

Talmidim came to Rosh Yeshiva Standlee, asking "Does this reduce the lead time to 'a year less than the Worldcon' or '2 years'?" R'Y Standlee ruled "A year less than the Worldcon."

Mar Sacks [z"l] said "It has been the custom to award the NASFiC to the defeated North American Worldcon bid. The motion would cause the defeated bid to lose its hotel contract, with only half a year to put together a new one."

Rav Hoare disagreed, stating "The NaSFic needn't be on the same weekend anyway, so the argument of Mar Sacks is moot."

Mar Sandberg further noted that "This would allow a NASFiC to occur when a failed North American Worldcon doesn't wish to host a NASFiC."

Mar Carruthers asked "Doesn't it take as much time to prepare a NASFiC as a Worldcon, requiring the full three years?"

Geveret Berry supported the point of Mar Carruthers, saying "Two years is not sufficient time for [an election for] a NASFiC-sized convention."

Mar Carrier said "The NASFiC is too big to put together a reasonable bid in 18 hours."

Rav Molloy added "There might be enough time for the committee to put together a bid, but not enough time for the voters to make a good decision."

On the subject of locations, Mar Russell stated "America's 'second-tier' cities can host NASFiCs but not Worldcons. Giving them 180 days to put together a NASFiC bid gives them the chance to do so."

Rav Eastlake continued on the subject of locations, stating "This will increase the probability that a NASFiC will be selected at a NASFiC. This is a good thing."

Geveret Dashoff further noted on this subject that "This prevents a foreign Worldcon that selects a foreign Worldcon from also selecting the NASFiC (as

happened at the Sanhedrin in 1995 in Brighton)."

The halacha is according to the Sages who proposed the change.

Rosh Yeshiva Kevin Standlee, Mar Vincent G. Sanders, Mar Stuart C. Hellinger, Mar Winton E. Matthews Jr., HaRav Mark Olson, HaRav John Lorentz, and Mar Jeff B. Canfield proposed the following:

To amend the WSFS Constitution, Article III, to shorten the lead time for the NASFiC. According to their teaching, the text would read:

3.8.1: Voting shall be by written ballot administered by the following then-current Worldcon, if there is no NASFiC held the following year following the Worldcon that year, or by the NASFiC, if there is one held in the following year following the Worldcon, with ballots cast at the administering convention or by mail and only members of the administering convention allowed to vote.

3.5: . . . The aforementioned rules and agreements, along with an announcement of intent to bid, must be filed with the committee that will administer the voting . . . , and as set by the administering convention but no earlier than the close of the corresponding Worldcon voting no later than one hundred eighty (180) days prior to the opening of the administering convention for a prospective NASFiC bid.