

## Helpful Information and Videos

- [Guide to the WSFS Business Meeting](#)
- [Robert's Rules of Order Motions Chart Modified for WSFS](#)
- [Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised](#)
- [WSFS Business Meetings Basics Video](#)
- [Report of EPH tested against anonymous Hugo nomination data](#)
- [Report of EPH tested against 2016 Hugo nomination data](#)
- [Report of EPH tested against 1941 Hugo nomination data](#)

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## Business Meeting Overview

The [World Science Fiction Society](#) ("WSFS") holds its Business Meeting at the Worldcon. Its purpose is to discuss changes to the [WSFS Constitution](#) and to announce the results of the [site selection vote](#).

Recordings of past WSFS Business Meeting are available in the [Worldcon Events Channel](#) playlist.

The WSFS Business Meeting Agenda is a work in progress and will be updated regularly.

## WSFS Constitution and Standing Rules

The World Science Fiction Society ("WSFS") is governed by its Constitution, which defines the purpose, structure, and membership of the Society. There are also Standing Rules for the annual Business Meeting.

WSFS has its own website, [www.wsfs.org](http://www.wsfs.org), and you can find a complete set of rules there at <http://www.wsfs.org/rules-of-the-world-science-fiction-society/>.

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WSFS consists of every member of the current Worldcon. (The membership of Worldcon 75 is thus now the membership of WSFS, and will remain so until the closing ceremony in Helsinki.)

The WSFS rules (which will also be published in the Worldcon's souvenir book) consist of a Constitution containing the rules for the Hugo Awards and for the selection of future Worldcons, as well as the Standing Rules which govern the conduct of the Business Meeting. Every attending member of Worldcon 75 is entitled to attend the Business Meeting, propose changes, debate those changes, and vote on them.

Changes to the WSFS Constitution, including any changes to the rules for the Hugo Awards, must be approved by votes at two consecutive Worldcons. In addition, new proposals may be introduced each year. The Business Meeting may defeat and amend new proposals. Meetings are conducted under a relatively formal structure, codified in Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, and the Standing Rules.

Please read the [Guide to the WSFS Business Meeting](#), which is a great starting point if you are planning to attend the meeting and are not familiar with the way it works.

A [Cheat Sheet for Robert's Rules of Order](#) is also available. It summarizes some of the key procedures and how to invoke them.

## **WSFS Agenda**

### **Business Passed On**

The Business Meeting at Worldcon 75 will consider [Business Passed On](#) from the 2016 Business Meeting, held at MidAmeriCon II (the 2016 Worldcon). These proposals, if ratified at the 2017 Business Meeting, will become part of the WSFS Constitution at the end of Worldcon 75 and will first affect the 2018 Worldcon (Worldcon 76).

Items under this heading are not subject to being Postponed Indefinitely (killed with limited debate), nor is the motion to Object to Consideration in order against them.

### **New Business Submissions**

The Business Meeting staff will adjust the agenda and add New Business items as they are submitted. These include [new Standing Rules](#), [new Resolutions](#) and [new Constitutional Amendments](#). To submit proposals, write to [BusinessMeeting@worldcon.fi](mailto:BusinessMeeting@worldcon.fi). The deadline for submitting proposals to the 2017 WSFS Business Meeting is 27 July 2017. The Presiding Officer may accept otherwise qualified motions submitted after the deadline, but all such motions shall be placed at the end of the agenda.

All items of New Business are subject to being Postponed Indefinitely (killed with limited debate allowed) at the Preliminary Business Meeting per [WSFS Standing Rule 5.3](#)

Any new constitutional items, if passed by the 2017 Business Meeting, will be sent on to the 2018 WSFS Business Meeting at Worldcon 76, where it must be ratified in order to become a part of the Constitution.

### **Financial Reports**

All Worldcons and NASFiCs are required to present annual [Financial Reports](#) to the Business Meeting from the time they are elected until they close their accounts. For 2017, we expect reports from Anticipation (2009), LoneStarCon 3 (2013), Detcon 1 (2014 NASFiC), Sasquan (2015), MidAmeriCon II (2016), NorthAmericon '17. (2017 NASFiC), Worldcon 75 (2017), and Worldcon 76 (2018).

### **Committee Reports**

WSFS has a number of standing and temporary committees that report to the Business Meeting. [Committee Reports](#), including one from the Mark Protection Committee, which protects the service marks of the World Science Fiction Society (including the name "Worldcon") are found in this section. MPC committee members are elected by the WSFS Business Meeting attendees.

## **Business Meeting Time and Location**

We plan to start the Worldcon 75 Business Meetings at the traditional time of 10 a.m. on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. The first three meetings should end no later than 12:45 p.m. Although most years there is no meeting on the last day of the convention, there is a lot of business from MidAmeriCon II that has been passed on to Worldcon 75, and we believe we may need to hold a final-day session on Sunday morning this year. Doors open at 9 a.m. The location will be announced as soon as we know it.