

MINUTES

BOUCHERCON BUSINESS MEETING

AUSTIN, TX

OCTOBER 19, 2002

8:00 a. m.

Standing Committee members present: Al Abramson; Howard Block; Bryan Barrett; Ted Hertel; Deen Kogan; Maggie Mason; Al Navis; Gary Warren Niebuhr; Enid Schantz; Tom Schantz; Thom Walls;

Chair Maggie Mason welcomed everyone to the Business Meeting. Chair Mason announced that the meeting would last 55 minutes so the dealers could get to the dealer room by the time it opened, and to save time the Standing Committee members would not be introduced.

Chair Mason recognized Karen Meschke for a report on the Austin Bouchercon.

Chair Mason recognized Deen Kogan for a report on the Las Vegas Bouchercon.

Chair Mason recognized Al Navis for a report on the Toronto Bouchercon.

Chair Mason recognized Deen Kogan for a report on the Chicago Bouchercon.

Chair Mason recognized Gary Warren Niebuhr for the following standing rule changes:

Standing Rule II, A:

Add: A conference represented by Co-chairs shall have one vote on the Standing Committee.

Motion: Gary Warren Niebuhr. Second: Thom Walls.

Approved unanimously.

Standing Rule II, A, 3:

Delete: the word three

Motion: Gary Warren Niebuhr. Second: Bryan Barrett.

Approved unanimously.

Standing Rule II, 2, B, 5, a.

Delete: To initiate this process, three members-at-large shall be elected in the first year, with one serving one year, a second serving two years, and the last serving a full three year term

Motion: Gary Warren Niebuhr. Second: Bryan Barrett.

Approved unanimously.

Standing Rule IV, C, 2:

Add: If no bid is awarded four years in advance at a Bouchercon that bid year becomes available for bid by any North American or non-North American site at the next Bouchercon per the process outlined in this section of the standing rules.

Motion: Gary Warren Niebuhr. Second: Bryan Barrett.

Ayes: 30; Nays: 1.

Standing Rule IV, C, 3:

Add: If no bid is awarded three years in advance at a Bouchercon the Standing Committee shall have the authority to award acceptance of a bid based on a majority vote of the Standing Committee.

Motion: Gary Warren Niebuhr. Second: Bryan Barrett.
Approved unanimously.

Standing Rule VI, B, 5:

Delete: Mrs. Phyllis White, widow and lifetime helpmate of Anthony Boucher, shall be given membership No. 000 at each renewal and a place of honor at all BoucherCon program events, including the banquet if one is held, all at no cost to her.

Motion: Gary Warren Niebuhr. Second: Ted Hertel.

Ayes: 16; Nays: 12. Motion failed.

Standing Rule VII, B, 8:

Add: The "Phyllis" to honor children's and young adult fiction in the memory of Phyllis White, wife of Anthony Boucher.

No motion was made.

Standing Rule VII, B, 8:

Add: Best Film

Standing Rule VII, B, 9:

Add: Best Television Series

Motion: Jim Doherty. Second: Becky Doherty.

Ayes: 10; Nays: 17. Motion failed.

Standing Rule IX. Dealer Room.

IX. Each Bouchercon shall provide a vendors room large enough to accommodate the needs of the membership. Space in the room is to be allocated in the following order:

A. Dealers who have been vendors at seven of the last ten Bouchercons held within the contiguous 48 states shall be designated as Legacy Dealers and shall be given the best locations in the Dealers Room.

B. Fans promoting non-profit mystery conventions.

C. Dealers who have been vendors at more than three but fewer than seven of the last ten Bouchercons held within the contiguous 48 states.

D. Local dealers who live within 50 miles of the host convention site and who have helped promote or produce the Bouchercon to the satisfaction of the host Bouchercon committee.

E. Any other dealers deemed worthy of inclusion by the host committee.

Motion: Gary Warren Niebuhr. Second: Bryan Barrett.

Ayes: 12; Nays: 13. Motion failed.

Chair Mason recognized Deen Kogan who reported that she trademarked the name BOUCHERCON in 1989 and renewed the trademark in 1999. Bryan Barrett suggested that we trademark the phrase "The World Mystery Convention." Incoming Chair Howard Block said his committee would study this issue.

Chair Mason recognized Thom Walls to report on the maintenance of the mailing list. Thom prefers the files in the Excel format. Al Navis asked that the list include e-mail addresses.

New Business

Chair Mason reported the results of the election of the member at large for 2003-2005: Gary Warren Niebuhr. Only 63 ballots were cast and they were counted by Al Hubin.

Chair Mason recognized the efforts of the Austin Committee.

Chair Mason called on Larry Gandle who expressed an interest in bringing Bouchercon to Florida in either 2008 or 2009.

Chair Mason adjourned the meeting at 9:10 a. m. and passed the Chair to Howard Bloch.