

## AND THEY'RE OFF!



The 2019 TAFF (Trans-Atlantic Fan Fund) Race is now officially open for nominations for the West to East (North America to Europe) leg as of October 1, 2018. The nomination period will close on November 22, 2018, and then voting to elect said TAFF delegate will commence nine days later (giving the Administrators time to prepare the official ballot) on December 1, 2018 and then close on April 22, 2019. The winning delegate will attend the 77th World Science Fiction Convention in Dublin, Ireland (<a href="https://dublin2019.com/">https://dublin2019.com/</a>) from August 15 - 19, 2019, and shall assume the duties of the next North American administrator of TAFF upon returning home.

If any North American fan is considering standing for the 2019 TAFF race, now is the time to line up your nominators and have them contact the administrators informing them of the nominators' intentions. This year candidates will need three North American fans and two European fans known to the Administrators to nominate you: these people **must** contact the current Administrators by November 22, 2018 (American Thanksgiving Holiday), informing them of whom is being nominated for this distinct honor. Potential delegates will also need to send an official statement of standing for TAFF to the administrators (contact information provided below) listing their nominators, plus a 101-word platform statement, and a \$20 (USD) bond fee sent via PayPal to 2017taff2019@gmail.com. Again, the official nominating period began on October 1, 2018, <sup>t</sup> and will close on November 22, 2018.

More details about TAFF can be found at David Langford's excellent website, <a href="taff.org.uk">taff.org.uk</a> If you are interested in standing for the 2019 TAFF Race or would like to nominate some deserving fan, please contact North American Administrator, John Purcell, at 2017taff2019 (at) gmail (dot) com or Johan Anglemark, the European Administrator, at EUTAFF (at) gmail (dot) com.

Good luck, and we look forward to this being a fun and energetic TAFF race!

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