

The Minnesota Society for Interest in Science Fiction and Fantasy Bylaws

Adopted December 14, 2009

ARTICLE I: PURPOSE

The corporation has been organized to operate exclusively for charitable purposes, including but not limited to, the following: To encourage the appreciation of the diversity of science fiction and fantasy.

ARTICLE II: LOCATION

The principal office of the corporation, at which the general business of the corporation will be transacted and where the records of the corporation will be kept, will be at such place in the metropolitan area, state of Minnesota, as may be fixed from time to time by the Board of Directors. Unless otherwise fixed, it will be at:

1437 Marshall Ave
Suite 203
St. Paul, MN 55104

A mailing address will also be maintained, and will be at such place in the metropolitan area, state of Minnesota, as may be fixed from time to time by the Board of Directors. Unless otherwise fixed, it will be at:

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ARTICLE III: MEMBERS

Section 1. There will be two classes of membership, general and voting.

General members may join by making application to the Secretary of the corporation, in such a fashion or manner as may be fixed from time to time by the Board of Directors. General members are entitled to receive information about and participate in the activities and meetings of the corporation, but are not entitled to vote.

Voting members may join by making application to the Secretary of the corporation, in such a fashion or manner as may be fixed from time to time by the Board of Directors. To be eligible for voting membership: a person must volunteer for a minimum of 20 hours on such activities of the corporation, attend at least one membership meeting prior to the Annual Meeting of the membership and be 14 years of age on or before the Annual Meeting. Voting members are entitled to receive information about and participate in the activities and meetings of the corporation, and are entitled to vote on business raised at the Annual Meeting of the corporation, and any other membership meetings that are called.

Section 2. Each regular membership will be valid for one year after the date of joining, or the date of the Annual Meeting, whichever comes first. Voting membership will be valid from when the member completes their volunteer hours for that membership cycle.

Section 3. An annual meeting of the members will be held in January of each calendar year, at which time and place elections for open Board of Director positions will take place. Special meetings may be called by Board Majority and will be announced to membership at least TEN days prior to meeting.

Section 4. The quorum of a membership meeting will be a majority of voting members in attendance.

Section 5. Notice of meetings of the membership must be sent to each member and must be mailed or delivered at least 10 days prior to the day such a meeting will be held.

Section 6. The President of the Corporation will chair Membership meetings, or such person as designated by the Board of Directors.

Section 7. Members may not vote by proxy at any meeting of members.

ARTICLE IV: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. The number of members of the Board of Directors of this corporation will be not less than or more than five.

Section 2. Directors will be representative of the corporation as an organization and will share the mission and goals of the corporation. A person must be a voting member of the organization to be eligible to be on the Board of Directors. This corporation is committed to a policy of fair representation on the Board of Directors, which does not discriminate on the basis of race, physical disability, sex, color, religion, sexual orientation, age or any other protected group.

Section 3. Election of new Directors or election of current Directors to a successive term will occur as the first item of business at the annual meeting of the corporation. Directors will be elected by a majority vote of the attending voting membership.

Section 4. The term of each Director of the corporation will be two years, starting from not later than August 15th.

Section 5. When a Director dies, resigns, or is removed, the Board may elect a Director to serve for the duration of the term.

Section 6. Any Director may be removed from the Board of Directors by an affirmative vote of a 2/3rds majority of all of the Directors. Notice of the proposed removal will be given to members of the Board of Directors with the notice of the meeting. The Director involved will be given an opportunity to be present and to be heard at the meeting at which his or her removal is considered.

Section 7. No compensation will be paid to any member of the Board of Directors for services as a member of the Board. By resolution of the Board, reasonable expenses may be allowed for attendance at regular and special meetings of the Board.

ARTICLE V: MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. An annual meeting of the Board of Directors will be held in second quarter of each year for the purpose of electing Officers and such other business as is determined to be appropriate by the Board of Directors. In addition to its annual meeting, the Board of Directors will hold regular meetings at least one time each calendar year at such place as may be designated in the notice of the meeting. The next regular meeting following the annual meeting will take place after the seating of all new Directors as described in Article IV, Section 4.

Section 2. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called at any time by the President of the corporation or in his or her absence by the Vice-President or upon receipt of a request therefore signed by three or more Directors.

Section 3. Notice of regular, special, and annual meetings will be communicated at least one week prior to the day such meeting is to be held. Any Director of the corporation may make written waiver of notice before, at, or after a meeting. The waiver will be filed with the person who has been designated to act as Secretary of the meeting; this person will enter it in the record of the meeting. Appearance at a meeting is deemed a waiver unless the Director attends for the express purpose of asserting the illegality of the meeting.

Section 4. At all meetings of the Board of Directors, each Director present will be entitled to cast one vote on any motion coming before the meeting. The presence of 2/3rds of the membership will constitute a quorum at any meeting.

Section 5. At a meeting at which there is a quorum present, a simple majority affirmative vote of the Directors present is required to pass a motion before the Board.

Section 6. Proxy voting will be permitted; a proxy must be made in writing, regarding a specific agenda item or motion, and must include the absent member's affirmative or negative vote. No general proxies will be allowed.

Section 7. Robert's Rules of Order will be the authority for all questions of procedure at any meetings of the corporation.

ARTICLE VI: OFFICERS

Section 1. The Officers of this corporation will be a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and such other Officers with duties as the Board prescribes.

Section 2. Election of new Officers or election of current Officers to a successive term will be elected annually by the members of the Board of Directors at its annual meeting. Each Officer will serve one-year terms, starting from not later than August 15th.

Section 3. Any Officer may be removed with or without cause by the Board of Directors by a vote of a majority of all of the Board members. The matter of removal may be acted upon at any meeting of the Board, provided that notice of intention to consider said removal has been given to each Board member and to the Officer affected.

Section 4. A vacancy in any office may be filled by a majority vote of the Board of Directors for the duration of the term.

Section 5. The President will be the Chief Executive Officer of the corporation. It will be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the corporation and to have general supervision of the affairs of the corporation. He or she will execute on behalf of the corporation all contracts, deeds, conveyances, and other instruments in writing that may be required or authorized by the Board of Directors for the proper and necessary transaction of the business of the corporation.

Section 6. It will be the duty of the Vice-President to act in the absence or disability of the President and to perform such other duties as may be assigned to him or her by the President or the Board. In the absence of the President, the execution by the Vice-President on behalf of the corporation of any instrument will have the same force and effect as if it were executed on behalf of the corporation by the President.

Section 7. The Secretary will be responsible for keeping the corporate records. He or she will give or cause to be given all notices of meetings of the corporation and all other notices required by law or by these bylaws. The Secretary will be the custodian of all books, correspondence, and papers relating to the business of the corporation, except those of the Treasurer. The Secretary will present at each annual meeting of the Board of Directors a full report of the transactions and affairs of the corporation for the preceding year. The Secretary will also prepare and present to the Board of Directors such other reports as it may desire and request at such time or times as it may designate. The Board of Directors at its discretion may elect an assistant Secretary, who will perform the duties and assume the responsibilities of the Secretary as above set forth under the general direction of the Secretary or the President.

Section 8. The Treasurer will have general charge of the finances of the corporation. When necessary and proper, he or she will endorse on behalf of the corporation all checks, drafts, notes, and other obligations and evidences of the payment of money to the corporation or coming into his or her possession; and he or she will deposit the same, together with all other funds of the corporation coming into his or her possession, in such bank or banks as may be selected by the Board of Directors. He or she will keep full and accurate account of all receipts and disbursements of the corporation in books belonging to the corporation, which will be open at all times to the inspection of the Board of Directors. He or she will present to the Board of Directors at its annual meeting his or her report as Treasurer of the corporation and will from time to time make such other reports to the Board of Directors as it may require.

Section 9. Any Officer of the corporation, in addition to the powers conferred upon him or her by these bylaws, will have such additional powers and perform such additional duties as may be prescribed from time to time by said Board.

ARTICLE VII: COMMITTEES

Section 1. The Board of Directors may designate one or more ad hoc committees, each of which will consist of at least one committee chair and two or more committee members. Committee members may be members of the Board of Directors, members of the corporation, or other interested individuals. The President of the organization, who will act with the Board's approval, will appoint the chair of the committee. After consultation with the committee chair, the President will appoint committee members. The studies, findings, and recommendations of all committees will be reported to the Board of Directors for consideration and action, except as otherwise ordered by the Board of Directors. Committees may adopt such rules for the conduct of business as are appropriate and as are not inconsistent with these bylaws, the articles of incorporation, or state law.

ARTICLE VII: MISCELLANEOUS

Section 1. The corporation will have the power to indemnify and hold harmless any Director, Officer, or employee from any suit, damage, claim, judgment, or liability arising out of, or asserted to arise out of, conduct of such person in his or her capacity as a Director, Officer, or employee (except in cases involving willful misconduct). The corporation will have the power to purchase or procure insurance for such purposes.

Section 2. The Board of Directors may authorize any Officer or Officers, agent or agents of the corporation, in addition to the Officers so authorized by these bylaws, to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name of, and on behalf of, the corporation. Such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

Section 3. All checks, drafts, and other orders for payment of funds will be signed by such Officers or such other persons as the Board of Directors may from time to time designate.

Section 4. The corporation will keep correct and complete books and records of account and will also keep minutes of the proceedings of its members, Board of Directors, and committees having any of the authority of the Board of Directors. It will also keep at the registered or principal office a record giving the names and addresses of the members entitled to vote. Any member or his or her agent or attorney may inspect all books and records of the corporation for any proper purpose at any reasonable time.

Section 5. The fiscal year of the corporation will be through December 31st of each year.

ARTICLE IX: AMENDMENTS

The Board of Directors may amend these bylaws to include or omit any provision that it could lawfully include or omit at the time the amendment is made. Upon written notice of at least thirty days, any number of amendments or an entire revision of the bylaws may be submitted and voted upon at a single meeting of the Board of Directors and will be adopted at such meeting upon receiving a 2/3rds vote of the members of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE X: DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of the corporation and after the payment or the provision for payment of all the liabilities of the corporation, the Board of Directors will dispose of all of the assets of the corporation to organizations that are then qualified as tax-exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue code. A court of jurisdiction in the county in which the principal office of the corporation is located will dispose of any assets not so disposed of.