

Short Title: All the Time in the World

Moved, that Worldcon convention committees should seek to improve the quality of scrutiny and debate at the WSFS Business Meeting through the advance publication of WSFS Committee Reports, Worldcon financial reports and (as far as possible) New Business items.

Standing Rule 2.1: Deadline for Submission of New Business

Amend as follows:

The deadline for submission of non-privileged new business to the Business Meeting shall be ~~two (2) hours after the official opening of the Worldcon or eighteen (18) hours~~ fourteen (14) days before the first Preliminary Meeting, ~~whichever is later~~. The Presiding Officer may accept otherwise qualified motions submitted after the deadline, but all such motions shall be placed at the end of the agenda.

Standing Rule Group 4: Official Papers

Insert new Rules 4.4 and 4.5 as follows:

Rule 4.4: Submission Deadlines: Reports. All WSFS Committee Reports and all Worldcon Annual Financial Reports (see Constitution Section 2.9.1) shall be submitted to the Business Meeting by no later than fourteen (14) days before the first Preliminary Business Meeting.

Rule 4.5: Availability of BM Materials. All WSFS Committee Reports, Worldcon Annual Financial Reports, and New Business submitted to the Business Meeting before the 14-day deadline (see Rules 2.1 and 4.4) shall be made generally available to WSFS members (e.g. via publication on the host Worldcon's web site) by no later than ten (10) days before the first Preliminary Business Meeting.

Commentary: the papers covered by this motion (WSFS committee reports, Worldcon financial reports and new business) are often only available to WSFS members at the BM itself. Publishing these papers earlier would improve the level of scrutiny and the quality of debate. BM attendees will hopefully come prepared with better questions – and those providing the materials should have a better sense of what those questions will be, and can prepare their responses. Advance publication will also enable individuals not attending the BM to have visibility of the upcoming business and to contribute to the debate.

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