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The Council of Stewards

The following is a brief summary of the Council of Stewards' meeting of July 24 & 25, 1987:

Following the Treasurer's report, welcome was given by Diana Pavlac, David Lenander, and Paul Nolan Hyde, new stewards attending Council for the first time.

This was followed by the Mailing List Subcommittee report. After discussion of various suggestions, it was decided that the Altadena Box will be used as the Society's general mailing address, and the Alhambra address will be used for back orders, and some other purposes.

This was followed by a progress report on the 1988 Conference by David Bratman, a discussion of synopses of minutes [of which this is], and reports from the Secretary for Discussion Groups, the Publicity Secretary and the Secretary for Mythopoeic Conferences.

[The Council of Stewards usually meets four times a year, one of the meetings being held at the annual Conference before its scheduled activities begin. This preconference meeting affords the opportunity for all the Stewards to be present together. The other yearly meetings necessitate the use of conference calls and a speaker phone so all who cannot be physically present can participate.]

Because a prospective Steward was not able to attend the preconference meeting on Friday, the Stewards met again on Saturday during the lunch hour. Don King, proposed Secretary for the Board of Advisors, was present to answer questions and outline his proposal for the establishment of the B.o.A. The Stewards made suggestions as to what areas of concern might be addressed to the B.o.A., and a potential list of Advisors was presented. When discussion was moved the nomination of the present slate of officers/Stewards for reelection for the term of 1988-90. Carried.

This is a brief summary of the Stewards' meeting of Sept. 19, 1987.

A special meeting was called to consider revisions to the "Guidelines on Policies and Procedures for Mythopoeic Conferences," due in part to the number of potential committees interested in holding future Conferences. Paul Nolan Hyde, the Secretary for Mythopoeic conferences, had sent out his revision suggestions in advance. The discussion lasted several hours on a number of points, and various revisions were made. Various possible future sites and dates of Conferences were then discussed, including the Tolkien Centennial to be held in Oxford, England in 1992. An ad hoc Stewards' committee comprised of Paul Nolan Hyde, Glen GoodKnight, Diana Pavlac, Don King, and David Bratman were approved to work on coordinating 1992.

Motions were passed to outline procedures on the possible publication of a book or books comprised of papers given at the 1987 Mythopoeic Conference in Marquette.

Anne Osborn, the Recording Secretary, has expressed the desire not to continue her position

after 1987, and since the date for new nominations had passed, she requested her name not appear on the ballot to go out in October. Anne will serve in the position in an acting capacity until the position is filled by appointment.

Don King, newly appointed Secretary for the Board of Advisors, reported on the enthusiastic response in correspondence from the approved members of the B.o.A.

This is a brief summary of the Steward's meeting of November 21, 1987.

After the Treasurer's report by Sarah Beach, it was unanimously voted on to send official congratulations and thanks to the 1987 Mythopoeic Conference Committee for a job well done. Lynn Maudlin then suggested that there be two traveling copies of the Mythopoeic Conference Manual for the use of prospective committee, in addition to the master copy kept by Paul Nolan Hyde. Paul reported on correspondence with parties in England on the 1992 Conference, and recommended that Lewis and Williams Societies there be invited to participate as well as the various European Tolkien Societies.

Final revisions on the Conference Guidelines were made, followed by a report by Don King on the Board of Advisors and their recommendations. Possible structure and procedures for the B.o.A. were discussed briefly, with suggestion that more could be said in the newly established monthly "Stewards' Forum." Written comments are sent to Christine Louwtrout, the Corresponding Secretary, who collates and sends copies out to all the Stewards.

There was discussion on a proposal for the creation of a new Stewards' position, that of Secretary of Non-Periodical Publications [books]. After much discussion it was decided not to make this a Steward position at this time, but Taum Santoski was appointed Managing Chairman of the Publications Committee, to report to the Council through the Secretary for Mythopoeic Conferences.

Anne Osborn, the Recording Secretary, who elected term expires at the end of 1987, was appointed to continue her position "for a term not to exceed the appointment of her successor." Lynn Maudlin, was unanimously chosen as the 1988 Chair of the Council of Stewards.

Copies of the approved minutes are available by sending a stamped self-addressed envelope with 65¢ postage to the Recording Secretary: Anne Osborn, 2750 Orange, Riverside, CA 92501. Matters that may need Steward action should be sent to her. General questions about the Society and its interests and activities should be sent to the Corresponding Secretary c/o P.O. Box 6707, Altadena, CA 91001.

Conference Guidelines

One of the necessary elements for a successful Mythopoeic Conference is a group of people in a given area to form a Committee to organize the Conference. For those interested in the possibility of organizing a future Conference, there is a set of Guidelines, available from Paul Nolan Hyde, 2661 East Lee St., Simi Valley, CA 93065.