



TAFFish

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Fia Karlsson wins 2022 TAFF Race!

[26 April 2022] This issue of TAFFish is being published to share the voting details related to Fia Karlsson's transition from being one of four candidates standing for TAFF to winning the race and being confirmed as the 2022 TAFF Delegate. **Congratulations, Fia!**

The final count shows there were 238 valid votes cast, more than in any TAFF race since 2006. By standing for TAFF, Fia and her fellow candidates Anders Holmström, Mikołaj Kowalewski, and Julie Faith McMurray helped spread the word about the Trans-Atlantic Fan Fund and inspired fans to participate by voting for them. Voters sent a total of £735.47, €605.82, and \$951.73 in voting fee donations along with their ballots! See page 2 for the full voting results.

TAFF Administrators Johan Anglemark (EU) and Geri Sullivan (NA) thank all of the candidates for making it such a remarkably strong race, especially in the face of the COVID pandemic and its continuing effects on science fiction fandom.

We also thank Dave Langford for a multitude of services supporting TAFF, especially the online voting platform on his unofficial TAFF website, and Claire Brialey, who ran the TAFF operations at Eastercon. Kudos and appreciation to those who nominated such a fine slate of candidates and to everyone who voted, donated time and money to TAFF, shared our announcements, and cheered the candidates on.

Fia plans to travel to North America from her home in Malmö, Sweden in mid-August and will attend Chicon 8, the 80th Worldcon, at the beginning of September. It's very early days, but Fia is already considering possible names and overall themes for her trip report. Other fans replied by writing filk songs and other amusements! You're welcome to head over to facebook.com/fiakarl to follow along.



Fia Karlsson officially became the 2022 TAFF Delegate on 20 April 2022. This photo predates the thrill she reported upon winning. (See page 3.)

The screenshot shows the 'TransAtlantic Fan Fund' website. It includes a table of past TAFF Delegates and a section for the 2022 race results.

Year	Convention	TAFF Delegate
1952	TAFIC	Walt A. Willis (WAW with Crew '52 Fund)
1962	Chicon III	Ethel Lindsay
1962	Chicon III	Walt A. Willis (Tenth Anniversary Willis Fund)
1982	Chicon IV	Kevin Smith
1991	Chicon V	Pam Wells
2000	Chicon 2000	Sue Mason
2012	Chicon 7	(eastbough race: Jacq Monahan)
2022	Chicon 8	Fia Karlsson

The 2022 TAFF Race results section states: 'The candidates for the 2022 TAFF race were Anders Holmström (Sweden), Fia Karlsson (Sweden), Mikołaj Kowalewski (Poland), and Julie Faith McMurray (UK). Anyone involved in fandom (including attending Chicon 8) was eligible to vote. Voting ran from December 15 to April 18. The ballot, including the list of nominators and the candidates platforms, is [online](https://chicon.org/home/whos-coming/fan-funds/). The winner of the race, Fia Karlsson, was announced on April 20 and intends to attend Chicon 8.'

Kudos to Chicon 8! Fewer than 15 minutes after the North American TAFF Administrator told Chicon that Fia won TAFF, Steven H Silver had updated the fan funds page on Chicon's website, and Kris "Nchanter" Snyder confirmed that Fia had already reached out to them about program participation before the day ended. See chicon.org/home/whos-coming/fan-funds.

2022 Voting Results

	Round 1*			Round 2		
Candidates	EU	NA**	Total	EU	NA**	Total
Anders Holmström	27	24	51	37	28	65
Fia Karlsson	81	27	108	87	31	118
Mikołaj Kowalewski	37	4	41	40	4	44
Julie Faith McMurray	22	10	32	—	—	—
Hold Over Funds	0	0	0			
Total preference votes	167	65	232	164	63***	227
No Preference	1	5	6			
Totals	168	70	238	164	63	227
Votes expressing preference needed to win majority:117				Votes needed to win majority:114		

* The 20% rule didn't apply during the first round because there were four candidates in the race.

** The NA column includes two votes from the Rest of the World for the sake of voter privacy.

*** When the 20% rule was applied during the second round, there were 61 votes from North America. The candidates needed 33 EU votes and 13 NA votes to pass the 20% mark.

We note there were 23 invalid ballots this year, with 21 of them coming from Europe. Nearly all of these votes arrived without the required small donation that helps fund the TAFF trip. However, even if we'd been able to count all of the invalid ballots, the outcome of the race would have been the same. In addition, there were a small number of duplicate ballots. (They were obvious duplicates, usually submitted within minutes of each other. In two cases, the duplicates were submitted with a considerable interval, but in both these cases, the duplicate vote was identical to the originally submitted ballot.) – Johan Anglemark & Geri Sullivan

Blast from the past

Way to go, fandom! There were more voters – **and more European voters** – than in any race since 2006. Bridget Bradshaw won the 3-person race, as '1/2r' (Arthur Cruttenden) and 'Sparks' (Mike Rennie) also helped draw 292 voters to the TAFF polls. You can revisit that race and Bridget's trip to L.A.con IV, along with all other TAFF races in the recent and far past at taff.org.uk/taffhist.html, all thanks to that nice Mr. Langford and his unofficial home for the Trans-Atlantic Fan Fund: taff.org.uk

List of Voters

Europe

Adrian Czajkowski, Agata Koc, Agnieszka Czerwinska, Alan Nash, Aleksander Bratkowski, Aleksi Kuutio, Ali Baker, Alison Scott, Anders Holmström, Anders Reuterswärd, Andrew Hogg, Andrzej Ziolkowski, Anna Davour, Anna Raftery, Anne Fortune, Anouk Arnal, Antti Rasinen, Barbara Jane, Bellis, Ben Roimola, Birgitta Stridh, Brian Nisbet, Bridget Bradshaw, Carl Gustav Werner, Carolina Gomez Lagerlöf, Caroline Mullan, Catherine Pickersgill, Catherine Sharp, cDave, Chantal Delessert, Charlotte Laihonen, Christina Lake, Claire Brialey, Claudia Rapp, Constanze Hofmann, Cristina Macia, Daniel Wójtowicz, David Lascelles, DC, Doug Bell, Douglas Spencer, Eddie Cochrane, Edmund Schluessel, Ela Gepfert, Emily January, Farah Mendlesohn, Fia Karlsson, Fiona Moore, Fionna O'Sullivan, Fran Dowd, Frida Otterhag, Gareth Kavanagh, Goran Lowie, Hanna Svensson, Hans Persson, Henrik Pålsson, Herman Ellingsen, Ian Maughan, Ian Watson, Ivo Schwarz, Jacek Falejczyk, James Bacon, James Shields, Jan van't Ent, Janet O'Sullivan, Jennifer Delaney, Jesper Stage, Jim de Liscard, Jim Mowatt,

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List of Voters

Europe (continued)

Joakim Haraldsson, Johan Anglemark, Johan Bergman, John Coxon, John Dallman, John Dodd, John JC Clarke, John-Henri Holmberg, Jörgen Jörälv, Jukka Halme, Jukka Särkijärvi, Julia Daly, Julianna Grefkowicz, Julie Faith McMurray, Justyna Zalewska, Karl-Johan Norén, Karol Siek, Katarina Eriksson, Knud Larn, Kornelia Kobiela, Kristina Hallind, Larry van der Putte, Lennart Uhlin, Liam Proven, Linnéa Anglemark, Liz Batty, Luke Smith, Maciej Matuszewski, Maciej Starzycki, Magdalena Grajcar, Magdalena Kucenty, Magnus Westerlund, Marcin Kłak, Marcin Segit, Marcin Wroński, Marianna Leikomaa, Marianne Cain, Marie Engfors, Mark Plummer, Mårten Svantesson, Matylda Naczyńska, Max Harden, Meg MacDonald, Meike, Michael Pargman, Michał Szymański, Mike Scott, Mikołaj Kowalewski, Mirosław Kowalski, Nicholas Whyte, Nina Horvath, Nina Törnudd, Ola Ågren, Omega, Pat McMurray, Patric Schirrmann, Patrick Maher, Patrik Centerwall, Patrycja Nasiadko, Paweł Dąbrowski, Paweł Domownik, Pernilla Leijonhufvud, Peter Sullivan, Piotr Szmielew, Piotr W. Cholewa, Radosław Polanski, Rafał Dziamski, Richard Gray, Rob Jackson, Ron Gemmell, Roy Gray, Russell Smith, Sabine Furlong, Saija Kyllönen, Sandra Bond, Sanna Bo Claumarch, Shana Worthen, Sidsel Nørgaard Pedersen, Stanisław Krawczyk, Sten Rosendahl, Steve Glover, Sue Edwards, Sue Mason, Susan Dawson, Therese Norén, Thomas Recktenwald, TJ Hämäläinen, Tobes Valois, Tomas Cronholm, Tomasz Rutkowski, Tommy Ferguson,

Tommy Persson, Tony Berry, Tony Cullen, Urban Gunnarsson, Vanessa May, Vesa Sisättö, Vincent Docherty, and Weronika Redziniak.

North America

Alan Rosenthal, Andrew Porter, Andy Hooper, Ben Yalow, Bill Burns, Bryan Barrett, Carrie Root, Cathy Green, Chris Garcia, Christina Goodman, Chuck Fozard, Colette H Fozard, Covert Beach, Craig Miller, Curt Phillips, David Farmer, David K. M. Klaus, David M. Axler, David Weingart, Doug Faunt, Edie Stern, Eli Cohen, Gail Goodhand, Gay Haldeman, Geri Sullivan, Gloria Lucia Albasi, Henry Balen, Ian Stockdale, J.J. Brutsman, Jacqueline Monahan, Jeanne Bowman, Jerry Kaufman, Joe Siclari, Joel Zakem, John D. Berry, John Hertz, John Purcell, Judith Bemis, Karen Schaffer, Kielan Donahue, Laurie Mann, Leafia Sheraden-Cox, Lesleigh Luttrell, Lisa Hertel, Lucy Huntzinger, Mary Burns, Michael J. Lowrey, Murray Moore, Nic Farey, Nigel Rowe, Pam Burr, Pat Virzi, R-Laurraine Tutihasi, Rachel Holmen, Rich Coad, Rich McAllister, Robert Lichtman, Ronald Oakes, Sarah Gulde, Sharon Sbarsky, Spike, Steve Fahnstalk, Steven H Silver, Suzanne Tompkins, Tammy Coxen, Tony Parker, Ulrika O'Brien, and Warren Buff.

Rest of the World

Jo Van Ekeren and Perry Middlemiss.

And these kind people participated in the race by making a monetary donation without voting:

Adrian Tarnowski, Coral Jackson, and Gillian Polack



"I'm incredibly humbled that fandom has elected me to be the TAFF delegate of 2022. I'm so proud of the Trans-Atlantic Fan Fund and all of the people that have been and currently are working tirelessly to make this possible year after year. Now I am given the opportunity to contribute as well. It is maddening. Scary. Totally awesome. How did I end up here? I wanna thank all of the candidates, Julie Faith McMurray, Mikołaj Kowalewski and Anders Holmström, that have stood beside me, you are all awesome and deserve to win as well. Thank you to all my nominators, Jukka Halme, Colette Fozard, Lucy Huntzinger, Mihaela Perkovic and JC Clarke. You are all getting a big beer next time we meet. Love you guys. Thank you to Johan, Geri, and Michael Lowrey for leading my way, and a final big thank you to all of you in fandom who've voted in TAFF and contributed in some way. You all rock. Now I believe it's time for a glass of champagne and then the work starts! Talk soon!" – Fia Karlsson, 20 April 2022

Currently underway! “Orange Mike” Lowrey’s TAFF trip

“I’ve attended the LuxCon/Eurocon; I’ve met fans in three Polish cities; I’ve attended Reclamation/Eastercon; and now I am catching my breath here in Uppsala, after meeting fans here and in Stockholm, now preparing to meet two more towns’ worth of Swedish fans before going on to Denmark, and then Glasgow.

“I know this does not constitute a trip report; just a gleeful shout of joy.”

– Michael J. “Orange Mike” Lowrey to Trufen mailing list,
21 April 2022 (Reprinted with permission.)



Above: Orange Mike stands on Mars, while Copernicus gazes benevolently on, and explains the heliocentric theory to the world. Photo by Magda “Kathia” Kozłowska. 11 April 2022, Copernicus Monument, Warsaw, Poland.



Above: Meeting with the Katowice SF club, the oldest in Poland. Photo by Michael J. Lowrey.

Top left: Johan and Linnéa Anglemark, Orange Mike’s hosts in Storvreta, Sweden. Photo by Michael J. Lowrey.



Below: Polish fans Marcin “Alqua” Kłak and 2022 TAFF candidate Mikotaj Kowalewski greet Orange Mike at the beginning of LuxCon, the 2022 Eurocon, in Dudelange, Luxembourg. See Marcin’s conreport at fandomrover.com. Photo by Michael J. Lowrey.

Coming soon to TAFF auctions near you!

Yes, those are **Richard Bergeron silkscreen prints** you're looking at. Signed artist proofs even. These one-of-a-kind donations come from 1985 TAFF delegates Patrick and Teresa Nielsen Hayden. Thank you, Patrick and Teresa! We're still staggered, and very, very pleased.

We plan to auction these four Bergeron silkscreens at Chicon, Corflu (Pangloss in Vancouver and/or Craic in Belfast), and online over the coming year. We're just starting to work on the specifics of these unique items of artistic and fanhistorical interest. Additional details below.



Additional Details

Two of the Richard Bergeron artist proofs are large; two are small. The large images are ~14" x 14" and ~11.5" x 17"; the small images are ~9" x 9" and ~9" x 14.75". The large paper is 17" x 22" and the small paper is 11" x 17". All four were rolled and have been stored together in a tube for many years; the paper will need to be flattened when mounting or framing.

Geri has these Bergeron silkscreen prints and is running lead on auction details. She promises availability for each one will be well publicized and bids will be accepted online and/or by proxy. For further info, or to receive auction announcement emails, please email her at TAFF@toad-hall.com.

The £, €, & \$ of it all

TAFF's coffers remained healthy through the first two pandemic years thanks to eight fan fund auctions, three trip reports, popular new titles on the TAFF Free Ebooks page, voting fees, and other donations. Most recently, a Plague Times mini silent auction, plus tombola-style Amazeballs fundraising and other donations brought in over £540 at the 2022 Eastercon (Reclamation), to be split equally between TAFF and GUFF. Expect to see both auctions and Amazeballs again. We'll publish a full financial report this summer in the final issue of *TAFFish*. (The third time's a charm, right?)

TAFF thanks...

...**Chicon 8** – publicity and its immediate warm welcome to 2022 TAFF delegate Fia Karlsson.

The following conventions and fans have already welcomed 2020 TAFF delegate Michael J. “Orange Mike” Lowrey during his pandemic-delayed (and somewhat plagued) trip in April 2022:

...**Luxcon/Eurocon** – membership, room, transportation, & programme participation.

...**Reclamation/Eastercon** – membership, programme participation including speaking at the opening and closing ceremonies. Fan funds table & silent auction/Amazeballs support as the 2022 TAFF voting deadline drew near.

...**Marcin Kłak & Mikołaj Kowalewski** – coordinated arrangements with Polish clubs for the brilliant 3-days, 3-cities, 3-clubs experience in Warsaw, Katowice, and Krakow.

...**FANAC** – trip report bounties for Jeanne Gomoll’s & John Coxon’s reports; FanHistory Zoom “[Traveling Ghiants](#), [Fan Funds from the Days of Mimeo to the Days of Zoom](#)” (Scroll down to this title & enjoy the others, too).

...**SCIFI** – trip report bounty for Anna Raftery’s report, & **John Coxon** for helping Anna finish it on time.

...**DisCon III** – fan table & fan funds auction support; Auctioneers **James Bacon & Jerry Kaufman**; tally clerks **Spike & Suzle**; & runners **Mia McCarty & Kristin Siebert**. **Laurie Mann, Sharon Sbarsky**, & all who helped staff the fan funds table. Also, the **Dublin, Glasgow in 2024**, & **CoNZealand** suite for donating bar tips & hosting donation shelves.

...**ConFusion/Eastercon** – online auction support.

...**Columbus NASFiC 2020** – online auction support.

...**CoNZealand** – online auction support.

...**Boskone 57, 58, & 59** – fan table & auction support in person, virtual, and hybrid.

...**Dave Langford** – [unofficial TAFF home website](#), online ballot and voting, TAFF free ebooks page and publications, and so much more.

...**Claire Brialey** – maintaining European TAFF accounts, auction & fan table support, proofreading.

...**Anouk Arnal, Marcin Kłak, Gillian Polack, & Alison Scott** – so much virtual auction support 2020–2021.

...**Andy Hooper** – auctioning fanzines online on behalf of TAFF – eBay seller name is **aphooper**.

...**John Hertz** – *Moffatt House Abroad* trip reports, and providing free postage worldwide to fans who donate \$10 or more to TAFF with their request.

...**James Bacon, Sara Felix, Colette Fozard, Deb Geisler, Anne Gray, Cathy Green, Kerrie Hanlon-Delas, Dave Langford, Esther MacCallum-Stewart, Diane Martin, Patrick & Teresa Nielsen Hayden, Gillian Polack, Gail Roberts, Ruth Sachter, Alison Scott, Joe Siclari & Edie Stern, Swedish Fandom, Pat Virzi, Erin Underwood, & Ben Yalow** – Scotch; tiara workshop; art; books & chapbooks; baked goods; handknit, beaded lace shawls; comics; fanzines; convention kipple; vintage Air & Space museum patches; and other items for TAFF & combined fan fund auctions.

...**TAFF supporters** – you are kindly and generously contributing to the TAFF coffers by downloading free ebooks, voting, bidding in fan fund auctions, donating items, welcoming delegates to your countries, conventions, clubs, pubs, and homes, and so much more.



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