

2.1.2 Short Title: Popular Ratification

Moved, to extend the right to nominate for the Hugo Awards to members of all WSFS-sanctioned conventions, including NASFiC, held in the previous, current, and immediately following calendar year, by ~~striking out~~ and adding words as follows:

3.7.1: The Worldcon Committee shall conduct a poll to select the nominees for the final Award voting. Each member of the administering Worldcon and any member of any convention sanctioned by WSFS in Article 4 held in the immediately preceding, current, or immediately following calendar year, ~~the immediately preceding Worldcon, or the immediately following Worldcon~~ as of January 31 of the current calendar year shall be allowed to make up to five (5) equally weighted nominations in every category.

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Commentary:

Currently, members of the NASFiC are members of a convention whose selection is regulated by WSFS, but who exercise nearly none of the rights of members of the Worldcon, WSFS's "senior" convention, with the exception of the rarely-possible case where a NASFiC selects the site of a subsequent NASFiC.

Because of its suitability for smaller markets that do not have the facilities or concentration of people necessary to bid for or run a Worldcon, NASFiCs have great potential to be a pathway for exposing new fans to WSFS, Worldcons, and international fandom. NASFiCs also play an important skill building role in running bids and in operating more complex organizational structures than many regional conventions. However, under the current model, there is limited formal connection to WSFS. Extending limited WSFS rights to NASFiC members would give those members a pathway for building engagement with WSFS and the Worldcon, ultimately strengthening the Worldcon.

This proposal would extend to NASFiC members the same right to nominate (but not to vote on the final ballot) for the Hugo Awards currently exercised by members of the immediately past and future Worldcons. As with the existing nominating rights for previous and subsequent Worldcon members, these rights would not extend to voting on the final Hugo ballot, nor could any individual exercise multiple voting rights by being a member of more than one of the (potentially) six WSFS-sanctioned conventions held during the three-year period centered on the current Worldcon.

Rather than explicitly add references to NASFiC, this amendment strikes all references to specifically named conventions and instead refers to the members of all of the conventions that WSFS sanctions in Article 4 of the Constitution. While this currently

includes only Worldcon and NASFiC, this general reference reduces the need to further modify this section of the constitution should WSFS begin or cease sanctioning of other conventions.