

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MARK PROTECTION COMMITTEE  
CONDUCTED THURSDAY, 31 AUGUST 2000 IN CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

(These meeting minutes are not yet reviewed or approved by the committee)

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 PM by Chairman Randall Shepherd

Present were: Randall Shepherd, Gary Keith Feldbaum Cheryl Morgan, Kevin Standlee, Sue Francis, Tim Illingworth, Donald Eastlake III, Zanne Labonville, Ben Yalow, Stephen Boucher, Scott Dennis, Ruth Sachter

An agenda was developed.

The minutes of the second meeting held by the Committee in Melbourne, Australia were submitted and approved as submitted.

The committee noted the passing of committee member Robert Sacks and adopted the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS** our colleague and friend, Robert Sacks, has recently been taken from us,  
and

**WHEREAS** each of us has been personally and deeply affected by his sudden and untimely passing, and

**WHEREAS** Robert has over the years, both as a member of this committee and before his appointment, demonstrated his deep caring and concern for the good of the World Science Fiction Society and the fostering of the field of science fiction which the Worldcon is intended to advance, and

**WHEREAS** Robert earned our respect and admiration as both a person and as a contributor to the efforts of this committee, and

**WHEREAS** we wish to note, in one of the few ways available to us, the loss we feel as a result of his passing:

Now therefore be it

**RESOLVED BY THIS, THE MARK PROTECTION COMMITTEE OF THE  
WORLD SCIENCE FICTION SOCIETY** that Robert Sacks should be remembered as one of the most decent, caring persons it has been our privilege to know and to note our deep regret and sadness that we will not be able to share his wit, his devotion and his friendship in the future.

A suitable copy of this resolution will be sent to Robert's family.



Donald Eastlake reported that the registration for the domain worldcon.org had been renewed and that the wsfs website had been updated. The domains wsfs.org, worldcon.org, hugo.org and nasfic.org are registered and under our control.

Scott Dennis reported that our US financial assets had increased by \$95. Stephen Boucher added that the Aussiecon committee was holding \$1 per vote in trust for use of the MPC. He noted that no expenses had needed to be incurred so far for protection of the marks in Australia. It was decided by the committee that the Australian funds need not be transferred at this time and that they should be used for the purposes of registering and protecting the marks in Australia, to the extent necessary.

A motion was passed by unanimous consent to direct Chairman Randall Shepherd to register a protest concerning the use of the domains worldcon.com and worldcon.net with the appropriate bodies and that if either protest was rejected, he was authorized, after consultation, to proceed to arbitration.

The subject of use of the word "Worldcon" by bid committees was discussed. The following motion was moved by Ben Yalow and adopted without any votes against:

The Mark Protection Committee requests the administrator of worldcon.org to create a "bids. worldcon.org" hierarchy, and worldcon bids are encouraged to register in that domain.

Cheryl Morgan volunteered to write a discussion for the wsfs website on this subject. The following motion was moved by Gary Feldbaum and adopted without any votes against:

Bids should not use the words "Worldcon" or "World Science Fiction Society" in such a way that would suggest that the bid is a selected Worldcon.

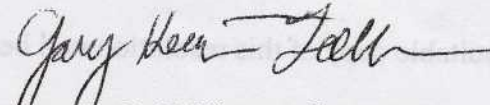
A motion was adopted with one vote against to create the post of an electronic corresponding secretary. Ben Yalow was appointed to that position.

The subject of changes in trademark and service mark law was discussed. Randall Shepherd will investigate this subject and report back to the Committee in thirty (30) days.

A motion was adopted to direct the Secretary of the Committee to assemble and keep an archive.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Gary Keith Feldbaum, Secretary