



# Taffluorescence! fourth issue



This *second* April 2024 issue comes to you from your European TAFF administrator, who doesn't believe she has ever before published two fanzines in one calendar month. Chew on *that*, Ansible. I am *Sandra Bond*, 1B Chestnut House, Mucklestone Rd, Loggerheads, Market Drayton TF9 1DA, UK. North American admin remains: *Michael Lowrey*, 1847 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> St, Milwaukee, WI 53212, USA  
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 Four issues! Mighod, we're Hugo-eligible next year! Laugh, laugh, wheeze.



THE SWIFT WILL COME IN THE SPRING CRYING "NEWS! NEWS!"

I had expected to be able to take a break from running TAFF for a few weeks (not to relax upon my laurels, mark you, but to finish my next novel); but so many things have happened since the results were announced some ten days ago that a further bulletin is definitely called for. Here are this week's flavour explosions:

I told **Sarah Gulde**, TAFF delegate-elect, to let me know once she had some idea of her travel plans this summer, expecting to hear back from her in a few weeks. But Sarah is plainly not one to allow the grass to grow beneath her feet. A week had not passed since the result was announced when this email came in from her:

"OK, bought my flights! I'll be heading over on July 21 and leaving on October 11. (I'll be working while I travel, so I was able to extend the trip.) My unplanned time is the last two weeks of August and the first two weeks of September, during which I'll be working my way from Inverness to London. Would love to meet with TAFF folks along the way, as well as in London from mid-September until I leave!"

Working while she travels? If my experience is anything to go by, it will be a tricky enough task to remember to *breathe* while she travels, far less perform any paid tasks. But then, I am an o-o-old fan and tired, whilst Sarah is plainly crackling with energy. It all augurs well for her upcoming trip and subsequent administration, I reckon.

Anyone who can provide hosting or hospitality to Sarah in the time-slots given above is invited to contact her ([sarahmiyoko \[at\] gmail.com](mailto:sarahmiyoko@gmail.com)) and make her an offer. I hope to publish at least one more issue of this bulletin before Sarah departs for Europe, in which I'll bring readers up to date with her plans as they stand at that point.



YOU SNOOZE, YOU LOSE

A further late vote came in after publication of our previous issue, from **R. Laurraine Tutihasi**. The vote was discounted, but she has allowed us to keep the voting fee anyway. Also, **John Hertz** realised he forgot to vote in time, so didn't even try - but he did send us the sum he'd earmarked as a voting fee. TAFF thanks you both, but gently suggests you keep your eye on the ball in future races.

## MONEY, IT'S A GAS

A snapshot of the financial status of the fund at the moment of going to press:

*European TAFF* holds £8341.44 in its bank account and a further £437.77 in PayPal; additionally in PayPal are €303.56, US\$172.31 and SEK74.17, which we've let remain in those currencies in case they prove useful. And there's a \$20 bill, which I'll give Sarah in Glasgow...

*North American TAFF* is sending Sarah the sums of \$6888.10 from its checking account, and \$1730.32 from its PayPal. A further sum of \$14.00 (see section above) is still in Michael's hands, but will follow the main payment in Sarah's direction shortly.



## I'M CRACKERS AND I'M CRAZY AND I'M BASICALLY WHOOPS-A-DAISY

Deep breath: I'm very sorry to announce that the figures given for voting in Taffluorescence! 3 were *wrong*. Not hugely wrong, but nevertheless Mike and I regret the error very deeply, and hastening to correct it is a major reason for the existence of this issue.

Upon publication of Taffluorescence! 3, **Jerry Kaufman** sent a concerned email asking why the deuce his name and **Suzanne Tompkins**'s did not appear on the voter list – all the more worrying, since his check had been cashed. Prompt searches were made, and shamefully, the only response I can make is “your ballots were lost”. I must give Jerry and Suzle a heartfelt, unreserved apology from myself, Mike, and TAFF itself. Their names should be added to the voter list, last ish.

Here, then, are the true voting figures for TAFF 2024. These figures REPLACE those previously given in Taffluorescence! 3, and should be taken as OFFICIAL:

	<i>Sarah</i>	<i>Vanessa</i>	<i>H.O.F.</i>	<i>No Pref.</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Total combined</i>
<b><i>Europe</i></b>	<b>30</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>57</b>	<i>(inc. No Pref):</i>
<b><i>North Am.</i></b>	<b>30</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>120</b>

Sarah's first round majority thus remains, with 60 votes to Vanessa's 31 and H.O.F.'s 4.

I cannot help but note that, all the more in these amended figures, votes for both candidates were split straight down the exact middle as regards support from Europe and from North America. Is this further proof of the globalisation of fandom, or just random number trivia? I shall leave fandom's pundits to chew on that one. Like I said, I've a novel manuscript to finish.



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**Dave Langford** sez that the next one's imminent – it collects all the biographical bits (authors and artists) from *New Worlds* in the 50s/60s. **Michael Moorcock** has given it his blessing! Soon, soon, soon, from True Rat... uh, I mean [taff.org.uk/ebooks.php?x=NWprof](http://taff.org.uk/ebooks.php?x=NWprof).