



PSiFA

The Constitution

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0 Name

- 0.1 The Hatfield Poly is now the U.H.
- 0.2 This means 'bugger all' to fandom at large.
- 0.3 The University of Hertfordshire is a ludicrously poncy name.
- 0.4 A society named U.S.i.F.A is far harder to pronounce and doesn't have the same ring.
- 0.5 Therefore the name of the society will remain 'Polytechnic Science Fiction and Fantasy Association', otherwise known as P.S.i.F.A.

1 Aims

- 1.1 To promote an interest in, and provide facilities for the enjoyment of science fiction, fantasy, horror, anime and similar genres in all their forms.
- 1.2 To promote an interest in, and provide facilities for the enjoyment of board gaming, card gaming and role play gaming.
- 1.3 To provide extra value for members by organising relevant trips or guest speakers.

2 Membership

Membership shall be available to all persons in the following groups, subject to the attached conditions:

- 2.1 FULL TIME and PART TIME members of the U.H.S.U
These persons shall be eligible for all committee positions.
- 2.2 ASSOCIATE, NON - MEMBERS and LIFE MEMBERS of U.H.S.U
These persons may hold only non-voting committee positions.

3 Subscription

- 3.1 Members of the society must pay a yearly subscription of £10 (or £5 if it is the second society they are joining for that year).
- 3.2 External members may pay more, depending upon SU policy.
- 3.3 Members will be issued with a membership card for the year upon joining.

4 General Meeting

- 4.1 The date of the 'Annual General Meeting' (A.G.M) will be set by the committee.
- 4.2 Five signatures are required to call a General Meeting at another time.
- 4.3 50% of the voting members must attend for a General Meeting to be quorate.

5 Committee

Officers to hold the following posts shall be elected at a P.S.i.F.A AGM, from and by the ordinary members of P.S.i.F.A.

5.1 Voting Posts

- 5.1.1 President – That which thinks it runs the Association.
- 5.1.2 Vice-President – That which thinks it runs the Association, when the Prez isn't looking.
- 5.1.3 Treasurer – That which knows it runs the Association, but doesn't let the Prez know about it.
- 5.1.4 Secretary – That which thinks it runs the Association because it is the only one taking notes.

5.2 Non voting posts

- 5.2.1 Publicity officer – That which runs the Association (and the rest of the U.H) by the subliminal posters everywhere.
- 5.2.2 P.S.i.F.A Artist – That which runs itself into the ground drawing for the Publicity Officer and Hypo-Space Editor.
- 5.2.3 Site Representatives – Them that run around a lot, attempting to carry out the wishes of the rest of the Officers.
- 5.2.4 External Liaison Officer – That which explains the running of the Association to all our honorary and external members.

5.3 Committee Attendance.

Any committee member who fails to attend three consecutive officers meetings shall lose his/her/its post unless providing apologies acceptable to the rest of the committee.

5.4 Removal of Committee Member

- 5.4.1 The removal of a committee member must be decided by a two thirds majority at a General Meeting of the society

6 Amendments

These may be made to the Constitution at the AGM or any OGM of P.S.i.F.A.

Which must be advertised at least five working days in advance, by a simple majority vote when at least 40% of the voting membership is present.

- 6.1 ~ Annual events ~
 - Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure
 - The Rocky Horror Picture Show (RHPS) and PARTY.
 - Tribble hunt (usually alongside AGM)
- 6.2 ~ Non - Smoking ~

Dragons and other smoking beings be allowed onto events but must attend meetings outside of the window of the meeting room unless appropriate smoke extraction units are worn.
- 6.3 ~ Invisible Friends ~

All invisible friends of the membership shall be admitted as full time "PSiFANS without charge" BUT all our members must bring along their invisible friends to every meeting/function to increase numbers.
- 6.4 ~ Celebrity Obligations ~

Both Tim Curry and David Bowie are obliged to dress respectively as Dr Frank N Furter (RHPS), and Jareth (Labyrinth) if they should wish to attend a PSiFA meeting or event
- 6.5 ~ PSiFA Charities ~

The official PSiFA charities are; The Dr Hadwen Trust, The Terence Higgins Trust and Greenpeace – Combined they shall be henceforth known as – 'Fat Gay Whales'.
- 6.6 ~ Proper Decorum ~

Thousands of accidents have been caused in the 23rd and 24th centuries by incorrect energy weapon settings and careless handling. Therefore this Association resolves that all such energy weapons as used by PSiFAn's whilst attending any event or meeting, shall be set on 'stun'.
- 6.7 ~ The position of Lamp-Post. OPTIONAL
This officer is in charge of carrying the burden of social activity labelled 'Comic Relief'. The voting is done by the majority vote of the P.S.i.F.A membership at the first AGM.
- 6.8 ~ The position of P.S.i.F.A Oracle. OPTIONAL
The PsiFAn who manages to attain this rank is unofficially regarded as a Deity by his/her/it's peers. The Post is filled by a single member who seems to know everything necessary when the Committee fails to work as a well-oiled organisational machine. Usually held by an existing, long term member of the Association.
- 6.9 ~ P.S.i.F.A Mascot ~

If possible, PSiFA shall have a mascot. Past mascots have included:

 - 'The Gronk'
 - 'CatDuck'.