

SFWA Board Meeting

June 6, 2025

Attendance

Kate Ristau; President
Anthony Eichenlaub; Vice President
Steven D. Brewer; Secretary
Jonathan Brazee; Chief Financial Officer
Day Al-Mohamed; Director-At-Large
Phoebe Barton; Director-At-Large
Alton Kremer; Director-At-Large
Noah Sturdevant; Director-At-Large
Christine Taylor-Butler; Director-At-Large

Isis Asare; Executive Director
Curtis C. Chen, Incoming Director-at-Large

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 10:20am CDT

Confirming List of Officers and Board Members

Kate Ristau; President
Anthony Eichenlaub; Vice President
Steven D. Brewer; Secretary
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Phoebe Barton; Director-At-Large
Alton Kremer; Director-At-Large
Noah Sturdevant; Director-At-Large
Christine Taylor-Butler; Director-At-Large

Isis Asare (Jennifer Yador); Executive Director
Russell Davis; Operations Director
Maggie Clark (Margaret Leanne Clark); Communications and Marketing
Manager
Misha Grifka Wander (Michael Grifka Wander); Office Assistant

Vote on Resolution for Vanguard

The President reported on the need to update the list of persons with signature authority on the SFWA Vanguard account, which contains the organization's investments, ensuring that large transactions will require two signatures and that the persons with signature authority are different than those with access to the financial controls and reporting systems. After discussion, the Board voted to also change the OPPM to reflect that, going forward, the roles of President and Chief Financial Officer will confer signature authority automatically.

Noah Sturdevant moved (Alton Kremer Seconded) to give signature access to Kate Ristau and Jonathan Brazee for the Vanguard account and require that transactions larger than \$15000 shall require two signatures. Motion adopted unanimously with two abstentions (Kate Ristau and Jonathan Brazee)

Day Al-Mohamed moved (Christine Taylor-Butler Seconded) to update the OPPM to use ROLES vs NAMES for signature access. Motion adopted unanimously with two abstentions (Kate Ristau and Jonathan Brazee)

2026 Nebula Location Discussion

The Vice-President reported on his investigation of potential locations for the 2026 Nebula Award Conference and Ceremony. Locations for a gala events were considered, but proved to be very expensive and with constraints on potential activities. Two locations were considered for a conference and ceremony on June 2-7.

The Vice President moved (Jonathan Brazee seconded) to approve the Crowne Plaza Hotel & Conference Center Chicago, O'Hare for the 2026 Nebula conference with the ability to continue negotiations on the contract as needed. Motion adopted unanimously.

Confirm Next Board Meeting

The President reported that a short onboarding meeting for the Board is planned for July with scheduling for regular Board meetings going forward, but that these will need to wait for RykaAoki who was unable to attend this meeting. A meeting of the Board is also planned for Worldcon.

Thank You

The Board expresses appreciation to Alton Kremer and Phoebe Barton as they depart for their service to the organization.

Regular meeting adjourned at 11:07am CDT

Respectfully submitted by Steven D. Brewer; Secretary