



TAFF Press Release

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2018 Trans-Atlantic Fan Fund Delegate Announced

The Administrators of the 2018 TAFF campaign are pleased to announce that Johan Anglemark of Sweden will be the 2018 TAFF Delegate. He will attend WORLDCON 76, the 76th Annual World Science Fiction Convention to be held in San Jose, California on August 16-20, 2018 (see their website at <https://www.worldcon76.org/>) and hopes to travel to additional destinations throughout North America during his trip.

Johan first became involved with fandom in 1983. Soon after, he was involved in con-running and he still is. For a recent example, Johan served on last year's Worldcon 75 Convention Committee in Helsinki, Finland. He has attended all European Worldcons since 1990, but not yet one in America. He is a co-administrator of the Swedish branch of the Nordic Fan Fund and the chair of the Alvar Appeltofft Memorial Foundation, a fannish charity. When not on staff, Johan can usually be found selling used books at cons on behalf of the Appeltofft Foundation. He lives with his wife Linnéa in a house full of cats, games, vinyl records, and books, and earns his real world living as a tech writer. He is also an avid player of board games.



Following his return home, Johan will become the next European administrator of TAFF, and will conduct the 2019 TAFF campaign and election in association with John Purcell. Fans in Canada and the United States who may be interested in standing for the 2019 TAFF election – which will send a westbound fan to the 77th World Science Fiction Convention in Dublin, Ireland - should make a point of talking with Johan and/or John at Worldcon 76 in San Jose or elsewhere on Johan's trip, if at all possible, in order to begin the process of becoming involved in one of the best experiences a fan can have. Also, don't forget to attend the next League of Fan Funds auction at Worldcon 76 where you will find a world of fannish and sf-ish loot and booty from across time and space. All proceeds benefit the fan funds associated with Worldcon 76.

For more information about the Trans-Atlantic Fan Fund – past, present, and future – please visit David Langford's excellent TAFF website at www.taff.org.uk.

TAFF uses a voting system wherein each candidate must have at least 20% of the total first preference votes from both North America and the UK/Europe to advance. Here is the breakdown of the voting results by first preference:

FIRST ROUND

Candidate	NA Votes	Europe votes	20% rule met	totals
Johan Anglemark	21	57	yes	78
Fia Karlsson	14	51	yes	65
Helena McCallum*	14	44	yes	58*
Hold Over Funds	0	0	Exempt	
No Preference	6	2		

*eliminated as trailing candidate; second preferences redistributed

SECOND ROUND

Candidate	NA Votes	Europe votes	Rest of World	totals
Johan Anglemark	27	70	3	100
Fia Karlsson	18	67	2	87
Hold Over Funds	2	2		
No Preference	8	15		

Again, this was a close race, so Anna and I double-checked our figures to ensure everything worked out correctly. Much like last-year's nail-biter TAFF election (one vote difference!), every vote counts, so please do not think that your vote will not matter: it most certainly does. Without the active participation of fans, the Fan Funds would not exist.

Anna and I thank Johan, Fia, and Helena for an exciting and fun TAFF campaign, and we hope that both Fia and Helena will consider making a bid for TAFF again. Our most sincere thanks to all who voted in, contributed to, or otherwise supported the 2018 TAFF campaign. Now it is time to follow Horace Greeley's advice and "Go West, young man!" See you in San Jose!

John Purcell, North American TAFF Administrator

Anna Raftery, European TAFF Administrator