

NASFA Shuttle

October 2019

Calendar

2019 Oct 18-19: Not-a-Con
2019 Nov 16: 6PM NASFA Meeting
2019 Dec 21: Probably a Christmas party
2020 Jan 18
2020 Feb 15
2020 Mar 14 (one week early)
2020 Apr 11 (one week early)
2020 May 16
2020 Jun 20
2020 Jul 18
2020 Aug 15
2020 Sep 19
2020 Oct 17
2020 Nov 21
2020 Dec 19

Administrivia

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Not-a-Con Hotel

There will not be a con, there will be a Not-A-Con! Make your reservations at:

<https://tinyurl.com/Not-a-Con-2019>

Not-a-Con Activities

The event starts at roughly 2019 October 18 at 4 PM and ends at roughly 2019 October 19 at 11 PM. Yes, some people wouldn't need 29 hours to not throw a convention.

We're special.

Membership is \$30 at the door.

Readings by Stephanie Osborn and Amy Herring.

Discussion of the Chixulub asteroid impact and its effects by Stephanie Osborn.

Bryan Jones will teach a class on making Sock Puppets. Hmm, if I make 6 sock puppets can I have them all vote for Not Doug for VP of NASFA? Enquiring minds want to know.

Not-a-Con T-shirts

We will have T-shirts. Orders are due by ~~first~~ ~~fifth~~ end of the not-a-con.

See:

<https://www.con-stellation.org/notacon/>

We will take orders at the Con, delivery will be later.

NASFA Minutes

September 2019 Minutes

by Steve Sloan

The September meeting of the North Alabama Science Fiction Association was called to order on Saturday, September 21, 2019 in the Madison satellite location of Willowbrook Baptist Church at 6:03:27 PM by President Mary Lampert. Thane triggered the traditional crickets.

Old Business

Officer nominations:

Sam nominated Mike K. for Vice President, seconded

Judy nominated Mike K. for Programming Director

Doug nominated Mike K. for President

Sam nominated George for every office, declined

Doug nominated Peggy for Treasurer, Jim seconded

Doug nominated Sue for Publicity Director, Jim seconded

Sam nominated Ray for Cheesecake Chair, seconded

Nominations closed many to two.

New Business

NASFA has a bid chair for Deep South Con 60 in 2022, Sam.

Sam did not receive any interesting mail this month.

Not-A-Con Business

Not-a-Con chair Judy has a list of people with hotel room reservations. We need three more two-night reservations to get the discount on function space.

Author Stephanie Osborn is planning to give a presentation about the Chicxulub impact and give readings.

Please submit your t-shirt orders by October 5. The t-shirt art will be posted on

the Not-a-Con website in the next couple of days.

Six people have paid convention memberships so far. [At least two more memberships were paid immediately after the meeting.] Convention memberships are \$30. Make checks out to NASFA.

Mike C. will run the con suite.

Doug moved to adjourn at 6:17:04 PM.

The September program was a showing of two Ted Talks about science fiction. The After the Meeting Meeting was hosted at the regular meeting location.

Current Candidates

President:

Vice President: MikeK

Secretary:

Treasurer: Peggy

Program Director:

Publicity Director: Sue

Cheesecake Chair: Ray

I seem to remember MikeK coming in late and trying to decline, but there's nothing in the minutes, so it didn't happen.

My 2020 Campaign Speech (Part 6 of 8)

We are getting close to the end. Due to the lack of a meeting there is no time for nominations in October and if we want to have elections this year, the elections will have to be in November unless we want to have a meeting in December rather than just a party.

Nominations have taken place, and, in an unusual, nay, a shocking display of good sense, no one nominated me for office!

So, there is hope.

There is a chance.

Your long ~~national club-wide~~ readership wide nightmare may be coming to an end. All you need to do is nominate someone willing and able to do a competent job of producing the Shuttle, and you won't have to put up with me anymore.

Excellent.

Except.

Mike Kennedy claims to be unable to perform the office for reasons of health. And he's the only nominee!

I feel a bit like Peter Sellers in Dr. Strangelove: "Of course, the whole point of a Doomsday Machine is lost, if you **keep** it a **secret!** Why didn't you tell the world, **eh?**"

The whole point of having **someone else** as VP, is in fact to have someone else as **VP!** Why haven't you nominated anyone, **eh?**

Since apparently instruction is required, I'll let you in on a secret. When they reopen nominations for officers in November, the words you want to say are "I nominate Mike Pence for VP." No. Wait, that's if you're Trump/Pence Delegate to the Republican National Convention in 2020. The words you actually want to say involve a club member, not named Doug. Sam has a list. Just substitute one of them not named Doug for Pence in the sentence above. Ideally, you should pick someone who's not present,

they're less able to defend themselves. Also, if someone else nominates someone not named Doug (and also not named Mike Pence), be sure to second it.

Strangely, in order to vote for the Not Doug candidate, there must be a Not Doug candidate. This point appears to be escaping notice. I understand that for people who elected me even once, it may be excessively subtle, but it is there.

Again, I do understand that I'm dealing here with people who nominated and elected me once, so I'll repeat myself repeatedly, you have to nominate someone who is not Doug prior to being able to vote for someone who is not Doug. You need to second other people's nominations of people not named Doug, otherwise there's a real chance you'll be stuck with me, again.

You can do this. Have faith. Email me and I can send you detailed instructions on where to go and how to nominate and vote for Not Doug in 2020. Or you could just check the calendar in this very issue of the shuttle.

Do not be a moron, in the year 2019, nominate Not Doug for VP for 2020. Then do not be a moron, vote for Not Doug for VP in 2020.

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