

*[R.P.] HaRav Ross Pavlac directed that the Mark Registration and Protection Committee should pursue registration of the mark "NASFIC" if the NASFIC continues in existence.*

*[San86] The 1986 Sanhedrin authorized the Mark Registration and Protection Committee to appoint a representative to engage in discussion with "World SF, The International Organization of Science Fiction Professionals," aimed at minimizing name conflicts.*

*The 1988 Sanhedrin reflected the result of the 1986 Sanhedrin by requesting every Worldcon Committee to include a notice in each of its publications that "The World Science Fiction Society and the World Science fiction Convention are not related to 'World SF, The International Association of Science Fiction Professionals.'"*

*[J.H.] HaRav Jack Herman directed that the Mark Registration and Protection Committee should respond to requests for lists of Hugo winners provided that the use of service marks is noted.*

*[San92] The 1992 Sanhedrin authorized the Mark Protection Committee to negotiate royalties for commercial use of WSFS marks.*

*[San92<sup>2</sup>] The 1992 Sanhedrin directed the Mark Protection Committee to investigate the possibility of protecting the Hugo™ rocket symbol and, if in its judgment the protection is worthwhile, to begin the process of protecting it.*

*[B.P.] HaRav Bruce Pelz ruled in connection with use of the WSFS marks that (1) Use by Worldcon and bidding committees is not commercial use, (2) a blurp of "Hugo Winner" on a book's cover would not count as commercial use but a book like The Hugo Winners would be, and 93) T-shirts produced for a worldcon by an outside vendor would be commercial use.*

*[San84] The 1984 Sanhedrin ruled that the Mark Registration and Protection Committee should be directed concerning pursuit of registration for particular marks only by resolution of the Business Meeting.*

*[San92<sup>3</sup>] The 1992 Sanhedrin directed the Mark protection Committee to use its judgment in selecting which marks to protect in which countries to achieve maximum protection with available resources.*

**Section 4.4: There shall be a Mark Protection Committee of WSFS. The Mark Protection Committee shall consist of one (1) member appointed to serve at the pleasure of each future selected Worldcon Committee and each of the two (2) immediately preceding Worldcon Committees, one (1) non-voting member appointed to serve at the pleasure of each future selected NASFiC[R.P.] Committee and for each Committee of a NASFiC held in the previous two years, and nine (9) members elected three(3) each year to staggered three-year terms by the Business Meeting.[San86] Of the nine elected members, no more than three may be residing, at the time of election, in any single North American region, as defined in Section 3.6. Newly elected members take their seats, and the term of office ends for elected and appointed members whose terms expire that year, at the end of the Business Meeting. If vacancies occur in elected memberships in the Committee, the remainder of the position's term may be filled by the Business Meeting, and until then temporarily filled by the Committee.**

**Section 4.5:**

**4.5.1: The Mark Protection Committee shall be responsible[J.H.] for registration and protection[San92] of the marks[San92<sup>2</sup>] used by or under the authority of WSFS.[B.P.]**

**4.5.2: The Mark Protection Committee shall submit to the Business Meeting[San84] at each worldcon a report of its activities[San92<sup>3</sup>] since the previous Worldcon, including a statement of income and expense.[San86<sup>2</sup>]**

**4.5.3: There will be a meeting of the Mark Protection Committee at each Worldcon after the Business Meeting, at a time and place announced at the Business Meeting.**

**4.5.4: The Mark Protection Committee shall determine and elect its own officers.**

*[San86<sup>2</sup>] The 1986 Sanhedrin encouraged all Worldcon and NASFIC Committees to financially support the Mark Registration and Protection Committee.*