

INTERNATIONAL COSTUMERS' GUILD

Minutes of the 1992 Annual Meeting

by Byron P. Connell

Minutes of the 1992 Annual Meeting and of the 1992 Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors.

1. Call to Order

The annual meeting of the International Costumers' Guild was called to order by *Janet Wilson-Anderson*, President, at 11:15 a.m., Monday, May 25, 1992, at the Cornhusker Hotel, Lincoln, Nebraska, in conjunction with CostumeCon 10, concurrently with the 1992 annual meeting of the Board of Directors. A quorum was present for the annual meeting of the members and for the annual meeting of the Board of Directors. Other officers present were: *Pierre Pettinger*, Vice-President, and *Byron Connell*, Recording Secretary. Directors representing the following 13 chapters (out of a total of 19) were present:

Central Coast Costumers' Guild
Costumers' Guild West
Greater Bay Area Costumers' Guild
The Lunatic Phrynge
Midwest Costumers' Guild
New England Costumers' Guild
New York/New Jersey Costumers' Guild
North Star Costumers' Guild
People Your Mother Warned You About
Rocky Mountain Costumers' Guild
Southwest Costumers' Guild
St. Louis Costumers' Guild
Wild & Wooly Western Costumers' Guild.

About 30 other members were in attendance. A further 33 members were represented by proxy.

2. Adoption of the Minutes of the February 1991 Annual Meeting and of the Minutes of the September 1991 Special Meeting.

The Recording Secretary presented the minutes of the February 1991 annual meeting and of the September 1991 special meeting. As copies of the minutes had been distributed to the members present, reading the minutes was waived by consensus of the members. There being no additions or corrections to either set of minutes, it was **Moved** by *Byron Connell*, **Seconded**, and **Adopted unanimously** that the minutes of the February 1991 annual meeting and of the September 1991 special meeting be accepted as written. The members directed the Recording Secretary to submit the minutes of the special meeting to *The Costumer's Quarterly* for publication.

3. Officers' Reports.

A. Membership and Treasurer's Report:

In the absence of *Betsy Marks*, Acting Treasurer, *Byron Connell* presented the Acting Treasurer's report. A copy is appended as part of these minutes. At the time of the annual meeting, the Guild had 510 active members. The Acting Treasurer's report contained the following financial information as of April 29, 1992:

"Bank Balance --	\$ 979.04
A. Deposits --	\$ <u>1,028.04</u>
1. Dues --	\$ 591.40
2. Donations --	\$ 406.64
3. MWCG check to C.Q. --	\$ 30.00
B. Check disbursements --	\$ 49.00
1. \$19.00 to the bank for check printing (duplicate check format, one signature required)	
2. \$30.00 to Costumer's Quarterly -- sent to ICG in error, and forwarded to Jim Kovalcin."	

B. Correspondence: The President asked whether there was any correspondence to come before the meeting. There was none.

C. Status of *The Costumer's Quarterly*: On behalf of *James Kovalcin*, Editor, *Diane Kovalcin* presented the following written "Report of the Finances of the Costumer's Quarterly covering the period from Aug 23, 1991 through May 21, 1992

Balance brought forward from August 23, 1991	\$ 955.58
Total income	\$1,904.75
Total expenditures	-\$1,917.99
Checking account balance (5/21/92)	\$ 942.34
Other debits; paper printer cartridges	-\$ 29.70 -\$ 22.00
Other income:	
CQ sold at conventions for cash [10] at \$2 each	\$ 20.00
Checks received but not deposited	\$ 114.00
Net cash balance:	\$1,024.64

"1. Each copy of the Costumer's Quarterly currently costs \$1.43 to print, approximately \$0.45 in mailing costs, and approximately \$0.10 for other supplies, for a total cost of approximately \$1.90 for every copy. This evaluation, of course assumes that the printing costs remain constant as they have for the past year. If four editions are published each year the total cost for a [member] will be \$7.92 per

year. As a result, if the CQ is to remain solvent it is imperative that the subscription rates be increased to \$8.00 per year for US residents and \$10.00 per year for foreign destinations [Canada]."2. The International Costumer's Guild Inc. has recently been approved for non-profit, 3rd class mailing privileges and the above mailing costs reflect this change. [Applause.]

"3. There should be a single mailing list for the ICG and all membership checks [including subscription funds] should be sent directly to the ICG for maintenance of the mailing list and then the subscription funds should be forwarded to the CQ with an updated mailing list at the end of each quarter. [Currently, the membership list being maintained by Betsy Marks for the ICG and the list used by the CQ differ by as many as 100 names!

"Sincerely,

James J. Kovalcin, Editor"

Ms. Kovalcin urged the members to write articles for the *Quarterly*.

C. President's Report: *Janet Wilson-Anderson* made a brief President's report on a year of preparing the ground that involved hard, dull work by many members. We established bank accounts, data systems, message systems. We achieved 501(c)(3) recognition. We accomplished a great deal that will allow us to go forward. She made a permanent donation to the Office of the President of the ICG of a presidential chapeau -- an ugly pink hat. She suggested that each president attach to it a memento of his or her term in office. She extended recognition of the efforts of the past year of *Byron Connell*, *Pierre Pettinger*, *Kathryn Elms [Condon]*, *Betsy Marks*, and *Animal X* [applause]. Throughout the rest of the meeting the President wore the new presidential chapeau.

4. Old Business

There being no further reports, the meeting turned to Old Business.

Ratification of Reconstructed ICG By-Laws:

It was Moved by *Byron Connell* and Seconded by *Rob Himmelsbach* that the re-constructed By-Laws of the International Costumers' Guild, Inc., as revised at the 1990 and 1991 Annual Meetings, be approved. Following discussion the motion was **Adopted unanimously**.

5. New Business

There being no further old business, the meeting turned to New Business.

A. Report of the Election Commission on Guild

Guidelines Results: On behalf of the other election commissioners, *Pat Kennedy* and *Pierre Pettinger*, *Byron Connell* reported on the results of the balloting on the Guidelines for International-Level Masquerades or Competitions. He reported that the election commissioners initially chosen by the Board of directors had been himself, *Marty Gear*, and *Barb Schofield*, with *Pat Kennedy* as an alternate. *Marty Gear* did not come to CostumeCon and *Barb Schofield* was unable to take on this job because she was leaving early. With the President's approval, *Byron* and *Pat* appointed *Pierre Pettinger* to serve as the third commissioner. The commissioners began counting the ballots at 11:30 p.m. Sunday and finished at 6:00 a.m. Monday. [Gasps.] *Janet Wilson-Anderson* observed the count.

One hundred valid ballots were received. Each ballot had 45 individual responses. Therefore, 4,500 individual votes were tabulated. The Board of Directors had determined that a 67 percent majority would be needed to pass any item. With 100 ballots, an item needed at least 67 votes, therefore, to pass.

Item	Yes	No	Status
1 :	95	2	Adopted
2 :	92	5	Adopted
3 :	89	6	Adopted
4 :	81	9	Adopted
4A:	47	--	Not adopted
4B:	29	--	Not adopted
4C:	33	--	Not adopted
4D:	36	--	Not adopted
4E:	5	--	Not adopted
5 :	81	7	Adopted
5A:	40	--	Not adopted
5B:	42	--	Not adopted
6 :	85	9	Adopted
7 :	90	6	Adopted
8 :	94	2	Adopted
9 :	87	11	Adopted
9A:	61	--	Not adopted
9B:	72	--	Adopted
9C:	45	--	Not adopted
9D:	58	--	Not adopted
10 :	80	17	Adopted
11 :	75	16	Adopted
12 :	82	7	Adopted
13 :	85	15	Adopted
14 :	88	8	Adopted
15 :	79	17	Adopted
16 :	80	10	Adopted
17 :	88	10	Adopted
18 :	81	8	Adopted
18A:	56	--	Not adopted
18B:	44	--	Not adopted
18C:	61	--	Not adopted
19 :	80	16	Adopted
20 :	65	31	Not adopted
21 :	81	14	Adopted
22 :	86	11	Adopted
23 :	92	6	Adopted
24 :	83	9	Adopted
25 :	81	8	Adopted
25A:	57	--	Not adopted
25B:	56	--	Not adopted
26 :	84	9	Adopted
26A:	27	--	Not adopted
26B:	64	--	Not adopted
27 :	82	8	Adopted
27A:	35	--	Not adopted
27B:	38	--	Not adopted
28 :	78	1	5Adopted
29 :	92	8	Adopted
30 :	80	14	Adopted
30A:	45	--	Not adopted
30B:	34	--	Not adopted
31 :	72	21	Adopted
32 :	81	14	Adopted
33 :	87	8	Adopted

A copy of the ballot is appended as a part of these minutes.

During the presentation, members present raised questions and discussed the implications of the results of the balloting. Since this was a report, no action was needed or taken. There were

comments during the report addressing the need for clarification of the Guidelines. The President indicated that future meetings could take them up. The members agreed that the Guidelines should be published in *The Costumer's Quarterly*.

The President said that several directors had asked her to say that there has been a tendency by some masquerade directors to say that their masquerades were being run under "Guild Guidelines." These Guidelines are for CostumeCons and Worldcons only. The ICG has no sanctioned guidelines in any form for regional or local conventions. She suggested that regional or local conventions could say that the ICG Guidelines were taken into consideration in developing the rules for a masquerade.

On behalf of the Pups, *Toni Lay* called for a round of applause for *Animal, Byron, Janet, Pat,* and *Pierre* for the work they did. [Applause.]

B. Revisions to the ICG By-Laws:

Rob Himmelsbach Moved adoption of the set of seven amendments to the By-Laws proposed by *Byron Connell*. The motion was **Seconded**. Technical changes proposed by *Betsy Marks* and *Steve Swope* were accepted by the maker and seconder as friendly amendments. Following discussion, it was agreed to exclude the proposed amendment to Article II, Section 6. As amended, the motion was **Adopted unanimously**.

Joan Bradt then Moved the proposed amendment to Article II, Section 6, as originally proposed. Following discussion, the following amendment to Section 6 (Business transacted at a special meeting) was **Moved** by *Ken Warren* and **Seconded**:

Moved that the proposed Section 6 be amended by striking everything after the word, 'notice,' so that it reads as follows: At all special meetings of the members, business transacted shall be limited to the purposes stated in the notice."

The question was called. The decision to terminate debate was **Adopted unanimously**. The motion to amend was **Adopted** by a vote of 37 Yea to 34 Nay. Of the Yea votes, 23 were cast by

members present and 14 by proxy. of the Nay votes, 17 were cast by the members present and 17 by proxy.

As amended, the motion to adopt the proposed revisions to the By-Laws was **Adopted** with 2 Nay votes. A copy of the revisions is appended as a part of these minutes.

C. Revision to ICG Standing Rules:

The meeting considered amendments to the Standing Rules of the Guild. In the following motions, matter to be deleted is enclosed in brackets [____]; matter to be added is *italicized*.

Opening Paragraph: It was **Moved** by *Byron Connell*, and **Seconded** by *Pierre Pettinger* that

"The unnumbered opening paragraph of the Standing Rules is amended to read as follows:

These Standing Rules will govern the actions of the Corporation until they are modified or superseded by majority vote of the membership present or represented by proxy at the annual meeting *or at a special meeting or by a three-fifths (60%) vote of the Board of Directors*. Proposed modifications to these rules must be presented [to the membership] in writing at least 45 days prior to the [annual] meeting *at which they are to be considered* or may be presented for consideration at [the annual] a meeting if a majority of the [membership] *members present or represented* by proxy agrees to consider them."

Byron Connell explained that at present, the Standing Rules may be modified only by vote of the members at the annual meeting. The amendment proposed would permit the members also to act at special meetings and would empower the Board of Directors to modify the Standing Rules by a three-fifths vote. Following discussion, the question was called. The decision to terminate debate was **Adopted unanimously**. The motion was then **Adopted unanimously**.

Standing Rule 9:

It was **Moved** by *Byron Connell* and **Seconded** that "Standing Rule 9 is amended to

read as follows:

9. New chapters shall be admitted to the Corporation by majority vote of the membership at the annual meeting *or at a special meeting, or by majority vote of the Board of Directors at a meeting of the Board.* The new chapter shall submit its request in writing to the Corporation Board of Directors. The request for affiliation [should] *shall* specify the formal name of the proposed chapter[,]; the informal nickname, if any[,]; the names of the initial board of chapter officers, comprising at a minimum a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer[,]; and shall be signed by a minimum of six persons eligible for Corporation membership." *Connell* explained that, until today's action to amend the By-Laws, they provided that the Board of Directors, not the members, voted to admit new chapters. The By-Laws now have been amended to authorize either the Board or the members to admit new chapters. This amendment to Standing Rule 9 would bring it into conformity with the newly amended By-Laws. Following discussion, the motion was **Adopted unanimously.**

Standing Rule 17:

It was **Moved** by *Byron Connell* and **Seconded** that "The Standing Rules are amended by the addition of a new Standing Rule 17, to read as follows:

17. a. *The position of Vice-President, Maryland, is established as an additional Vice-President as authorized by the By-laws. The Vice-President, Maryland, shall be the Guild's liaison with the State of Maryland. He or she shall be in charge of the registered office of the Guild in the State of Maryland. He or she shall keep custody of such documents as applicable Maryland statutes and regulations may require be kept in Maryland. He or she shall also carry out such other duties as the President, the Board of Directors, or the members may*

prescribe from time to time.

b. *The Vice-President, Maryland, shall be appointed by the Board of Directors and shall serve at the Board's pleasure. The position shall not be an Officer of the Corporation, as defined in the By-Laws, and shall not make its incumbent a member of the Board of Directors."*

Connell explained that, since the ICG is a Maryland corporation, creation of this position will provide a liaison with the state of Maryland for any requirements of Maryland statutes or regulations. He said that such a position is not uncommon at not-for-profit corporations. In response to a question, he said that we would have to amend the By-Laws to make this position a member of the Board of Directors. Following discussion, the motion was **Adopted unanimously.**

Standing Rule 18:

It was **moved** by *Byron Connell* and **Seconded** that "The Standing Rules are amended by the addition of a new Standing Rule 18, to read as follows:

18. a. *The position of Parliamentarian is established. The Parliamentarian shall advise (1) the President or other Officer of the Corporation presiding at a meeting of the members or of the Board of Directors, (2) the Board of Directors, and (3) the members, concerning the conduct of all meetings of the members and meetings of the Board of Directors.*

b. *The Parliamentarian shall be appointed by the President and shall serve at the President's pleasure. This position shall not be an Officer of the Corporation, as defined in the By-Laws, and shall not make its incumbent a member of the Board of Directors.*

c. *Except where superseded by provisions of statute, of the Articles of Incorporation, of the By-Laws, or of these Standing Rules requiring*

other procedure, the meetings of the members and the meetings of the Board of Directors shall be conducted according to the latest revision of Robert's Rules of Order. The Parliamentarian shall keep a current copy of them."

Connell explained that most membership organizations provide for a parliamentarian to help meetings to run smoothly. Following discussion, the motion was **Adopted**.

Standing Rule 19:

It was **Moved** by *Byron Connell* and **Seconded** that "The Standing Rules are amended by the addition of a new Standing Rule 19, to read as follows:

19. In addition to those duties assigned to the Corresponding Secretary in the By-Laws or by the Board of Directors, it shall also be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to be the chair of the ICG public relations committee. The public relations committee shall be responsible for public relations, publicity, and supervision of ICG publications."

Connell said that the proposed Standing Rule would add to the Corresponding Secretary's duties that of chairing a standing committee of the Guild that would be responsible for public relations, publicity, and publications of the International Costumers' Guild. Following discussion, the motion was **Adopted unanimously**.

Standing Rule 5:

It was **Moved** by *Byron Connell* and **Seconded** that "Standing Rule 5 is amended to read as follows:

5. [The] *Each* [local] chapter shall send the dues for its members to the Corporation Treasurer annually *on January 2*, [at the same time] *together with* [its current membership] a list of

the names and addresses of all members for whom dues are being forwarded [is sent]. The chapter shall remit for each member the dues set in Standing Rule 3 for the full year, regardless of the amount of time an individual member has spent or paid for in the chapter. Each chapter shall send quarterly updates to the Treasurer on April 1, July 1, and October 1; such updates shall include changes of names and addresses of existing members and payments for new members prorated by quarter together with new members' names and addresses."

Connell explained that the proposed amendment was intended to make it clear how much each chapter must send to the Guild as dues, to establish a timetable for chapter remittances, and to specify information to be included with each remittance. Following considerable discussion the question was called. The decision to terminate debate was **Adopted unanimously**. The motion then was **Adopted unanimously**.

Standing Rule 7:

It was **Moved** by *Byron Connell* and **Seconded** by *Pierre Pettinger* that

"Standing Rule 7 is amended to read as follows:
7. Subscriptions fees for The Costumer's Quarterly shall be set at [\$6.00] *\$8.00* per year USA, [\$8.00] *\$10.00* per year outside the USA. [The local chapter shall provide the mailing list for its membership to the editors of the Costumer's Quarterly on a quarterly basis.] The annual subscription fee for the members receiving the Quarterly shall be sent to the [Quarterly editor] *Treasurer* [as each member joins/renews its dues with the local chapter] *on the same schedule as the Corporation dues. The Corporation Treasurer shall remit the Quarterly subscription fees to the editors as expenses are incurred. The Treasurer shall also send the Quarterly editors an updated membership list on*

a quarterly basis.

Connell said that the proposed amendment would allow chapters to send all monies to one place and would collect all address lists in one place. It basically was worked out between the Acting Treasurer and the editor of the *Quarterly*. This would simplify administration for both the chapters and the Corporation. Proposals to specify that the subscription rate for foreign subscriptions is in U.S. funds and to spell out "*The Costumer's Quarterly*" throughout were accepted by the maker and seconder as friendly amendments. Following considerable discussion, *Pierre Pettinger* Moved to amend the motion by adding at the end the following sentence: "*The Treasurer shall refund the local chapter any prorated subscription fee for a non-renewing member.*" The motion was seconded. The amendment was **Adopted unanimously**. As amended, the motion was **Adopted unanimously**.

Cheering followed the President's announcement that we would move on to the next item.

D. Costume Con 13 Bid Presentations and Vote:

Since more than one committee was bidding to host Costume Con 13, representatives of the bid committees were invited to make presentations to the members on their bids before a vote by the annual meeting. The Great White North Costumers' Guild is bidding to hold it in Etobicoke, Ontario, Canada, at the Regal Constellation Hotel. *Ms. Magnolia Beaujolais* presented the bid by the Leather & Lace Costumers' Guild to hold Costume Con 13 in lovely Baptistown, New Jersey, at the magnificent 4,000-room *Madame DuBarry Motel and Whoopie Emporium*. Following the presentations, the members **Voted** to accept the Toronto bid.

E. Resolution:

The following resolution was **Moved**,

Seconded, and Adopted unanimously:

"Resolved that the International Costumers' Guild extend to Kathryn Elms [Condon], former Treasurer, its warmest appreciation and heartfelt thanks for her work in securing for the ICG, first, its incorporation as a non-profit organization and secondly, its recognition as a 501(c)3 organization. Without her diligent efforts, these important milestones would not have been passed. The President of the ICG is directed to secure and present to Ms. Elms [Condon] a certificate of thanks in recognition of these efforts."

F. Other New Business:

The following resolution was introduced at the request of *Betsy Marks*. It was **Moved and Seconded**

"That the ICG withdraw recognition of the following chapters, due to lack of interest on the part of the chapters, and hereafter consider them to be dissolved:

Heartland Costumers' Guild

Montreal Costumers' Guild.

and that the following chapters be sent final warning of their status as inactive chapters:

Central Coast Costumers' Guild -- Due to lapse
06/18/92

Confederate Costumers' Guild -- Due to lapse
01/15/93.

Said dissolution and final warning correspondence to be issued by the Treasurer directly following this meeting. Reinstatement of the above listed chapters to be considered as the Corporation Standing Rules permit and allow."

It was **Moved** by *Byron Connell* and **Seconded** to amend the resolution by striking all words after the word, "That" and substituting the following: "the President write to each of the following chapters to inform it that it has not sent a list of its members and has not paid its dues to the ICG:

Heartland Costumers' Guild

Montreal Costumers' Guild.

The President shall give each chapter 30 days to respond to this letter."

The mover and seconder accepted a suggested change from 30 to 45 days as a friendly amendment. Following discussion, the amendment was **Adopted unanimously**. The motion as amended was then **Adopted unanimously**.

8. ICG Elections.

There being no further new business, the meeting turned to the election of officers.

The following persons were nominated to the offices indicated:

President: *Pierre E. Pettinger, Jr.*
Vice-President: *Patrick Kennedy*
Corresponding Secretary: *Deborah K. Jones*
Recording Secretary: *Byron P. Connell*
Treasurer: *Betsy R. Marks*

There being no other nominations, the nominations were closed and the persons nominated were chosen by the members to be elected by the Board of Directors.

9. Installation Ceremony.

Following a drum-roll, *Janet Wilson-Anderson* crowned *Pierre Pettinger*.

10. Other Business.

Byron Connell rose to ask *Janet Wilson-Anderson* to step aside as presiding officer for the purpose of **Moving** the following resolution, which was **Seconded** and **Adopted unanimously**:

"That the International Costumers' Guild extends its appreciation to *Janet Wilson-Anderson* for her services as President throughout this past year and give her our "Herculean Labors" award.

11. Adjournment.

There being no further business to come before the members, the annual meeting was **Adjourned** at 2:04 p.m.

(Continuation of the Board of Directors Meeting)

Janet Wilson-Anderson noted that the meeting of the Board of Directors was not yet

adjourned, as it still had several actions before it. Virtually all the members still present for the annual meeting remained in the audience for the balance of the Board of Directors meeting.

12. Vice-President, Maryland.

Janet Wilson-Anderson asked for nominees for the position of Vice-President, Maryland. *Pierre Pettinger*, Vice-President, nominated *D. Jeanette Holloman*. There were no further nominations. In response to a question, *Pierre* said that *Jeanette* had said that she would accept the position if appointed. There being no further discussion, the Board of Directors **Voted unanimously** to appoint *D. Jeanette Holloman* as Vice-President, Maryland.

13. Election of Officers.

In accordance with Maryland law, the President sought a motion by the Board of Directors to ratify the results of the election of officers by the annual meeting. *Byron Connell* **Moved** that the Board of Directors elect as officers of the International Costumers' Guild the persons chosen for each such office at the annual meeting. The motion was **Seconded** and **Adopted unanimously**.

14. British Chapter in Formation.

Janet Wilson-Anderson said that *Anne Page* was unable to attend CostumeCon 10 but that she was intending to bring the paperwork for recognition of an English chapter of the ICG. In her absence, the president sought a motion to recognize the chapter in principle pending receipt of the paperwork. It was so **Moved** and **Seconded**. The motion was **Adopted unanimously** by the Board of Directors.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the president declared the 1992 annual meeting of the Board of Directors **Adjourned**.

Respectfully submitted,

Byron P. Connell
Recording Secretary