

DUFF, the Down Under Fan Fund 2011 ballot

Founded in 1972, and supported by contributions from sf fans all over the world, DUFF sends a delegate from Australia – New Zealand to North America, or the other way, in alternating years. The 2011 delegate will travel to North America, attending the 2011 World Science Fiction Convention (“Renovation”, the 69th Worldcon, 17-21 Aug, Reno, Nevada; <www.renovationsf.org>), with any further fannish travel we can manage, meeting fans, making friends, radiating goodwill, publishing a trip report, and becoming the Australia – New Zealand Administrator in turn until the next cycle on that side. Delegates’ trip reports are sold to support the Fund.

Nominations were accepted until midnight 31 Mar. Candidates to be eligible had to have three ANZ and two NA nominators, to provide a written platform, and to contribute a donation of at least A\$25.

Votes will be accepted until midnight 31 May, and must be accompanied by a donation of at least \$5 Australian, Canadian, United States, or \$6 New Zealand. Anyone active in fandom on or before 1 Jan 11 may vote. “Active in fandom” means a natural person involved in fannish pursuits in our community, such as participation in clubs or conventions or fanzines, amateur film/video production, singing, costuming, social life, physically, electronically, or otherwise. Ballots must include the voter’s name, paper-mail address, and any further needed contact information. Paper ballots must be signed. Voters who think they may not be known to an Administrator should include the name and contact information of someone who knows them and who will be known.

DUFF uses the preferential system of balloting, which yields an automatic runoff if needed and assures a majority win. The voter ranks candidates in order of preference, e.g. 1, 2, 3. If there is no absolute majority for one candidate after a first count of votes, first-place votes for the lowest-ranking candidate are dropped and the second-place votes on those ballots are assigned to the candidates named. This goes on until one candidate has a majority. It can therefore be important to vote preferences other than first place, although this is not required.

Mail this ballot with your donation; or if donating by PayPal, state your preferences and voter information with the Personal tab.

The Candidates

Dave Cake

North America nominators: Randy Byers, Colin Hinz

Australia – New Zealand nominators: Sue Ann Barber, Damien Warman, Grant Watson

“I’m gregarious, amiable, and mostly harmless. In more than 20 years in fandom, I’ve worked a lot of conventions (and chaired one), edited 11 issues of a small-press magazine called *Borderlands*, drunk a lot of beer, DJ’d several convention dances, chaired a lot of meetings, been made a life member of my University SF club, been nominated for a fanwriting Ditmar, and been to (and hosted) a lot of parties. I read books, comics, fanzines, and far too many blogs. I know a lot of odd and pointless facts.

“If elected I promise to be on panels, go to a lot of parties, swap fannish stories, and write a rambling trip report afterwards. And I am prepared not to bring my theremin.

“There is a lot more to know about me, some of which can be found at <<http://www.difference.com.au/fandom/>>.”

Paula McGrath

North America nominators: Sue & Steve Francis, Melissa Morman

Australia – New Zealand nominators: Perry Middlemiss, Rose Mitchell, Julian Warner

“My name is Paula McGrath and I would be honoured to run for DUFF this year.

“I became involved in fandom in 1994 by joining the MSFC. I was involved in organising the Hugo Award Ceremony at Aussiecon 3. I have been on the MSFC committee and was on the Convergence 2002 Natcon committee. I helped run the dealers room at Aussiecon 4, and have just signed on to edit *Ethel the Aardvark*, the MSFC club newsletter.

“I would love to be this year’s DUFF delegate and promise to be a good ambassador for Australian fans. I promise to work hard for the fundraising and promote Australian fandom to the US fans.”

How to Vote

A. Voter's preferences

Dave Cake.....

Paula McGrath.....

No preference.....

Hold over funds.....

Write in.....

B. Voter's information

Name_____

Phone number_____

Signature_____

E-mail_____

Street address_____

If you think you may not be known to an Administrator,
the name and contact information of a fan who knows
you and who will be known are:

City_____

State/Province_____

ZIP/Postal Code_____

Country_____

C. Donation

in A\$: by PayPal to Emma Hawkes (ehawkes@iinet.net.au) with a note that this is a DUFF payment;
or by cheque (made out to "Down Under Fan Fund") sent to Australian Science Fiction Foundation, P.O. Box 215,
Forest Hill, Vict. 3131

in US\$: by PayPal to Marty Cantor (martyhoohah@sbcglobal.net) with a note that this is a DUFF payment; or by
check (made out to "Down Under Fan Fund") sent to John Hertz, 236 S. Coronado St. # 409, Los Angeles, CA 90057

in C\$: by cheque to Murray Moore, 1065 Henley Rd., Mississauga, ON L4Y 1C8

in NZ\$: ask Norm Cates (norman.cates@gmail.com) for details

D. Your preferences, voter information, and donation must all go to the same place.

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