

President TAFF's Bathtub

TAFF Newsletter from Chris Garcia April 2009



Steve Green Wins 2009 Westbound TAFF Race!

It's officially over! The 2009 Westbound TAFF race came to an end at Midnight on April 18th, 2009 (which is technically April 19th, but that's neither here nor there). The ballots on both sides of the Atlantic were quickly counted twice and the result certified! Steve Green won a clear majority on both sides of the Atlantic and will be attending Anticipation in August in Montreal. Our congratulations to Steve and sympathy for Tom Womack. The two of them put on a great race and the video of the two of them from Peter Sullivan at Eastercon was a great thing for the race and I hope we'll be able to replicate for future races.

Now, let's do the numbers with the official announcement!

TAFF 2009 Westbound Race Result

Thank you to all who have supported, nominated, voted, or stood in this TAFF race. This has been a fine race, with 175 votes cast.

Steve Green (stevegreen) won on the first round with an absolute majority of the first-place preference votes cast and is declared the winner. Steve will travel to Anticipation, the Worldcon in Montréal, in August, and is planning the rest of his itinerary.

Congratulations Steve, and commiserations Tom.

Total of first place votes

Candidate	European votes	North American votes	Total
Steve Green	89	61	150
Tom Womack	6	9	15
No Preference	4	6	10
Hold Over Funds	0	0	0

NB 5 Rest of World voters have been rolled up into the North America column to conceal their votes. This does not affect the result.

2009 North America TAFF Voters

Don Glover, David M Axler, Fred Moulton, Frank Denton, Spike, Linda Deneroff, John Moore, Yvonne Penney, Lloyd Penney, Ulrika O'Brien, Hal O'Brien, Edie Stern, Joe Siclari, Robert Hole, Jr, Fred Lerner, Milt Stevens, Jerry Kaufman, Suzanne Tompkins, June Moffatt, Randy Byers, Len Moffatt, Gay Haldeman, David Moyce, Arthur Hlavaty, Erwin S. Strauss, Murray Moore, Rich McAlister, John Hertz, Joel Zakem, Eli Cohen, Ben Yalow, Jim Hudson, Ben Schilling, Charlene Taylor D'Alessio, Geri Sullivan, John D Berry, Craig Smith, Katrina Templeton, Ian Stockdale, Kevin Standlee, R-Laurraine Tutihasi, Jeanne Bowman, Curt Phillips, George Wells, Nic Farey, Orange Mike Lowrey, Tom Feller, Jack Calvert, Lucy Hunzinger, David Rike, Rich Coad, Amy Thompson, Guy Lillian, Patrick Neilsen Hayden, Teresa Neilsen Hayden, Don Fitch, Alan Kobayashi, Steven Silver, Luke McGuff, Robert Lichtman, Steve Stiles, Elaine Stiles, Arnie Katz, Joyce Katz, Dwaine Kaiser, Bill Burns, Mary Burns, Sharee Carton, Vicki Rosenzweig, Colin Hinz. Catherine Crockett, Tracy Benton

Funds- They Are Solid

We're over 10k! That's awesome.

Let's see, here's how it went down- At the last report, we were at 9500.49

We started with LosCon. There we got a whole 197.00 with the TAFF Auction (and thanks to David Gerrold for not getting too mad at us horning in on his annual auction!) and three TAFF votes accounting for 15.00 of that total, and 10 bucks from John Hertz for the only edition of my TAFF report I printed and another 10 from another donor (whose name I wrote down and can't find!) who donated 10 bucks as well for the eDition of the report. That brings us to 9697.49, though there was the expense of getting ballots printed (12.00) which left us with 9685.49.

Mailing the TAFF Ballots for the West-bound race was pricey, and has certainly made me more determined that there will be no mailed reports, only mailed ballots. The mailing cost almost 100.00 in postage alone! Total for stamps, 96.00 bucks. We had the address stamp already made and the envelopes lasted through, so that's still 96.00 bucks to do a mailing! True, that mailing was largely responsible for getting the 672.00 bucks which the TAFF race brought in, including some very generous donations from

individuals and the South Florida Science Fiction Society. That's 576.00 income, bringing us to 10261.49. Plus 4.8 in stamps and 20 bucks Canadian cash which I will pass along to Steve Green at Anticipation!

OK, CorFlu was good to us as well. We were a part of the auction (and thanks to Andy Hooper, Luke McGuff, Randy Byers and all the rest for their help!) bring in 81 bucks! That brings us to 10342.49! There was also 71.00 from sales of Suzle's TAFF Report (which you can get by eMailing garcia@computerhistory.org or sending 7 bucks to 962 West Weddell Dr. #15, Sunnyvale, CA 94089) bringing us to 10413.49. I did have to send the TAFF stuff out there, which was 43.17, bringing the total to 10370.32.

The only other big expenses were 80.00 pre-pay for TAFF Robbons for BayCon, WorldCon and the rest of the year. That goes to 10290.32. I think that it'll be about another 20 bucks when they arrive. There was also the printing of the TAFF ballots which was 44.25 for the copies I had made for LosCon, Silicon, FurCon, the mailing and BASFA. That went brought us to 10246.07

Final Total- 10246.07! We're plus 10k! That's a lot, and there's still another TAFF race before I pass the fund along to my replacement and a TAFF Auction at Anticipation! Should mean 12k+ for the Go-Away!

2009 European TAFF Voters

Liz Batty, Douglas Bell, Tony Berry, Kate Bodley, Sandra Bond, Helena Bowles, Simon Bradshaw, Claire Brialey, Pat Brown, Vernon Brown, Kevin Clarke, Theo Clarke, Cat Coast, David T Coope, Jane Cooper, Ric Cooper, Steve Cooper, David Cox, John Coxon, Tony Cullen, Julia Daly, Malcolm Davies, Simon Dearn, Fran Dowd, Martin Easterbrook, Sue Edwards, Alison Freebairn, Keith Freeman, Nick Gibbins, Steve Glover, Phillip Greenaway, David A. Hardy, John Harvey, Julian Headlong, Dave Hicks, Alex Holden, Dave Holmes, Anders Holmstrom, Rob Jackson, Al Johnston, Tony Keen, Christina Lake, Dave Langford, Alice Lawson, Steve Lawson, Max Lehmann, Jim Linwood, Peter Mabey, Kari Maund, Rita Medany, Nick Mills, Jim Mowatt, Caroline Mullan, Feorag NicBhríde, Clarrie O'Callaghan, Chris O'Shea, Catherine Pickersgill, Greg Pickersgill, Phil Plumbly, Mark Plummer, Eunice Probert, Liam Proven, Andy Richards, JFW Richards, Roger Robinson, Mic Rogers, Angela Rosin, Yvonne Rowse, Naomi Saunders, Alison Scott, Mike Scott, DM Sherwood, James Shields, Gavin Shorrocks, Ina Shorrocks, Kate Solomon, Ian Sorensen, Douglas Spencer, Eddie Stachelski, Richard Standage, Peter Sullivan, Neil Summerfield, Calvin Ternent, George Ternent, Heloise Tudor, Martin Tudor, Lennart Uhlin, Jack Vickeridge, Jim Walker, Ian Warner, Peter Weston, Bridget Wilkinson, Alan Woodford, Anne-Marie Wright, Pete Wright, Rachael Wright, 1/2r, Flick, Omega, Sue Ann Barber, Trevor Clark, Janice Gelb, Jean Weber

There are also a bunch of Thank Yous that need to be made. Pat Vrizi donated printing and shipping for Suzle's TAFF report! Good for her! And how about a Big Shout-Out to Suzle for finishing a report so quickly (in Traditional, Non-Internet Boy Chris Garcia terms!) and making us eligible for the Bounties! That'll be another good get.

The crazy Bay Area folk are doin' their damndest to pimp the TAFF scarf that'll auction off at Anticipation. Andy Trembly started the TAFF Scarf page on Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/pages/The-TAFF-Scarf/75793518764>) and you are more than welcome to join. Leigh Ann Hildebrand, Espana Sheriff and more have been great in getting the word out. The scarf appeared at Potlatch where many great photos were taken.

Thanks to the good folks at CorFlu for all their great work and for letting us be a part of their auction. Same for LosCon!

There's no better friend to this TAFF Administrator than Peter Sullivan, who set-up the Eastern TAFF Candidate video. He's also the reason I ran for the Fund, so there's that too!

The BASFA TAFF Jar has collected over 200 dollars in the last year and a half or so, and growing with every meeting! They'll probably cut the final check in a few months.

Thanks again to all the voters. This was a great race and the next race should open up for nomination in the next few months. Stay tuned...

Also, one more round of applause for Dave Langford for the TAFF.org.uk site! Of course, I have to thank Wil Wheaton and John Scalzi for providing the most public scarf moment so far at LosCon.

Again, thanks to Espana for the logo, and to Bridget Bradshaw for being a great European Administrator! I'll be sad to see her freed! Steve Green should be a great Admin too, and his run starts the day after his trip ends!



Your fearless Administrator with the Scarf at Denvention