

President's Report to the 2023 OSFCI Annual General Meeting

Welcome to the 2023 Annual General Meeting of Oregon Science Fiction Conventions Inc. My thanks to all of you who have helped OSFCI run its conventions and funds, and my hopes that you will continue to do so, and that more people will join our ranks.

OSFCI has come further out of the stresses imposed by the COVID pandemic. While meetings of the Board of Directors and of convention committees remain online (which turned out to be more convenient for most of the participants), we have started to return to in-person conventions.

GameStorm 23, held in March of 2023, was successfully held in-person, and the upcoming OryCon 43 (November 2023) and GameStorm 24 (March 2024) will be in-person conventions. Both are being chaired by people new to chairing for OSFCI: Ley Hazard for OryCon 43 and Vincent Metal for GameStorm 24. Contact volunteer@orycon.org and nknowlin@gmail.com if you are interested in volunteering for these conventions.

We have had an ongoing issue with our email lists and websites. These have been partially resolved, thanks to the efforts of the new IT Committee chair, Rick Lindsley (rick.lindsley@orycon.org), and we hope to have the remaining issues fixed soon. Anyone wishing to volunteer to work with Rick on the IT Committee should contact him at the email address above.

Two of OSFCI's longstanding funds will be shutting down:

The Clayton Memorial Medical Fund will be ending soon. It provided aid to Pacific Northwest science fiction and fantasy writers who needed help with medical bills. Due to the Affordable Care Act, there has been less need for its function. The current plan is to donate the remaining funds to the Science Fiction Writers of America (SFWA), which performs a similar function.

The Susan Petrey Scholarship Fund, which provided scholarships to the Clarion and Clarion West Writers Workshops, plans to shut down after operating for 40 years. Our thanks to Debbie Cross and Paul Wrigley for their long service. Unless someone acceptable volunteers to continue operating the fund, it plans to shut down after the June 2023 OSFCI Board of Directors meeting. Contact the fund at susanpetery@comcast.net if you are interested in this volunteer job.

The Endeavour Award, which provides a trophy and cash award to a Pacific Northwest science fiction or fantasy writer, will continue to operate.

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