

BOUCHERCON 2009 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
October 17, 2009

- 1) **Welcome by Jodi Bollendorf, Acting Chair**
- 2) **Introduction of the Standing Committee**
- 3) **Approval of 2008 Minutes**
- 5) **Bouchercon Improvements Subcommittee Report**

6) **Standing Rules Changes**

Approved: **Changing selection of Standing Committee officers**

~~“II. C. The chair of the Standing Committee shall be the most senior member at large.~~ The officers of the Bouchercon Standing Committee shall include a chair, a treasurer, and a secretary, elected by the Standing Committee at the conclusion of the annual business meeting. The Standing Committee is encouraged to select a treasurer with a background in accounting or finance, and a secretary who is a lawyer.

~~F. The most junior member at large will serve as the recording secretary during their first year on the Standing Committee.”~~

Approved: **Changing disposition of net profits from local Bouchercon events**

Insert new “VIII. C. When local organizing committees prepare to close their books with funds in excess of their expenses, they shall transmit the balance to the Standing Committee, which shall use such funds for operations to support Bouchercon including when feasible providing a seed grant for each successful LOC bid.”

Re-number following subsections.

Approved: **Anthony Award Nomination Procedure Changes**

VII. a) The Anthony Awards shall be given for outstanding achievement in each category to honor the memory of Anthony Boucher. *insert new* i. The Anthony Awards shall be designated by the year they were ANNOUNCED, rather than the year the works were published/produced.

B. Awards shall be given in the following categories:

~~6) Special Service Award.~~ 7) Up to three wild cards, where one category is one of “Best Film, Television, Graphic Novel, or Website”

7) Statement from Sarah Weinman, **Out-going Chair**

“Going from three to six members at-large is huge and necessary. We thank all the people who donated time and ideas this year. There is much for Bouchercon to do but there is also a lot for Bouchercon to remember. We are a group of people brought together by our love for mystery, crime-fiction, cozy.... Whatever you want to call it. Bouchercon is not the place where we talk about why we aren’t appreciated but why we are and that comes down to the fans of our all encompassing genre. In the past we’ve every year awarded one new position. In Baltimore we awarded five and the trend will grow. Bouchercon is not by any means the largest convention any of us will attend but for most we believe it will be the one closest to your heart. There are many items that must be addressed to bring this convention we all love from what it was in the 1970s to what it is and can become in this, the new millennium.

The election of members at large who are fans, writers, publishers and people who believe that Bouchercon is and deserves to be the number one vacation for all who love mystery is a serious proposition and if you are a member of this year’s con we hope you realize that, realize how quickly this honorarium to Anthony Boucher is changing and that you are willing to participate. If he could see us now...”

7) **Election of New Members-at-Large:** George Easter, Al Abramson

8) **Adjournment**