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### A WORD FROM THE EDITOR

I want to open by saying thanks to departing secretary Patricia Wheeler. She did a great job with the minutes for the eighteen months I have put together the EH.

Jack Williamson passed away. I remember seeing him at Nolacon II(1988 Worldcon) at a panel. A fellow panelist pointed out that Williamson was celebrating the 60th anniversary of his career. He gave a kindly bow. I also saw Williamson at Magicon (1992 Worldcon in Orlando) where he was at the Isaac Asimov memorial panel. He was a Worldcon guest of honor in 1977 at the first Florida Worldcon, Suncon in Miami Beach. I remember a few years ago reading *The Humanoids* and thinking this is what Glen Larson should have done with the Cylons in *Battlestar Galactica*. Some of those ideas were used in the new show. It is incredible to think he has been writing for eight decades. We have lost one of the pioneers of the field.

### Events

#### The Summoning

Gaming Convention RPGA

December 8-10

5500 Blue Lagoon Drive

Miami, Florida 33126

3 Day \$40 at the door, 2 Day \$30 at the door,

1 Day \$15 at the door

#### Janus Jubilee

Gaming Convention RPGA(FRAG)

December 29-Januray 1

La Quinta Inn-Winter Park

626 Lee Rd.

Orlando, FL 32810

\$40 for 4 days or free with a 3 Day hotel receipt

(\$69 per night)

### Birthdays

**Gail Sullivan– Dec. 5**

### OASFIS November meeting minutes 11/12/06

Meeting called to order at 1:38 pm by the Pat Sims the acting President.

Attendance: Peter Popovich, Patricia Wheeler, David Ratti, Susan Cole, Steve Cole, Juan Sanmiguel, Marine Fourier, Arthur Dykeman, Frank Leblanc, Roger Sims, Pat Sims, Scott Garrison, BB Moncrief, Dick Spelman, Kim Darin, Mike Conrad, patricia Russell Yvonne Wisdom, and George Redding.

### Officer Reports:

Acting President (Pat Sims): Pat reported the passing of Jack Williamson. Frank raised the possibility of OASFIS contributing something in memory of Jack Williamson. It was decided to collect money to contribute to the Jack Williamson scholarship fund at Eastern New Mexico University. Approximately \$50 was collected from the members and it was decided to have the club match that amount, so a total of \$100 will be sent to the Jack Williamson scholarship fund.

Treasurer (Roger Sims): The check book is balanced.

Oasis funds— \$931.56

Previous convention funds - \$3,505.08

Oasis 19— \$1,366.27

Oasis 20— \$1,213.00

Outstanding checks total: \$108.00

Secretary (Patricia Wheeler): Out of state club newsletters were passed around. A note was made that Valencia University Foundation still has Jim Rogers listed as the contact for OASFIS.

### Standing Committees:

Sci-Fi Lite: The next meeting will be on November 17<sup>th</sup> at the

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## December OASFiS Calendar

### Holiday Party and Elections

Sunday December 10, 2006 1PM at Dick Spelman's House, 7681 Sundial Lane Orlando, FL 32825 (more detailed directions in this issue).

### SciFi Lite

Friday, December 15, 7:00 PM, The Roadhouse Grill at 2881 S. Orange Avenue (just South of Michigan Street and approx. 1 mile East of I-4) . Come join us as we discuss ***His Majesty's Dragon*** by Naomi Novik

To contact for more info:

OASFiS Business Meeting 407-823-8715

Gail Sullivan 407-823-9277  
SciFi Lite & Social Calendar

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Roadhouse Grill at 7pm. We will discuss ***The Witches of Karres*** by James H. Schmitz.

Business Card Committee: Frank has found information on an internet business that will make 1000 business cards for \$79 plus shipping. It was discussed what to put on a business card and Frank will put together a mock-up to bring to the next meeting or share by e-mail.

Old Business: Christmas Party will be at Dick Spelman's house at 2pm on Sunday December 10<sup>th</sup>. Dick will have just returned from a trip so will need some assistance in getting ready for the party. Patricia will coordinate what everyone brings (if able please bring an appetizer, side dish or dessert). If you have an extra portable chair, please bring it since Dick is a bit short of seating. Finally there will be the usual gift exchange. Please bring a gift (book or whatever) labeled with what genre it comes from such as science fiction, fantasy, etc.

By-Law Change: At the September meeting, a motion was made for a by-law change that would prevent the same person serving as both con chair and president. Ballots on this motion were sent out in the October EH. Dick Spelman made a motion to commit stating "I move to commit the motion to a by-law revision committee, to be appointed by the president, and that it report back to the membership at the next regular meeting in January 2007". Frank asked if this meant that the all ready cast votes for the by-law change would be nullified, and he was told that they would be if Dick's motion to commit passed. Susan raised a concern as to when the by-law revision committee's recommendations would take effect. Since any changes from the by-law revision committee would not be acted on until 2007, this would have no impact on the December 2006 elections i.e. it would still be possible to elect the same person as president and con chair. Peter raised an objection to Dick's motion to commit in that individuals who had all ready voted would not have their votes counted if Dick's motion to commit passed. Since there was uncertainty as to the validity of Dick's motion to commit, it was put to Pat Sims as the chairperson to decide on the validity of

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Any of these people can give readers information about the club and its functions. To be included in the list call Juan.

Dick's motion to commit. She said it was valid and then there was a vote of the members to validate her decision. The vote was 11 for her decision and 4 against. Then we voted on Dick's motion to commit. It was rejected with 12 voting against and 2 voting for with 1 abstention. FINALLY, we voted on the original by law change as offered by Susan Cole. The by law change was rejected by a vote of 14 against and 6 for (including both members who were present and those who sent their ballots in).

Dick offered another motion "I move for a by-laws revision committee, to be appointed by the President, and that it report back to the membership at the next regular meeting in January 2007".

This motion was immediately seconded and passed unanimously. Pat Sims then asked for volunteers to be on this committee. The committee members are: Dave Ratti, Dick Spelman, Susan Cole, Pat Sims, and Marine Fourrier.

New Business: Nominations for officers for OASFiS for 2007 were accepted and are listed in alphabetical order:

President: Dave Ratti, Dick Spelman, Patricia Wheeler

Vice-President: Juan Sanmiguel, Pat Sims, Dick Spelman

Treasurer: Roger Sims, Dick Spellman

Secretary: Susan Cole, Juan Sanmiguel, Dick Spelman

Convention Chair for 2008: Marine Fourrier, Peter Popovich, None of the Above

Note: None of the Above was added as an option for the Convention Chair to allow individuals who do not wish OASFiS to continue to run a convention to express that opinion. There

was an extended discussion on the value of OASFiS running a convention. Some such as Susan were concerned that the convention took up too much time and took away from other possible club activities. Others such as Frank thought that the convention was an integral part of the club's mission.

Nominations were then closed.

Picnic: it was decided to continue with our tradition of having an annual Spring picnic. Susan will look into booking our usual location for some time in April.

Mike Conrad announced that Yvonne Wisdom has just had her first book published. It is "Roots of Evil" and is available for \$14.95 from RC Press or Mike or Yvonne. Several copies were bought by club members.

Mike Conrad donated a drawing for the Food Fund. Thirteen dollars was raised and Roger Sims won the drawing.

Convention News (OASIS 20):

Peter then discussed concerns he had related to his running of OASIS 20. He has had significant health and personal issues of late that have been exacerbated by the stresses and conflicts related to the running of the convention. He was looking to see what support he would receive from the club to allow him to run the convention as he thought best. There was general agreement that ultimately one person has to be in charge of the convention. Both Frank and Juan volunteered to serve as Peter's helpers and assistant. Patricia volunteered to help with setting up and running the panels. Dick made a motion to affirm Peter as con chair of OASIS 2007 and it passed unanimously. Peter agreed to continue as con chair for OASIS 2007.

Peter said that OASIS 20 will need to start spending money before the end of 2006 to avoid taxes on our profit from OASIS 2006. He has not been able to arrange any sponsorship yet. If no sponsorship is arranged, then OASIS 2007 may end up a bit in the red, but there is a cushion of funds from past conventions if this occurs.

Our convention hotel has changed its' name and is now known as International Hotel.

Peter is in charge of the portion of the OASFiS web site that involves the convention and that site needs updating. Franks's wife may be able to assist in this.

Art Show: currently is listed as being run by Mike Pillette and Maureen Fournier. Kim Darin has also expressed an interest in helping with the art show.

Dealer's Room: was to be run by Mike Taylor but he pulled out. Dave Ratti has volunteered to run the Dealer's room.

Book discussion for November 2007 *Fire Upon the Deep* by Vernor Vinge was postponed until the January meeting since we were running so late. *Mindscan* by Robert Sawyer was also selected to discuss in January 2007.

The January meeting cannot be held in the library on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday since all the libraries will be closed for a holiday. Instead we will plan to hold the January meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in January 2007.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:40 and the majority of members went to Paneras for a nice meal.

### *The Astonishing Adventures of Fanboy and Gothgirl*

Being a non-athletic and academic oriented teen has never been easy. It's probably harder in the post-Columbine world. This is the world the protagonist Fanboy (his name is only mentioned once) faces in Barry Lyga's novel *The Astonishing Adventures of Fanboy and Gothgirl*.

Life is very bleak to Fanboy. His parents are divorced. Fanboy's mother got custody of him. Fanboy has to live away from his home and with a stepparent he does not like. Fanboy has one friend Cal. Cal is a jock who rarely acknowledges his fannish tendencies or his friendship to Fanboy at school. At gym class Fanboy has to deal with a bully who uses him as punching bag. After his daily struggles at high school, Fanboy goes to his basement room where he works on his comic *Schemata*. One day Fanboy receives an instant message from Prometha267 asking how can put up with abuse he gets during gym class. Prometha267 is Kyra, a.k.a. Gothgirl, a similarly alienated teen. Fanboy starts to hangout with Kyra. This will change his outlook and how he deals with the world.

Lyga draws a very detailed world for Fanboy. Fanboy's focus is completely on himself and his problems. Fanboy cannot even see the full impact of his talents. It takes Kyra and others to point out he is a minor legend in the school for convincing history teacher that the cause of the Depression was South American turtles. As the novel progress he becomes less introverted. Fanboy learns to use his strengths and deal with the world in more proactive manner. By then end of the book, Fanboy still has long way to go but he now looks more outward rather than inward.

Kyra deserves her own book. In some ways she is dealing with more serious issues than Fanboy. She admires how Fanboy deals with abuse he faces everyday. Kyra is impressed that Fanboy is able to produce something creative. She is volatile and walking a very dangerous path. Still Kyra opens Fanboy's eyes to a bigger world.

One of the critical points in the novel is when Fanboy goes to his first comic book convention to meet writer/artist Brian Michael Bendis. Here Lyga does a good job of recreating the feel of a convention. This is something rarely seen in any medium. Depictions of conventions are usually off in some way, usually only showing people walking around in costume. Lyga's description takes us to the dealer's room where Fanboy sees and haggles for his dream book *Giant Size X-Men #1* (the introduction of the new X-Men) and the autograph line, where Fanboy is so focused on meeting Bendis he does not go to see the rest of con. It is refreshing to see an accurate look at a convention.

This is a great coming-of-age novel. While Fanboy's life is far from perfect, one feels that he is able to confront his problems in a positive way, and that he will succeed in his artistic endeavors.

## Award News

## World Fantasy Awards Winners

(source Locus web site)

Winners of this year's World Fantasy Awards for works published in 2005 were announced this evening at a banquet held at the World Fantasy Convention in Austin, Texas.

## LIFE ACHIEVEMENT

Stephen Fabian  
John Crowley

## NOVEL

***Kafka on the Shore***, Haruki Murakami (Harvill; Knopf)

## NOVELLA

"Voluntary Committal", Joe Hill (Subterranean Press)

## SHORT FICTION

"CommComm", George Saunders (The New Yorker 1 Aug 2005)

## ANTHOLOGY

***The Fair Folk***, Marvin Kaye, ed. (SFBC)

## COLLECTION

***The Keyhole Opera***, Bruce Holland Rogers (Wheatland Press)

## ARTIST

James Jean

## SPECIAL AWARD, PROFESSIONAL

Sean Wallace (for Prime Books)

## SPECIAL AWARD, NON-PROFESSIONAL

David Howe & Stephen Walker (for Telos Books)

Judges for this year's awards were Steve Lockley, Barbara Roden, Victoria Strauss, Jeff VanderMeer, and Andrew Wheeler.

International Horror Guild Awards. These were also awarded at World Fantasy Con in Austin TX. (source Locus web site)

## NOVEL

• Brett Easton Ellis. ***Lunar Park*** (US: Knopf, UK: Macmillan/Picador)

## SHORT FICTION

• Rick Bowes. "There's a Hole in the City" (SciFiction 06.15.05)

## MID-LENGTH FICTION

• Caitlin Kiernan. "La Peau Verte" (To Charles Fort, with Love)

## LONG FICTION

• Gary Braunbeck. ***Kiss of the Mudman*** (Home Before Dark)

## COLLECTION (Single Author)

• Joe Hill. 20th ***Century Ghosts*** (PS Publishing)

## PERIODICAL

• *Postscripts* (Peter Crowther, Editor/Publisher, PS Publishing)

## ILLUSTRATED NARRATIVE

• ***Memories*** by Enki Bilal (Humanoid/DC)

## NONFICTION

• S.T. Joshi and Stefan Dziemianowicz, editors. ***Supernatural Literature of the World:***

## ART

• Clive Barker for Exhibition: Visions of Heaven and Hell (and Then Some), Bert Green Fine Art, Los Angeles, CA

Living Legend Award: Chelsea Quinn Yarbro

## OASFiS 2006 Ballot

### President

- ☐ Dave Ratti
- ☐ Patricia Wheeler
- ☐ Dick Spelman

### Vice President

- ☐ Juan Sanmiguel
- ☐ Pat Sims
- ☐ Dick Spelman

### Treasurer

- ☐ Roger Sims
- ☐ Dick Spelman

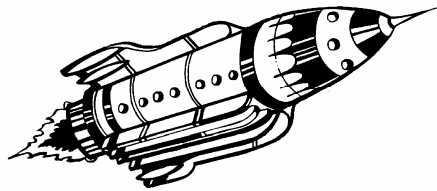
### Secretary

- ☐ Susan Cole
- ☐ Juan Sanmiguel
- ☐ Dick Spelman

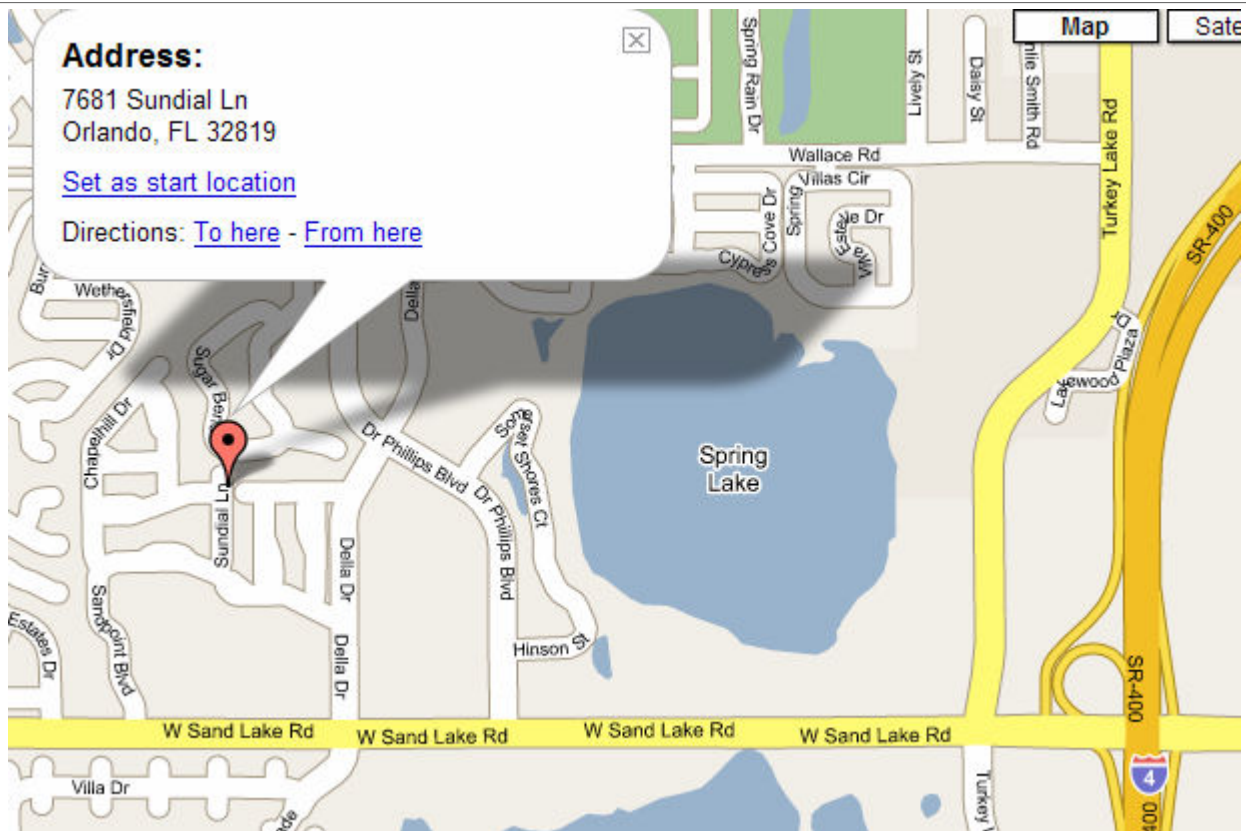
### OASIS 20 Con Chair

- ☐ Marine Fourrier
- ☐ Peter Popovich
- ☐ Dick Spelman
- ☐ No Convention for 2008

Ballots can be brought to the Holiday party or mailed to address in the back. Fold the ballot appropriately and place a Stamp if you wish to mail it.



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**Directions to Dick Spelman's house(Holiday Party):**

From I-4, take exit 74A (Sand Lake Road) and head west in the middle of the three lanes. Proceed to the third cross street (stoplight at Della opposite Barnes & Noble's) and turn right. At the first turnout, take a left into Sand Point homes. At the third intersection (stop sign) turn right and proceed to 7681 Sundial Lane on your right, just past the swimming pool on the left.

Please park in visitor parking along two sides of the swimming pool or in Dick's driveway; street parking is not permitted.

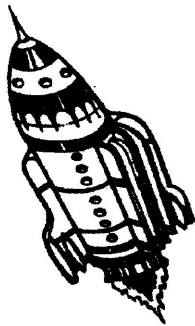
There will be the traditional book exchange (hardcover or paperback, new or already read, science fiction, fantasy or mystery) and the annual election of officers. Contact Patricia Wheeler if you are bringing food.

The Orlando Area Science Fiction Society Presents  
Its 20th Annual Celebration of Science Fiction and Fantasy

# OASIS 20

May 25 - 27, 2007

For our 20th anniversary,  
we've invited back several past  
Guests of Honor!



## Returning Guests of Honor:

**Joe Haldeman**

**Mike Resnick**

**Michael Bishop**

**Kathleen Ann Goonan**

**Larry Niven**

**Jack McDevitt**

**Robert J. Sawyer**

## Hotel Information

\$89/night, single-quad  
through 5/1/07  
Mention OASIS for rate

Sheraton World Resort  
10100 International Dr  
Orlando, FL 32821  
407-352-1100

## Featured Returning Artists:

**Mary Hanson-Roberts**

**Mike Conrad**

**Stanley Morrison**

**Paul Vincenti**

Returning Filk GOH:

**Tom Smith**

## 3-Day Memberships:

\$25 until 1/1/07,  
\$30 until 4/30/07, \$35 at  
the door.

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