Equipment*

- Diane has a broken laser printer and wants to get rid of it. It was given to the Secretary (who actually has her own working laser printer).
- The shed has a folder Ozzie is trying to fix.
- There is quite a bit of missing equipment. What computers does CASFS own and where are they? The issue is given to the board to figure out.

New Business

1. *Proposed Bylaws*

- A copy is circulating for signatures.
- 1/5 of the active membership is “roughly 8.” “7 ½ is a bit gruesome.”
- Dave Hungerford presents 4 bylaw amendments, but promises not to talk about them.
- Despite Dave’s best intentions, several people stood up to protest the vote count bylaw. Others stood up to promote it.
- Adam Niswander suggested that we add a “this person sucks” category rather than the proposed “none of the above.”
- It was moved and seconded that the discussion be tabled.
- Voting:
 - a. **Lots - 1 - 2**
 - b. **Motion passes. Discussion on the bylaws is tabled.**

2. *Registration Computers*

- Craig Dyer is putting together 2 computers as a permanent registration system.
- Doug Cospier also has computers he’s willing to loan for use as a registration system.

Nominations

1. *HexaCon 10 Chairman*

- Nominated in June:
 - **Craig Dyer**
- New Nominations:
 - **Mark Boniece (DECLINE)**

2. *HexaCon 10 Banker*

- Nominated in June:
 - **(NONE)**
- New Nominations:
 - **David Hungerford**

3. *CopperCon 20 Chairman*

- Nominated in June:
 - **Mark Boniece**
 - **Jim Strait (DECLINE)**
- New Nominations:
 - **Pat Connors**

4. *CopperCon 20 Banker*

- Nominated in June:
 - **Diane Elliott (DECLINE)**

- **Jeff George**
- New Nominations:
 - **Bruce Farr (DECLINE)**

Elections

1. *HexaCon 10 Chairman*
 - **Craig Dyer (by acclimation)**
2. *HexaCon 10 Banker*
 - **David Hungerford (by acclimation)**
3. *CopperCon 20 Chairman*
 - **Mark Boniece**
4. *CopperCon 20 Banker*
 - **Jeff George (by acclimation)**

Announcements

- There will be a Conrunner's Meeting on August 17th, in the same place as last month.
- ComicCon is soon – Come!
- Becky Fox is passing out copies of T.H.E.M.'s fanzine, *Entropy*. Take a copy.
- Channel 4 in the UK will not be getting *Babylon 5* early this year.
- Casting news: *DS9*: Nicole Deboer is the new Dax, Esri. *Babylon 5*: Captain Gideon will be played by Gary Cole.
- We applaud Mark the Chair and everyone who was willing to run.

The meeting was adjourned.

Received:

- Four signed proposed bylaw amendments.
- Sealed envelope containing results of the CopperCon 20 Chairman's race.

Proxies:

- Jeff Jennings
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Motions Passed

- Waive the reading of the Treasurer's Report.
- Table the discussion on bylaw amendments.

Elections

- CopperCon 20 Chairman: Mark Boniece
- CopperCon 20 Banker: Jeff George
- HexaCon 10 Chairman: Craig Dyer
- HexaCon 10 Banker: David Hungerford

Committees Formed

- None
- The Venue Committee is currently vacant.

Funds Committed/Received

- None

Minutes From the Meeting August 28, 1998

Robert Osman passed away August 20, 1998. In his honor, *ConNotations* will be printing an obituary. CopperCon 18 has named him their Fan Guest of Honor, and will be holding a wake in ConSuite, and creating a Book of Remembrances.

Guests

- Melissa Tribble
- Larry Hallock
- David Jeppesen
- Sara "with Brian"
- Nykki Robertson

Secretary's Report

- The secretary's report was waived.

Treasurer's Report

- The attendance records have been recreated, but not the financial ones.
- Transactions in August:
 - \$1000.00 to ConNotations.
 - \$20.00 to JB's for the tip fund.

Committee Reports

1. CASFS Board

- Business was approved, including the secretary and treasurer's reports.
- Two new members were accepted.
- What and where is CASFS property?
- Who should get a P.O. Box key?
- Board officers were reelected.

2. HexaCon 9

- Talked to the SunSpree, and signed an addendum covering the problems experienced by HexaCon 8.
- Hex is focusing on enhanced publicity – including possible radio spots!
- We're happy, the hotel is happy, and all is well.

3. CopperCon 18

- A replacement has been found for ConSuite.
- The next meeting will be held on Sunday at 6:00 p.m.
- The web page has the current schedule, subject to change.

4. *HexaCon 10*

- A hotel contract has been signed(!).
- The con will be held July 13-16, 2000.

5. *CopperCon 20*

- A hotel contract will be signed in eleven days with the SunSpree.

6. *ConNotations*

- *ConNotations* was mailed.
- The next issue will be in December; if you want to sell ads, contact Stephanie at the September meeting.
- Financial records are available for review; see Stephanie or the secretary.
- Please review books – or Stephanie and her 30 pets will move in with you!

7. *Book Festival*

- The tentative date is April 10th.
- They have grants; should we apply for any of them?
- At least 1 CopperCon 18 membership. (*Ed note: There is no context given to this particular notation, and I don't remember what it means.*)

8. *Book Discussion*

- The first Book Discussion will be held on September 24 at 7:00 p.m. at Barnes & Noble.
- Barnes & Noble publishes a newsletter listing their book discussion groups, and CASFS' name is mentioned.
- Pat has been playing phone tag with the Glendale Public Library.

Old Business

All theoretical old business is tabled for this meeting.

New Business

1. *CopperCon 19*

- Mark Boniece has been appointed chairman *pro tem* to get with the hotel liaison to continue dealing with the hotel.
- The next meeting is officially notified; elections will be held.

2. *Webmaster*

- Concern was expressed over the circumstances of Charles' resignation as webmaster. He was apparently unaware that he had been replaced.
- It was resolved that CASFS should formally send letters to board-appointed officers when they are dismissed or resign.

3. *CASFS Equipment*

- Jeff Jennings asked for a show of hands of who had or knew the location of CASFS equipment.

Nominations

1. CopperCon 19 Chairman

- New Nominations:
 - **Craig Dyer**
 - **Frances Burns (DECLINE)**
 - **Pat Connors (DECLINE)**
 - **Mark Boniece (DECLINE)**
 - **Randall Whitlock (DECLINE)**
 - **Belle Relaford**

Announcements

- Brian and Sara just got engaged.
 - Most Sci Fi TV news is in *ConNotations*; look for it there.
 - Shaun Cassidy has left *Hollyweird*.
 - Peter Jackson and Miramax/New Line Cinemas are putting together a three-movie live action *Lord of the Rings* with \$130 million budgets. Filming begins in New Zealand in short order.
 - CopperCon 18's video ad begins airing starting tomorrow.
- The meeting was adjourned.
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Received:

- *ConNotations* Volume 8 Issue 3 report.

Proxies:

- None
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Motions Passed

- Waive the reading of the Secretary's Report.

Nominations

- CopperCon 19 Chairman: Craig Dyer, Belle Relaford

Committees Formed

- None
- The Venue Committee is currently vacant.

Funds Committed/Received

- None

Minutes From the Meeting September 25, 1998

Guests

- Erin Lewis
- Kevin Chasse
- Ramona Mackie
- Ray Mackie
- Benjamin Mackie
- Russ Stanley
- Cindy Smith
- Lori Lapierre
- Alyson Bishop
- Melissa Tribble

Secretary's Report

- The minutes were read. Accepted: **Most - 2 - 2.**

Treasurer's Report

- Attached.
- Bruce bounced a check. He apologized and will reimburse the organization.
- Accepted: **Lots - 0 - 1.**

Committee Reports

1. *CASFS Board*

- Business was approved, including the secretary and treasurer's reports.
- Post Office Box keys were assigned and distributed to Craig Dyer, Jeff Jennings, and Angel Trinkle.
- HexaCon will be closing its books.
- *ConNotations* bank account's signature card was dealt with.
- Potential donated computer equipment from Motorola was discussed.
- It was determined that the internal audit needs to get going.

2. *CopperCon 18*

- The wrap-up meeting was held last Sunday.
- Jim would like to thank everyone who worked on or attended the con.
- The convention at least broke even.
- Warm bodies on site: 588.

3. *HexaCon 10*

- A hotel contract has been signed.
- Guests are being approached.
- The committee is being formed.

4. *ConNotations*

- The web page has been updated.
- The deadline for the December issue will be December 1st.
- If you're interested in selling ads, *please* see Stephanie.
- Review, review, review! Or else!
- Financial information is, as always, available for review.

5. *Book Festival (October)*

- CASFS has a table starting at 9:00 AM. See Lee to volunteer!
- The Festival begins at 1:00 PM.
- There will be a club forum on Sunday.

6. *HexaCon 9*

- The committee is being put together.
- Current plans include *Magic* tournaments and a Laser Tag battle.

7. *CopperCon 19*

- The hotel contract has been signed.

8. *CopperCon 20*

- A Programming person is needed.
- The hotel contract has been signed.

9. *Book Discussion*

- One person who we didn't know showed up – it's a start!
- Overall, it was well attended and fun. "It was good to talk without playing politics."
- The next meeting will be October 22nd. The book being discussed will be *The Left Hand of Darkness*.

Old Business

1. *CASFS Equipment*

- "Working," reports the Board.

2. *CopperCon 19*

- Nominations were opened. Someone motioned to close, and Charles complained that we should let 30 seconds go by. We did. Nominations were suspended until Belle returned from the bathroom.

3. *Bylaws*

- Dave explained the bylaws being voted on tonight. All are attached.

Nominations

1. *CopperCon 19 Chairman*

- Nominated in August:
 - **Craig Dyer**
 - **Frances Burns (DECLINE)**

- Pat Connors (DECLINE)
- Mark Boniece (DECLINE)
- Randall Whitlock (DECLINE)
- Belle Relaford

Elections

1. CopperCon 19 Chairman

- Craig Dyer

3(b) Bylaws, Again

- The bylaws will be discussed one at a time.
- “It’s not a person, it’s a bylaw. Its feelings won’t be hurt.” – Dave H.
- *Amendment B (Voting)*
 - What if people aren’t aware they can run a month out?
 - It would prevent stampeding and “impulse nominations.”
 - Having a third month of elections draws it out.
 - Too much time is spent on elections as it is.
 - What if we have only one nominee, who declines at the voting meeting?
 - Extending a month is good, because it gives people time to think about whether or not they really want to run. People may not decline if given time to think.
 - Half of the meetings would involve elections!
 - People have thought about it before the meeting; if they are nominated, it’s usually because they ask to be.
 - **Voting: 5 – 21 – 4. Motion fails. The elections will not be moved back a month.**
- *Amendment C2 (Style Consistency)*
 - What is the significance of “properly nominated candidates?”
 - “Properly nominated” means *eligible* candidates who have been nominated and seconded. It would eliminate spoiled ballots.
 - **Proxy received at 9:15 PM from Sharan Hoyle.**
 - This is silly, the membership is bored. Call to question.
 - **Voting: 22 – 5 – 4. Motion passes. A more businesslike tone has been added to the bylaws.**
- *Amendment F (None of the Above)*
 - What if someone nominates everyone in the room?

- What if half the room votes for one candidate, and the other half votes for the other – and ‘none of the above’ wins?
- **Proxy received at 9:20 PM for Chris Wilcoxson.**
- In New Hampshire and Maine, if None of the Above wins, the office is not filled for that term – it remains empty. Maybe that’s a good idea.
- This will lengthen the voting process.
- If we bring back the whole bloc, won’t it happen again?
- This has nothing to do with bogus votes!!!!
- This amendment is not about streamlining. It’s about getting people who we *want*. Not who we’re ecstatically happy with, but who we can work with.
- **Proxy received at 9:25 PM for Vickie Edwards.**
- If good candidates split the votes, and we’re left with a pair of ‘losers.’ This amendment would prevent that from happening.
- If the room is split 50-50, you’re not electing the right candidate.
- **Voting: 11-14 – 5. Amendment fails. ‘None of the Above’ shall not be introduced.**
- *Amendment G (Codifies the Vote-Counting Procedure)*
 - **Proxy received (temporarily) at 9:35 PM from Diane Elliott.**
 - It’s what we’re already doing, just written down.
 - **Voting: 23 – 4 – 4. Motion passes. We will continue to count votes in precisely the same manner that we always have.**
- *Amendment H (Vote Totals)*
 - Lee called to question. Frances stated that she wanted to read it first, then called on Lee. (This amendment was discussed at length in August.)
 - Jeff Jennings pulled “the Charles clause” and asked for 30 seconds.
 - Passing this amendment could be very negative, because it eliminates the secret ballot.
 - **Voting: 6 – 23 – 1. Motion fails. Vote totals will not be available to candidates.**
 - **Diane returned and reclaimed her proxy at 9:37 PM.**

New Business

1. Pro Master Database

- We can purchase the SFWA directory for \$60.00. It was moved and seconded to do so before Lee finished speaking.
- Adam stated that we should also get the Horror Writers’ list.

- **Voting: Lots—0—0.** (Pete is out of the room.) **Motion passes. CASFS shall spend \$60.00 to purchase the SFWA directory.**

2. *HexaCon 7*

- CASFS has a problem. Dealers are unhappy because of the thefts at HexaCon. Hex 8 suffered because of it. The moratorium over talking about it has never been lifted. The situation needs to be resolved.
- Certain dealers can't go to CASFS-sponsored events because of their insurance.
- Perhaps we need to get insurance to cover dealers?
- The board should figure out a few alternatives and approach the membership with them. Former/current HexaCon chairs and dealers' room liaisons are encouraged to attend.
- An officer of CASFS with an impressive-sounding title should personally apologize.
- Let the dealers know that they're a huge draw.
- We did nothing wrong; we can't admit to anything.
- We *should* say we're sorry; we shut up and were rude to them. Under instruction, yes, but the situation stands. This is a scary world for gamers; they're struggling.
- We can't admit to anything. The letter is vital.
- We need to apologize for being rude to them. We need to apologize for the misconceptions. We need to apologize for leaving the *possibility* for theft open.
- We need to move soon on this, before the damage is totally irreparable.
- Offer the victims free ads in *ConNotations*.
- What should the CASFS representative do? Just apologize/explain? Collect comments?
- Perhaps we could acquire a small, portable security system? (We need to find out information and prices.)
- The board, Craig, and Mark (several times) need to call a special meeting to discuss options.
- Stephanie volunteered to check prices on security systems.
- Barry pointed out that they were upset because, in two years, we've said nothing. They believed the dealers' room was secure. They want an apology, and to know it won't happen again.

3. *Credit Card Machine*

- Irv Holt is selling his credit card machine for \$1500.00.
- We can upgrade our Price Club membership to Executive, and a credit card machine will only cost us \$399.00 to buy through them.
- If we have it, we can take memberships online! (With \$100.00 for Secure Certificate.)
- Stephanie will bring all information to the next meetings.

4. *Bylaws*

- Bylaws K & J were introduced.

5. *ConNotations*

- Stephanie has *one* book to review. If nobody takes it, it's going to the VNSA bin.

Announcements

The first two announcements were made during the CopperCon voting. The remainder were made in the proper place, after all business.

- Larry Niven has accepted as Author Guest of Honor for LepreCon 25.
- After much suspense, the title for the first *Star Wars* prequel was revealed as *Star Wars Episode 1: The Phantom Menace*.
- The Dead Man's Party will be October 31st. If you want to go, talk to Jeff Jennings.
- The Devonshire Ren Faire is this Saturday.
- There will be a CopperCon 19 meeting Sunday at 6:00.
- There's a web site for self-published books. See Bruce or e-mail ladya@whitemtne.com.
- There will be a meeting on October 10 at Bruce Farr's house for Bankers, Treasurers, Auditors, and check writers, to establish procedures.
- DarkCon 99 – talk to Jeff if you want to play.
- The empty table over there will be a board meeting momentarily.
- The next meeting will be October 9. Be there. The November meeting will be the 13th, and the December meeting will be the 11th.

The meeting was adjourned.

Received:

- Copy of Treasurer's Report.
- Two bylaw amendments, J and K.
- Results of CopperCon 19 Chairman vote.

Proxies:

- Sharan Hoyle
 - Vickie Edwards
 - Chris Wilcoxson
 - Diane Elliott (later reclaimed)
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Motions Passed

- Accept the Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports as read.

- Incorporate amendments C2 and G into the bylaws.
- Spend \$60.00 to purchase the SFWA membership list.

Elections

- Craig Dyer as CopperCon 19 Chairman

Committees Formed

- None
- The Venue Committee is currently vacant.

Funds Committed/Received

- \$60.00 for SFWA membership list.

Bylaws Passed

- Amendment C2: Style Consistency.
- Amendment G: Vote Counting.

Minutes From the Meeting October 9, 1998

Guests

- Darryl F. Mallett
- Melissa Tribble
- Kevin Chasse
- April May
- Erik "Hippiechick" Wennstrom
- Alda Fox
- Leslie Fish

Secretary's Report

- Moved & seconded to waive the reading of the minutes. **Lots - 2 - 2.**

Treasurer's Report

- Attached.
- Accepted: **Lots - 0 - 3.**

Committee Reports

1. *CASFS Board*

- Business was approved, including the secretary and treasurer's reports.
- Computer equipment, P.O. Box keys, and possible grants were discussed and then tabled.
- Bruce offered to take care of a past-due bill.
- A new account, for alternate HexaCon years, was started, and given \$500.00 seed money.
- Brian Korn expressed concern about the internal audit.
- A coffeepot was purchased.
- Possible solutions to the problem with dealers at HexaCon were discussed.
- There was some discussion about moving the World Fantasy Convention website to casfs.org, and it was tabled.

2. *Book Festival (October)*

- Volunteers are needed to man the table from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. next Saturday and Sunday. Several folks volunteered.
- Most of the valley's fannish organizations will have tables.
- Lee Whiteside is planning to do a 1-2 page flyer with information about CASFS (similar to last April's Book Festival Flyer).
- Lee wanted to know what non-CASFS-related publicity people have seen.
- It was moved to authorize up to \$20.00 for flyers.

- **Voting: Lots-0-0.**
3. *CopperCon 18*
 - No final figures are available.
 - No changes have taken place since the last meeting.
 - The chair and banker think we made money, but not much. At most, three numbers before the decimal point.
 4. *HexaCon 10*
 - The convention is slowly coming along.
 - Ads are being put together.
 5. *CopperCon 19*
 - We have guests: Author Guest of Honor: David Weber, and Artist Guest of Honor: Brett Bass
 - The web page is being updated.
 - Someone asked whether there would be a Bot Bash. The current plan involves moving it to HexaCon.
 - There will be a meeting Sunday at 6:00.
 6. *HexaCon 9*
 - There will be no Laser Tag.
 - Everything else is okay.
 - Mark is working on getting Wizards of the Coast to come out.
 7. *CopperCon 20*
 - Still looking for guests and input.
 - Leslie Fish volunteered to be the filk guest.

Old Business

1. *Pro Master Database*
 - A hard copy of the SFWA Directory was waved around. The directory includes a listing by area.
2. *CASFS Equipment*
 - Nothing's happened.
 - A report was made on the overhead projector – the glass is broken. It will cost \$140.00 plus shipping and handling to replace. A similar projector was seen at Staples for \$139.00 Pete Manly pointed out that glass is \$6.00 a square foot, custom cut, at Ace Hardware. He's replaced similar pieces before. Ray Gish is directed to get with Pete or Jim (Cryer?) to discuss options.
3. *Credit Card Machine*
 - Stephanie Bannon isn't here tonight, so no report was made.

New Business

1. *Robert "Ozzie" Osman*

- Leslie Fish is here looking for people to help her sort through Ozzie's papers, looking for insurance or a will.

2. *Notification*

- Tom Perry didn't get the notification for the meeting until the Monday after.
- The secretary explained that the delay in mailing was due to the fact that she didn't receive the attendance until just before the meeting. In fact, this meeting was not notified because she hadn't received attendance figures for the previous meetings until just before the meeting started. She apologizes for the delay.

Announcements

- There will be a special *Star Trek IX* promotion on November 6th. Seven people from 30 cities will be selected to attend the grand opening premiere. More information will be available next weekend; see Barry.
- The Dead Man's Party will be October 31st. If you want to go, talk to Jeff Jennings or Nola Yergen.
- Dave Hungerford will never, ever again bring five bylaws before the membership at once. From now on (after next month), there will never be more than one at a time.
- LepreCon's Local Artist guest of Honor will be Robert Peacock. Michael Whelan is a maybe.
- The next Book Discussion will be October 22nd. Under discussion will be Ursula K. LeGuin's *Left Hand of Darkness*.
- The next Conrunner's meeting will be October 19th at the IHOP by ASU. Under discussion: Hotel Liaison.
- There will be a meeting to discuss bidding for another Westercon on October 18th at the George and Dragon at 6:00 p.m.
- A LepreCon meeting will be held October 25th at 6:00 p.m. Here.
- The board meeting will surround Jeff.

The meeting was adjourned.

Received:

- Copy of Treasurer's Report.
- Current membership list, with attendance.

Proxies:

- Diane Elliott
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Motions Passed

- Accept the Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports as read.
- Spend \$20.00 on flyers for the Book Festival.

Committees Formed

- None
- The Venue Committee is currently vacant.

Funds Committed/Received

- \$20.00 for Library Book Festival flyers.

Minutes From the Meeting November 13, 1998

Guests

- Frank Malley
- Barry Bard
- George Gifford
- Gand

Secretary's Report

- Moved & seconded to waive the reading of the minutes. 16 - 8 - 3.

Treasurer's Report

- Attached.
- Accepted: **Lots - 0 - 4.**

Committee Reports

1. CASFS Board

- Attached.

2. Book Festival (October)

- The Library claims attendance of over 2,000 for the weekend.
- A thank-you letter was received.
- A few people we didn't know attended, but the club tables were in a low-traffic area, so not too many people made it back.
- The April Book Festival is charging \$50.00 for a section in a canopied area with other groups, and \$100.00 for an individual booth. It will take place April 10, 1999.
- It was moved to authorize \$50.00 for a booth. **Lots - 0 - 0.**
- Lee Whiteside is sending things to publishers to see if authors on book-signing tours will come.

3. CopperCon 18

- No changes have taken place since the last meeting.
- Pending final bills.

4. Book Discussion Group

- November 18th: Neil Gaiman's *Neverwhere* at Barnes & Noble.
- December 16th: *The Mote in God's Eye* at Glendale Public Library.
- Talk to Pat Connors to help add more libraries!
- The discussion group is important, because it means that people's first exposure to CASFS isn't a meeting.

5. *HexaCon 9*

- Gaming is being organized – especially different kinds of gaming, like chess.
- Function space has been organized.
- The next meeting is Sunday at 4:00 p.m.
- The web page is being updated.

6. *CopperCon 20*

- Looking for guests.

7. *CopperCon 19*

- The budget is being worked on.
- We still have guests (Weber and Bass).
- The next meeting is November 15th at 7:00 p.m.

8. *HexaCon 10*

- We have a hotel!
- Steve Jackson is pencilled in as a Guest of Honor.
- Wizards of the Coast has been contacted – the con is way ahead of schedule.

9. *Database*

- The database is looking good – Doug Cosper will be given a backup soon.
- Craig Dyer is looking for ways to improve it. He was given motherboards and various other computer parts, and is building machines for registration.

10. *Website*

- The web site was moved to Atlanta last month, and things have been disappearing. Craig is working on finding a new way to update the site.
- Nick Schumacher asked that Craig let him know if there are further problems with the site.
- On January 1st, the fourth quarter 1998 issue of *ConNotations* will go online.

11. *ConNotations*

- The deadline for the next issue is December 1st. Period.
- Incidentally, the LepreCon Progress Report deadline is tomorrow.
- *ConNotations* labeling crew – when do you want to label: December 12th, 13th, or 20th?
- Some issues were handed out at TusCon – there are lots of names to add to the mailing list. Stephanie Bannon is getting the TusCon registration list in a week to ten days.
- “Address correction requested” will appear on the next issue to deal with the postal rate hike.

Old Business

1. *Missing Equipment*

- An equipment list has been built. Jeff Jennings doesn't have much to report. If anybody's looking for anything, contact Jeff.

2. *Overhead Glass*

- Nothing's happened.

3. *HexaCon 7 (Security System)*

- Fry's has a motion-sensitive electronic gunlock for \$12.99 each. It looks like a realtor's lock box.
- Motion detectors are not portable, Stephanie says. Mark Boniece says he has one.
- How sensitive are motion detectors? Would moving tablecloths in the Dealers' Room set them off? How could they be used in the Art Show?
- Mark will investigate.

4. *Credit Card Machine*

- The credit card machine will cost \$100.00 per year (for CostCo upgraded membership), and \$399.00 to purchase.
- In order to take credit cards over the web, we would need a secure certificate from Thawte, which would cost \$125.00 per year.
- CC charges 1.59% plus 15¢ per transaction for swiped cards, and 1.89% plus 25¢ per transaction for punched-in numbers.
- We could accept Visa, MasterCard, and Discover.
- Gary Swaty pointed out that this would commit us to a yearly cost of \$225.00.
- Sharan Hoyle says she works for a credit card company, and this is a "screaming deal." If CC would permit obtaining a machine elsewhere, she can get a new machine for \$50.00 less, or a reconditioned one for \$175.00. Is the machine a terminal with a printer? Yes. Never mind; it's a screaming deal.
- Someone inquired whether we would have to keep the upgraded membership once we bought the credit card machine. Unknown at this point.
- Pat suggests setting up a separate checking account for the machine—CC does direct withdrawal from the account for charges. Sharan agrees—good idea. Pad doubts that we will have many conventions with overlapping charges.
- How much lead-time do we need? It takes seven to ten working days to process; it should be set up by January to process online memberships.
- Stephanie will bring a one-page summary to the December meeting; we'll vote then.
- The executive membership can get the organization other cool stuff; insurance, etc.

5. Bylaws

- Dave Hungerford introduced his bylaw amendments to the group. He again promised never again to introduce more than one at a time.
- **Amendment J**
 - If an elected convention officer is lost, s/he is replaced as quickly as humanly possible.
 - If Mark drops dead five minutes before the meeting, the replacement would be elected at that meeting.
 - If a chair moved to London for four months, would we replace him? (Mark wants us to change the subject.)
 - In the London scenario, the organization could ignore the inability, or elect a temporary replacement.
 - Nowhere does it say the elected officer has to be in town.
 - Straw poll: who wants a notified meeting? Lots. Very close.
 - Procedural officers are elected at the next regular meeting.
 - Do we need to add 'notified' to the proposed bylaw? Don't we trust our board?
 - The current procedure adds a minimum of two months. Ozzie's death left Copper 19 at a standstill for six weeks. Conventions are very time-sensitive, and temporary chairs can't do much. We need a chair who can make decisions *now*.
 - While shortening the procedure is good, notification is even better.
 - There's no need to add 'notification;' most eligible voters will be present at the meeting anyway.
 - Call for question.
 - **Voting: 28 - 2 - 2. Amendment passes. Convention officers who are rendered unable to perform their duties will be replaced at the next meeting.**
- **Amendment K**
 - According to the bylaws, convention officers are elected by the *general* membership, not the active. Amendment K would change the bylaws to reflect our actual procedure.
 - *Active* (a member whose dues are current and who has attended four out of the previous six meetings) vs. *general* (a member whose dues are current) is defined.
 - Randall Whitlock suggests returning to the way the bylaws are written.
 - All other officers are elected by active members only.
 - **Voting: 28 - 0 - 3. Amendment passes. Only active members are eligible to vote for convention officers.**

New Business

1. *Get Out and the Community*

- Betty Web of *Get Out* is willing to post sci-fi activities in her book column. Gand is willing to serve as a contact.
- Frances Burns would prefer to announce book discussions and conventions only.

2. *Notification*

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- The secretary explained that the delay in mailing was due to the fact that she didn't receive the attendance until just before the meeting. In fact, this meeting was not notified because she hadn't received attendance figures for the previous meetings until just before the meeting started. She apologizes for the delay.

3. *Quartermaster*

- Alyson Bishop has been ~~drafted~~ persuaded to be the Shed Inventory Control Specialist.

4. *Phone Tree*

- We need a phone tree to expedite notification and help with fannish crises. If you're interested, see Angel after the meeting. Also, please mark *P* or *E* by your name to indicate if you prefer to be contacted via phone or e-mail.

Nominations

1. *President*

- New Nominations:
 - Frances Burns
 - Jeff Jennings (DECLINE)
 - Jim Cryer

2. *Vice President*

- New Nominations:
 - David Hungerford
 - Jim Cryer (DECLINE)

3. *CASFS Board*

- Up for re-election: Jeff Jennings, Diane Elliott, Adam Niswander
- New Nominations:
 - Jeff Jennings
 - Diane Elliott
 - Stephanie Bannon
 - Belle Relaford

- Adam Niswander (DECLINE)
- Jim Cryer
- Sharan Hoyle
- David Hungerford

Announcements

- LepreCon's Artist Guest of Honor is Michael Whelan!
- Information for the LepreCon Progress Report is November 14th.
- DarkCon is coming up! June 25-27, 1999. (This is a date change!) There are a limited number of banquet seats remaining. See Jeff for more information. If you want to help make DarkCon happen, see Jeff too.
- Things for Thinkers is now Imaginary World of Games. They are bringing in Julie Caitlin Brown on January 16th from 3:00-5:00 p.m. (University west of Price.)
- A friend of Belle needs extras who don't mind nudity (not their own). He was interested in streaking the meeting – Frances referred it to the board. Stephanie volunteered her living room.
- The LepreCon hotel walkthrough will be January 16th at 10:00 a.m.
- Tomorrowland at Disneyland has been redone in a retro style.
- The next Conrunner's meeting will be November 23rd at 7:00 p.m. at David Kwan's at Camelback and 27th Ave. The topic: Bankers.

The meeting was adjourned.

Received:

- Copy of Treasurer's Report.
 - Current membership list, with attendance.
 - Thank-you letter from the Phoenix Public Library.
 - Minutes of the CASFS board.
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Motions Passed

- Accept the Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports as read.
- Spend \$50.00 on a booth for the Book Festival.
- Incorporate Amendments J and K into the bylaws.

Committees Formed

- Alyson Bishop was appointed as the Shed Inventory Control Specialist.
- The Venue Committee is currently vacant.

Funds Committed/Received

- \$50.00 for Library Book Festival booth.

Bylaws Passed

- Amendment J: Emergency Convention Officer Election Procedures
- Amendment K: Reconciling who votes for Convention Officers