

November 2020 NASFA Minutes

by Steve Sloan

The November meeting of the North Alabama Science Fiction Association was called to order on Saturday, November 21, 2020 on Zoom at 6:03:49 PM by President Mary Lampert and the crickets. There was a digression about the crickets' battery anatomy. The Kennedys had trouble logging into Zoom due to double Safari updates, so they sent a message ahead declining every office, including Barney the dog.

OLD BUSINESS

Steve read the current slate of NASFA officer nominations.

Sam moved that we go ahead and vote, but there was no second.

Sam had sad news. A Huntsville convention run by NASFA was the only bidder for DeepSouthCon 60, so we won the bid.

Doug moved to reopen nominations and Sam seconded. Doug nominated Sam for DSC 60 con chair. Sam said he would only accept if he had Mike K. as co-chair. Doug amended the nomination to Sam and Mike K. as DSC 60 co-con chairs.

Sam moved to close nominations and was seconded.

Randy had volunteered to run the DSC 60 Art Show before the meeting, conveniently getting him out of a possible con chair nomination. Sam found a potential person to run the Dealers' Room.

Prior to the vote, the officer nominations were:

President: Mary Lampert, Gary Shelton
Vice President: Nobody, Gary Shelton
Secretary: Steve Sloan, Gary Shelton
Treasurer: Sam Smith, Gary Shelton
Programming Director: Judy Smith, Sean Owen, Gary Shelton
Publicity: Sam Smith, Gary Shelton
DSC 60 con chair: Sam Smith and Mike Kennedy

[Steve took over running the vote for NASFA president.]

President: Mary got 8 votes and Gary got 2 votes.

[Mary took back over to run the rest of the meeting.]

Vice President: Nobody got 3 votes and Gary got 6 votes.

Secretary: Steve got 8 votes and Gary got 1 vote.

Treasurer: Sam got 8 votes and Gary got 1 vote.

Programming Director: Judy got 7 votes, Sean declined, and Gary got 2 votes.

Publicity: Sam got 6 votes and Gary got 2 votes.
DSC 60 con chair: Sam and Mike K. got 8 votes with 0 votes against.

“The railroad never stops.”

In summary, the 2021 NASFA officers are:

President: Mary Lampert
Vice President: Gary Shelton
Secretary: Steve Sloan
Treasurer: Sam Smith
Programming Director: Judy Smith
Publicity: Sam Smith
DSC 60 co-con chairs: Sam Smith and Mike Kennedy

NEW BUSINESS

Judy discussed the NASFA Christmas party. Do we want to do trivia and games or invite a speaker? Mike K. suggested that we ask Stephanie Osborn if she's available. The Christmas party will be held over Zoom on 12/19, the Saturday before Christmas. Judy will email a time. Maybe we can do a scavenger hunt? Virtual DeepSouthCon 58 did one earlier that day. Judy will email details about activities for the party.

Sam gave a DSC 58 con report. Three people won the Rebel award [Raymond Boudreau, Rebecca Smith, & Jessica Styons], Les Johnson won the Phoenix award, and Covid 19 won the Rubble award. The next DSC will be held in Winston-Salem, NC on 7/9-11/2021.

DEEPSOUTHCON 60

Sam asked NASFA members to email him guest suggestions.

Doug and Mary will carry over as Not-a-Con co-con chairs next year.

Sam moved to adjourn at 6:29:29 PM.

For the November program, Sean Owen gave a presentation on the Stargate franchise.