



# The WSFA Journal

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## Minutes

### First Friday, January 1, 2010

Meeting called to order at 9:23 PM by President Judy Newton

#### Officers:

President: Judy Newton

Happy New Year. Is it a new decade?? Some discussion on the subject.

Vice President: (vacant)

Secretary: Steve Smith

Treasurer: Tina Abel

No report.

Dues are due and payable. Remember that membership has gone up to \$20, or \$15 for students and active military. In the absence of the Treasurer, the President directed the Secretary to collect dues.

Trustees: Charles Abel, Colleen Cahill

**Entertivities:** Sam Lubell

Took credit for Christmas, New Years, and snow, all of which were interesting.

Sam saw Avatar, AKA "Dances with Smurfs". It was awesome and worth watching. Looks great!  
Less Plot!

**Publications:** Steve Smith

Journal: Steve Smith

Dec journal almost ready.

Website: Paul Haggerty & Gayle Surette

At the last meeting people wanted a list of what the club had for websites:

- Main WSFA site: <http://wsfa.org/>
- WSFA Calendar (also link off main site): <http://wsfa.org/webcalendar/month.php>
- WSFA Small Press: <http://wsfasmallpressaward.org/>
- WSFA Press: <http://www.wsfapressbooks.org/> or <http://www.wsfapress.org/>
- Capclave: <http://www.capclave.org>
- Capclave blog: <http://www.capclave.org/blog/>

There's also a few web presences that I can post to but do not own or run:

- Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/#!/group.php?gid=59183748822>
- LiveJournal: <http://community.livejournal.com/capclave/>

There may be others out there that I haven't found.

WSFA Press: Ernest Lilly

Money:

We have collected \$221.52 in checks from sales to booksellers and will be turning that over when next we're at WSFA Meeting. (We're now about \$1,800 from break even based on WSFA Journal numbers and minus this amount--rounded).

Results of Capclave ad:

We didn't see any increase in sales from mentioning WSFA Press at the end of the Capclave emailing but will do another plug when the next price increase occurs.

In The Works:

The publications committee is working on a several deals to sell to some big booksellers. We're still

negotiating the terms and number of books so won't give any details now. Hopefully, we'll have more solid information by 3rd Friday in January. If it goes through, we expect this sale to put us solidly in the black.

**Capclave Past:** Bill Lawhorn

Still waiting for info on Baen invoice from Tina. Need inventory of Stuff passed back to WSFA (snacks, etc) . Cash is supposedly all accounted for. Capclave 2010 money supposedly paid

**Capclave Present:** Gayle Surrette

**Capclave Future:** Cathy Green

Still looking at contracts. Holiday Inn Gaithersburg seems to be the most promising prospect, with good room rates, but some terms will need renegotiating. Still looking in Silver Spring, for negotiation fodder if nothing else.

**New Finance:** Tina Abel

We're waiting for their final report.

**The Committee to Actually Discuss Science Fiction:** Bill Lawhorn

Brought the December *Asimov's*. They're behind. Discuss Hugo nominations?

**Awards:** Colleen Cahill

**Old business:**

Cathy Green talked to John Pomeranz. Idea is get all the records, send them to John, and fill out lots of tax forms.

**New business:**

Fifth Friday? Cathy will host. WSFAans won't come into the District on Friday night, so she's safe. She'll follow up with the new parking rules for her area. (Music cue – *Lincoln Park Pirates*)

We need to get Tina Abel (current WSFA Treasurer), Sam Lubell (Official Club Agent), Sam Scheiner (Treasurer, Capclave 2010), and Judy Newton (President) to get together at our bank to make sure everybody who needs signature authority on WSFA accounts has it. Barry Newton will set it up.

Forms, forms, forms! Personal property?

**New people:**

Nada

**Announcements:**

- Host – the usual. In addition, there's a box of free books.
- Rebecca Prather's holiday party will be on Jan 10 from 2-6PM. Details are on the Website.

- Kathi Overton thanks everybody who showed up at the Bungalow for New Years Eve. It was relatively small & quiet, so she brought leftovers.

Meeting unanimously adjourned at 9:51 PM.

**Attendance:**

Cathy Green, Bill Lawhorn, Brian Lewis, Sam Lubell, Bob Macintosh, Sarah Mitchell, Barry Newton, Judy Newton, Kathi Overton, Rebecca Prather, Judy Scheiner, Sam Scheiner, Steve Smith, Ivy Yap, Madeleine Yeh.

**Third Friday, January 15, 2010**

Meeting called to order at 9:15 PM by President Judy Newton

**Officers:**

President: Judy Newton

Need to get together in VA with Tina to get bank stuff straightened out. Need to get together tax stuff for John Pomeranz.

Vice President: (vacant)

Secretary: Steve Smith

Treasurer: Tina Abel

No report

**Trustees:** Charles Abel, Colleen Cahill

We'll have an election!

Charles won't be able to continue as Trustee because of work related stuff. As there are already two candidates for Trustee, we don't have to come up with a new Trustees' Candidate for the position of Trustee. (Charles is interested in student teaching positions, if anybody has any info.)

**Entertivities:** Sam Lubell

The temperature in Fla was 1 degree warmer than Alaska, and colder than McMurdo Station in Antarctica. *[This is entertaining unless you're in Florida, of course – Editor]*

**Publications:** Steve Smith

Journal: Steve Smith

The December Journal is in the hands of the Webmasters and is on line.

**Website: Paul Haggerty & Gayle Surrette**

They've been workin' on the Website, all the live long day.

They're just about ready to switch over to the Wordpress version of the Website. This should be much easier to maintain, as well as giving the officers an opportunity to bloviate in public.

The WSFA Facebook group needs links back to the Capclave page.

**WSFA Press: Ernest Lilly**

Sean , Paul & Gail did most of the work.

Written report from Ernest:

1. Current Titles

A) Diamond Distributers will pay \$6300 for our 640 HC trade copies of Reincarnations.

We owe \$1800 to the printer and will have to keep 50% of the Diamond payment in reserve or returns.

Even with the reserve subtracted, we will have more than broken even on this project

B) Future Washington is being considered for a similar deal

We currently have 233 PB trade and 29 HC trade copies.

C) \$300 web sales are reported for the period \_\_\_\_\_. *[That's what it says ... – Editor]*

2. New Books

A) Content is available from both GoHs for a book or books.

B) A proposal will be forthcoming, hopefully before the end of February.

3. Sean is working on a HOWTO for WSFA Press.

In other WSFA Press news, we got Amazon straightened out.

**Capclave Past: Bill Lawhorn**

Can't confirm anything.

**Capclave Present: Gayle Surrette**

The Capclave 2010 Website and blog are up. We have 61 members so far.

We have flyers going to Arisia and an ad in the program book at Boskone.

**Capclave Future: Cathy Green**

Cathy is talking with the Holiday Inn in Gaithersburg. She's still looking.

**New Finance: Tina Abel**

Completed. New Treasurer will get all the stuff. The "Manual" on how to transition to a new Treasurer didn't get done.

**The Committee to Actually Discuss Science Fiction: Bill Lawhorn**

Has an *Asimov's*

**Awards:** Colleen Cahill

Sending out announcements this weekend.

**Old business:**

There will be a Fifth Friday meeting at Cathy Green's. It's on the calendar.

**New business:**

Steve Smith suggested sending a sympathy card to Jul Owings. This was considered to be a Good Idea, and a card was passed around for signatures.

**New people:**

no

**Announcements:**

- The usual from the Host.
- Charles. Tina is pregnant again.
- Mike Walsh is alive! And he has books, including *Conversations with Octavia Butler*, from the University of Mississippi Press.
- Sam Scheiner has books. Take them away! Mike won't have them.
- Barry Newton brought up a bit of future business – we should pay for food. The hat isn't covering it. Use the hat!

Meeting unanimously adjourned at 955PM.

**Attendance:**

Charles Abel, David Bartell, Carolyn Frank, Erica Ginter, Lydia Ginter, Cathy Green, Paul Haggerty, Elspeth Kovar, Bill Lawhorn, Brian Lewis, Ernest Lilley, Sam Lubell, Bob Macintosh, Sarah Mitchell, , Barry Newton, Judy Newton, Evan Phillips, Judy Scheiner, Sam Scheiner, George Shaner, Steve Smith, Gayle Surette, Michael Walsh, Ivy Yap, Madeleine Yeh.

**Election Meeting**

Outgoing Trustee Charles Abel presiding, Erica Ginter wielding the Gavel of Loving Correction.

VP Sam Scheiner (Trustees' Slate) Acclaim!

Treasurer: Steve Smith(Trustees' Slate) Acclaim!

Secretary: Sam Lubell (Trustees' Slate) Acclaim!

Trustee: 2 open slots George Shaner, Brian Lewis (Trustees' Slate) Nominated from the Floor – Barry

Newton and Elspeth Kovar.

Winners: George Shaner, Barry Newton.

## Letters

### From the Editor

A bit of an abbreviated Journal this time, as I have to get Treasurer stuff done. Future Journals will be in the capable hands of Sam Lubell, our incoming Secretary. He's done it before, and he did a good job then. The Journal is in good hands.

— Steve Smith, Editor, *The WSFA Journal*

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