

## **DUFF, the Down Under Fan Fund 2012 ballot**

**Founded in 1972**, and supported by contributions from all over the world, DUFF sends a delegate from North America to Australia – New Zealand, or the other way, in alternating years, attending the World Science Fiction Convention if it is on the receiving side, otherwise the national convention, with any further fannish travel that can be managed, meeting fans, making friends, radiating goodwill, publishing a trip report, and becoming the DUFF Administrator in turn until the next cycle on the delegate's home side. Trip reports are sold to support the Fund.

In 2012 the 51st Australia natcon is Continuum VIII, Melbourne, 8-11 Jun; the 33rd New Zealand natcon is unCONventional, Auckland, 1-4 Jun. Nominations were accepted until midnight 11 May. Candidates to be eligible had to have three NA and two ANZ nominators, to provide a written platform, and to contribute a donation of at least \$25 (US\$ or C\$).

**Votes will be accepted** until midnight 31 May Pacific Daylight Time, and must be accompanied by a donation of at least \$5 Australian, Canadian, United States, or \$7 New Zealand. Anyone active in fandom on or before 1 Jan 12 may vote. "Active in fandom" means a natural person involved in fannish pursuits in our community, such as participation in clubs or conventions or fanzines, singing, costuming, social life, physically, electronically, or otherwise. Ballots must include the voter's name, paper-mail address, and any further needed contact information. Paper ballots must be signed. Voters who think they may not be known to an Administrator should include the name and contact information of someone who knows them and who will be known.

DUFF uses the preferential system of balloting, which yields an automatic runoff if needed and assures a majority win. The voter ranks choices in order of preference, e.g. 1, 2, 3. If there is no absolute majority for one choice after a first count of votes, first-place votes for the lowest-ranking choice are dropped and the second-place votes on those ballots are assigned to the choices named. This goes on until one choice has a majority. It can therefore be important to vote preferences other than first place, although this is not required.

The 2012 nominating and voting periods are short. The NA Administrator takes full responsibility and is available for discussion by telephone. The choice "Hold Over Funds" is as always on the ballot; one candidate states he will make that choice and urges others to it: a vote for him will accordingly be treated as a vote to hold over funds. The NA and ANZ Administrators have conferred and agreed that the decision should be made by vote.

Mail this ballot with your donation; or by PayPal state preferences and voter information with the Personal tab.

### ***The Candidates***

**Juanita Coulson** (London, Ohio, U.S.A.)

NA nominators Sue & Steve Francis, Chris Garcia, Joyce & Arnie Katz

ANZ nominators Bruce Gillespie, Marc Ortlieb

"Have done fanzines, filksinging, pro writing. Happy to make friends and break stereotypes. Now in London, ready for Melbourne. Love to bring back opal. May illustrate own trip report. Taught Devra Langsam to hand-cut mimeo stencils, kept my styli which make nice kitchen tools. Sang at Old Ship Inn after Regency Dancing at Brighton Worldcon; lucky some Scots who'd heard Filthy Pierre in hotel bar sing unwise verse of "God Save the Queen" arrived then and realized no murder needed. Very fond of rumpots, crack-pots, and how are you, Mr. Wilson?"

Added by NA Administrator: Fan GoH at Reconstruction. Co-edited *Yandro* 33 years with late husband Buck, 1 Hugo, 10 nominations. With him Fan Guests of Honor at L.A.con I. Brighton trip report in *Yandro* 250. Filk Hall of Fame; 15 Pegasus nominations; known as a Den Mother. Helped Bjo Trimble invent Art Shows. Eighteen books, 10 shorter stories.

**Murray Moore** (Mississauga, Ontario, Canada)

NA nominators Hope Leibowitz, Spike, Art Widner

ANZ nominators Cath Ortlieb, Bill Wright

"I agreed to stand for DUFF to create a race. But I now believe that sending a North American delegate elected instead next year will allow the time necessary for those candidates to be known; for the ballot to be distributed and the money raised through voting; and for the host convention, other hosts, and the North American delegate, jointly to plan an itinerary through which delegate and hosts all get the maximum benefit. Therefore my unusual position is that, if elected on this ballot, I will not attend the Australian national SF convention June 8-11 in Melbourne. Furthermore I encourage you to join me in voting for Hold Over Funds on this ballot."

Added by NA Administrator: CUFF delegate to V-Con XXVI, published *Trip Report Found in a Plain Manila Envelope*. Chair, Ditto XIII. Facilities Division head, Torcon III. Administered FAAn Awards 2006-2008. Invented, administered, and raised funds for HANA, the one-time fund sending a US fan to the Yokohama Worldcon. Member, ANZAPA.

*How to Vote*

**A. Voter's preferences**

Juanita Coulson .....

Murray Moore..... (will be treated as a vote to hold over funds)

Hold over funds..... (included as always on the ballot)

No preference.....

Write in.....

**B. Voter's Information**

Name.....

Signature.....

Street address.....

City.....

State or Province.....

ZIP or Postal Code.....

Country..... Phone number.....

E-mail.....

If you think you may not be known to an Administrator, the name and contact information of a fan who knows you and who will be known are:

**C. Donation**

**in US\$:** by PayPal to Marty Cantor (martyhoohah@sbcglobal.net) noting this is a DUFF payment; or by check (made out to "Down Under Fan Fund") sent to John Hertz, 236 S. Coronado St. #409, Los Angeles, CA 90057

**in C\$:** by PayPal to Cantor or by cheque to René Walling, 431 Church St., Beaconsfield, QC H9W 3R9

**in A\$:** by PayPal to David Cake (dave@difference.com.au) noting this is a DUFF payment; or by cheque (made out to "Down Under Fan Fund") sent to Australian Science Fiction Foundation, P.O. Box 215, Forest Hill, Vict. 3131

**in NZ\$:** ask Norm Cates (norman.cates@gmail.com) for details

**D. Your preferences, voter information, and donation must all go to the same place.**

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