

October 2020 NASFA Minutes

by Steve Sloan

The October meeting of the North Alabama Science Fiction Association was called to order on Saturday, October 17, 2020 on Zoom at 6:10:18 PM by President Mary Lampert and the crickets.

OLD BUSINESS

Mary moved to reopen officer nominations, and Sam seconded.

Sam nominated Gary for everything, and Doug seconded.

Jenny declined everything.

Sam seconded last month's nomination of the current slate of officers. Mike K. nominated the current slate of officers, retroactively becoming a new motion for Sam's second in case seconding a nomination from a previous meeting doesn't work.

Judy nominated Sean for Programming Director, and Doug seconded.

Sam moved to close nominations, Mike K. seconded, and the motion carried many to one.

In summary, the current officer nominations are:

President: Mary Lampert, Gary Shelton

Vice President: Nobody, Gary Shelton

Secretary: Steve Sloan, Gary Shelton

Treasurer: Sam Smith, Gary Shelton

Programming Director: JudySue Thornsmythe, Sean Owen, Gary Shelton

Publicity: Sam Smith, Gary Shelton

Be there next month or be elected.

NEW BUSINESS

Nope.

NOT-A-CON BUSINESS

Not-a-Con was pushed back until 2021, but we will hold an Online Not-a-Spades Tournament this month.

DEEPSOUTHCON 60

The bid for DeepSouthCon 60 will be held at the virtual DSC 58 one week before next month's NASFA meeting. Sam asked if he should continue to make the bid. The answer was yes. Sam said he would try calling Embassy Suites, the likely DSC 60 hotel, the Monday after the October NASFA meeting.

Doug commented that holding DSC 60 should help us achieve bankruptcy as an organization.

As noted previously, Sam is looking at Embassy Suites as the DSC 60 hotel, because it previously worked as a DSC 50 hotel.

A DSC bid requires three things: a list of bid committee members, a hotel contract, and an official agreement to follow the DSC bylaws. Based on recent DSC bids and the current Covid problems, there's a good chance that just saying we'll put on DSC 60 without having a hotel contract nailed down will be enough to win the bid.

There was a digression about how to pronounce the acronym for the Online Not-a-Spades Tournament. "Oh nast?" "Oh nasty?"

Sam moved to adjourn at 6:27:07 PM.

The October program was a discussion of people's favorite board games. Listed games included Wingspan and Stellaris.