



Taffluorescence! eighth issue



Time puffs along like a poisoned caterpillar, and with hideous inevitability it's the end of April 2025, and time for

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to announce the winner of the 2025 TAFF election! Cast your eyes down a few lines to find out.

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IT'S MIKOŁAJ TO SEATTLE!!!

The votes have been counted and the numbers crunched. Who, *who*, thought it was a good idea to put the TAFF deadline when one admin was exhausted from Eastercon and the other was about to take a flight from Japan to Oregon? But you don't want to hear about our woes. You justifiably want to see the figures. Here:

EUROPE: Zi Graves 29, Mikołaj Kowalewski 47, Jan Vaněk jr. 4, No Preference 3, Hold Over Funds 1 = 84

NORTH AMERICA: Zi Graves 26, Mikołaj Kowalewski 17, Jan Vaněk jr. 6, No Preference 5 = 54

(note that two Rest-of-the-World votes have been included with North America, for voter privacy)

TOTALS: Zi Graves 55, Mikołaj Kowalewski 64, Jan Vaněk jr. 10, No Preference 8, Hold Over Funds 1

To win on a first-round ballot, a candidate must attract 50% of all votes cast which express a preference. There were 130 such votes, meaning the target figure was 65... which nobody quite reached.

Eliminating Hold Over Funds makes no difference. The trailing candidate, Jan Vaněk jr., who also scored less than the required 20% of votes in both Europe and North America, is thus eliminated, and voting goes to a second round, with Jan's first-place votes reallocated to their voters' second choice:

SECOND ROUND TOTALS: Zi Graves 56, Mikołaj Kowalewski 72

Thus Mikołaj Kowalewski reaches more than 50% of votes, AND WINS.

ON YOUR MARKS... GET SET...

Your administrators have made contact with Mikołaj in order to clarify whether, in all the circumstances prevailing, he feels able to make his TAFF trip this summer as would normally be the case.

He has confirmed that he intends to do so, and therefore, TAFF will naturally support him to the hilt in this choice, both financially and in every other regard which we are able to influence.

BUT WAIT! THERE'S MORE...

...only not in this bulletin, because we wanted to get the results circulating in fandom as quickly as possible.

Look out for another and longer Taffluorescence!, to follow hard on the heels of this one, which will contain more detail on voting (and some issues which arose during the course thereof), news of the current financial state of the fund and of ongoing fundraising enterprises, and all the usual bits and bobs which you've come to expect and perhaps even to love from your current administrators. But for now – as we said at the start – we are both very tired, and need to lie down for a bit. Zzzzzzz...