

#10

P.O. Box 35577,  
Station "E",  
Vancouver BC

THE BRITISH COLUMBIA SCIENCE FICTION  
April ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER 1974

Volume Two  
Numbers Two  
and Three

NEXT MEETING will be held at Francis Skene's home (207 W. 21st, 3 blocks west of Main Street) at 8 pm on Saturday, May 25. BYOB and a snack (see below)

DUE TO THE POSTAL STRIKE not all members were notified of last month's meeting which was held on April 27th at Michael and Sue Walsh's home and was attended by about 25 people. The constitution was discussed at that meeting and will be the first item on the agenda at this one (hopefully it won't take more than a half-hour or so to get it ratified and passed). Our thanks to Sue Walsh for her excellent punch and her mushroom desert goodies. This brings up an important point: As Sue says, "I don't know why you people (the BCSFA) call these things meetings--they are really parties." We usually do have a very short business meeting and then do just party--it's why we have our "meetings" on Saturday night instead of Tuesday night like the Astronomical Society does. So while everybody does BYOB nobody brings any food to contribute to a common pool. Now Sue and Edna spend around \$10 a meeting on snacks which really should not be as they are not getting reimbursed by us. So lets all get together with another member or two and split the cost of buying some cheese, meat, crackers etc.

ELECTION NOMINATIONS close at 12pm on May 31st. Elections will be held at the June meeting with ballots and information on the candidates will be mailed out with the June newsletter. Michael Walsh, as a non-candidate, will be supervising the June newsletter to make sure there is no bias in the newsletter.

Ed Beauregard's INTERIM REPORT was intended for last month's newsletter, which although run-off, was not mailed due to the postal strike. It is enclosed as the "Two" part of "Numbers Two and Three". CORRECTION to Ed's report: At the April meeting it was decided that membership in the BCSFA (active) will be \$3.00 Can. and all non-BC residents who pay \$3.00 will be associate members. Anyone who just pays \$1.50 are just subscribers to the newsletter. Technical differential was needed to avoid a potential hassle later on with the Societies Act. (In case you didn't know, we are planning to get registered as a society under Provincial Statute since we are getting pretty big with a lot of money involved around convention time etc.)

POSTAL PARANOIA: The June meeting will be held at Chuck and Edna Davis's home on Saturday, June 15, at 8pm. Their address is 1704 East 14th (cross street Commercial Drive). Did you read that reeeeely great article on Chuck in the Sun Leisure section on Friday, May 3rd? If you haven't get it out of the library and read it.

There are tentative plans to have the July meeting start during the day sometime and have a beach or house party. There were forty bottles of wine left over from V-CON III and, depending which people get elected, will either be donated or sold at the July meeting. Another tentative plan is to have the August meeting over on Vancouver Island at Michael Coney's (our own resident SF author) home. He has a large lot (1 acre?) and it would be a weekend event with everyone bringing sleeping bags. So keep the above in mind and we should know for sure by the June meeting.

WESTERCON XXVII is being held this July 3-7 in Santa Barbara. Pro Guest of Honor is Philip K. Dick. (Note: he was V-Con II GOH) Total cost for the con is \$65 including room and board and the banquet. Westercon pamphlets will be at the May meeting or write for your own copy: Westercon XXVII, P.O. Box 1 Santa Monica, CA 90406. For your information, return bus fare is \$87 and return air fare is \$170. If you are planning to attend please let us know for your help is needed to publicize the BCSFA down in the Los Angeles area in order to help insure us getting Westercon in 1977. (See next column on the letter we got.)

FANWEB...FANWEB...FANWEB...FANWEB  
Ken Rushton and Gary Walker will be heading a committee to work on an expanded version of FANWEB (a computer program matching up fans with common likes/dislikes etc. A sample run of FANWEB was demonstrated at V CON III and the output is in our files for anyone who wants to look at it. It's amazing how many people don't like Harlan Ellison which was one of the "sorts" made by the program at V-CON III. Anyways if you are interested in working on this project (there are rumors of setting up a North American wide data file) and have computer and/or statistical and/or Big Brother Tendencies contact them directly or write c/o BCSFA at P.O. Box 35577, Station E, Vancouver

KANSAS CITY is bidding for WORLDCON in 1976. To quote them "find out for yourself why Lazarus Long traveled 200 years in time and countless light years in space to come to Kansas City." If you are curious the address is: The Kansas City in '76 Committee, P.O. Box 221, Kansas City, Missouri 64141.

Start saying now for next years Westercon. We need to go there in mass force!!

A LETTER WAS RECEIVED FROM FRED PATTEN, PRESIDENT OF THIS YEARS WESTERCON, the portions that are relevant to our plans for hosting Westercon XXX are hereby reprinted: "...There was a near-disaster with the 1966 Westercon, which was bid for by a Committee of San Diego fans who had never put on a Con before; the committee virtually disintegrated in the last few months before the con, and the attendees who showed up had to drap up their own program on the spot. Since then, even though there's a growing number of complaints about how the Westercon just shuttles back and forth between Los Angeles and San Francisco, there are a number of attendees who're reluctant to give the Con to any new group who they worry might not hold together long enough to put it on. So it'll help if.... (deleted by me)... and make a good appearance at this and next year's Westercons...". So that's the score, we can probably get Westercon provided that we can prove to the California types that we are a viable group and we can put on good cons. If next year's con is as good as this one was and we publicize its success and us we should get it.

#### WE RECOMMEND....

LOCUS by Charlie and Dena Brown. Calls itself the newspaper of the s.f. field; fan reaction is that this is about right. Schyler Miller swears by it in A.S.F., Everybody else steals items like mad for their own stuff (us too) Locus appears twice a month(!) specializes in more or less hot news; advance bulletins from publishers and (I suspect) literary agents, and TV and Movie SF gossip. Great on Conventions and Hugo/Nebula stuff. Some economical reviews but short on highbrow analysis and similar deep utternesses. Seems to carry a very complete file on Harlan Ellison's fist fights. Recently updated its paper quality and format. Obtain from Charlie and Dena Brown, P.O. Box 3938 San Francisco CA 94119. 18 issues for \$6.00.US

LUNA MONTHLY Ed. by Ann F. Dietz. Fancier format than LOCUS, actually another kind of zine entirely. Poor gossip--nothing on who punched out Ellison last week. Strong on official-looking publishers announcements and longer more serious reviews. US \$6/year.

Mail your order to 655 Orchard St Credell, N.J. 07649 with m.o. payable to Franklin M. Dietz Jr

INTERIM CHAIRMAN'S REPORT  
by Edward Beauregard

3/

At the March BCSFA meeting, I was, somewhat unwillingly, given the job of Interim chairman until a constitution was adopted and a board of directors elected. At the same meeting, I got the names of those interested in serving on a constitutional committee. I'm pleased to report that after only four meetings we have hammered out a pretty satisfactory document. Those who helped in this endeavour are Mike Bailey, Norma Beauregard, David George, Jim McKenzie, Fran Skene, John Thomson, and Gary Walker. The constitution and by-laws still have to be approved by the membership, but as there was unanimous agreement within the committee, I don't foresee any difficulties.

Three types of membership are provided for in the by-laws: honorary membership, active membership and associate membership. Active membership is for B.C. residents only (at least until we set up a U.S. branch office) and entitles you to the newsletter and a vote on association affairs. The rates - for those of you who can't wait to join - are family (husband and wife) \$5.00, and single \$3.00. Associate membership entitles you to a newsletter, plus whatever other goodies we can dream up. Anyone at all can become an associate member for only \$1.50. Along with your money, we'd like your name, address, phone number and occupation. Don't delay - join today!

For those with political aspirations, we provide five flavours of office: president; vice-president; secretary; treasurer; and Information officer. They may sound the same as all the others, but try them and see! The president has the usual presidential duties. Same for the vice-president, except that he is on any convention committee and also functions as a sort of spare wheel, filling in wherever needed. The secretary (and I hope we elect a male secretary) has the usual onerous tasks to perform and the treasurer keeps the books. The Information officer is the editor-in-chief of the newsletter and handles all PR. If you want to run for any of these offices, first become an active member of the society (there's always a catch) then find four friends who are also active members. One can be your nominator and the other three your seconders. Get all their signatures, plus yours, on a sheet stating what office you intend to run for, and either mail it to us, or bring it to a meeting prior to the election (which will probably be in June). To be fair to those who live outside the lower mainland, the voting will be done by mail. If you are a paid-up active member, you'll be receiving a ballot and complete instructions by mail. I expect to be swamped with nominations.

When the constitution is approved, copies will be available for 50¢ (to cover handling and postage). I hope to see all of you at the April 27 meeting. It's an important meeting - in addition to considering the constitution, we will be electing more Interim directors.

A financial statement isn't ready yet for the convention, but I'm working on it. As a round figure, I'd say the association made \$550. When the statement is finished, copies will be available to any member who requests one.

(4)

FANNISH DICTIONARY PROJECT

Elliot Weinstein (7001 Park Manor Ave., North Hollywood, Calif. 91605) is compiling a dictionary of fannish vocabulary that exists on both local and national levels. You can reserve a copy of the book for \$1.00 US More info in LUNA #50

We have gotten access to a slide duplicator, therefore the price for duplicate slides of VCON III events has dropped to 25c each. All other prices and charges are the same as previously announced. If you wish a print or slide of any con event or person contact John Thomson at the next meeting or write him c/o BCSPA.

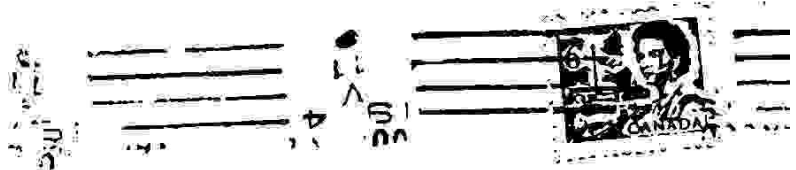
NEXT YEAR'S (1975) WESTERCON is at the Hotel Leamington, Oakland Calif. GOH is David Gerrold, Special GOH is Ian and Betty Ballantine, Fan GOH is Charlie and Dena Brown (publishers of LOCUS). Membership to July 7, 1974: \$4, \$5 to May 1, 1975, \$6. thereafter. For info: P.O. Box 24560, Los Angeles, Calif 90024.

\*\*\*\*\*  
# # # # # This issue was written by John Thomson and Ed Hutching, Ph. D. and was approved by Interim Chairman Ed Beauregard. All candidates for office can submit an election statement (max. 200 words) for publication in next months newsletter. Subscription to this newsletter is \$1.50 per year with BCSPA membership being \$3.00 CAN (non-BC residents are called associate members and have no voting rights). This is the LAST ISSUE THAT VCON III attendees who have not joined the association will receive. Note that receiving this newsletter allows you to register in advance for next year's con (at a reduced price) and thus you do get part of your subscription cost back. Comments on this newsletter are desired--particularly as to whether or not you like the two column setup. Also book reviews (short or long) are welcomed as well as any other type of article.

SHALOM!

PRESS RUN 375 COPIES

B.C. SCIENCE FICTION ASSOC.  
P.O. BOX 35577, Station E,  
Vancouver BC.



TIME VALUE-PLEASE EXPEDITE

PRINTED MATTER

TRY  
BILSTON - RRI Brent Maclean  
4206 Eilston Rd  
RRI Victoria BC