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NSCW ASSISTANTS AND JOURNEYPEOPLE NEEDED

Actor/combatants interested in working as journeypersons and certified teachers interested in assisting at the 1993 National Stage Combat Workshop should send a letter and resume to the workshop coordinator:

Dan Carter
FSU School of Theatre
Tallahassee, FL 32306

The NSCW will be hosted by the University of Nevada—Las Vegas July 12–30, 1993.

MEMBERS OUTSIDE U.S.A.

A growing number of SAFD members are residents of Canada, the U.K. and elsewhere in the world. That's the good news...

The bad news is that we cannot send their SAFD mail bulk rate (i.e. cheap). So ... regretfully, to help cover the additional mailing costs, SAFD membership dues for members outside the U.S. will be \$30 annually, as of January 1, 1993. Members affected by this will get another reminder of this in their January dues bill.

ON THE MOVE

It's always a scramble trying to keep up with a membership that is largely transient. The most complete update possible is in the directory in your Fall *Fight Master* (at the printer now and mailing in early November).

Meanwhile, here are a couple of updates. Fight Master David Leong has moved:
51 Lincoln Place
Brooklyn, NY 11217
718-638-3660

Fight Master J.R. Beardsley has a new phone: 415-868-2048.

Fracher elected SAFD President; Special run-off election to decide VP

FIGHT MASTER DREW FRACHER WILL begin a three-year term as the president of the SAFD on January 1, 1993. The question remains, who will be vice president?

A tie vote between VP candidates J.R. Beardsley and Susan Eviston will be decided in a special run-off election (ballot below). Ballots must be received by December 15 and will, once again, be tabulated by SAFD Board of Directors Chairman Jeff Koep.

Member Reps.

To give a stronger voice to all SAFD members, representatives from the actor/ combatants and certified teachers will participate in future annual officers' meetings.


Just who are these representatives you ask? Ha! Proving the truth of the

notion that there is *no end* to the election process, please nominate your candidate for actor/combatant representative or teacher representative on the ballot below.

Remember, only actor/combatants may nominate an actor/combat rep. and only teachers may nominate a teacher rep. Election of member representatives will take place early in 1993.

Membership representatives will serve a three-year term of office, beginning in 1993. Representatives are responsible for communicating with and speaking up on behalf of their peers. The cost of attending the officers' meetings are the responsibility of the rep.

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BALLOT

Send ballots to:
Jeff Koep, Chairman
SAFD Board of Directors
Department of Theatre Arts
University of Nevada, Las Vegas
4505 South Maryland Parkway
Las Vegas, Nevada 89154-5044

All ballots must be received by December 15, 1992.

Election results will be printed in the January/February issue of the *Cutting Edge*.

Terms of office begin January of 1993.

SAFD VICE PRESIDENT (*three-year term*)

J. R. Beardsley
 Susan Eviston

NOMINATIONS

Actor/Combatant Representative

Teacher Representative

Voter's Name _____

The Never Ending Election/cont'd

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Should an elected member rep. be unable to attend the officers' meetings for any reason, he or she may appoint a surrogate.

What's in a Name?

Some members protested having to sign their name to a ballot. True, this doesn't seem very private. However, if you've had visions of candidates flipping through the ballots find out who their *real* friends are, banish them. No one but Jeff Koep knows who voted for whom, and he's not talking.

Names of voters are required so that only paid-up members vote—and to ensure that no one gets carried away with enthusiasm and xeroxes ballots for all their friends. (Not that anyone would, but if they did it wouldn't work.)

Maybe by 1995, we'll have a more

sophisticated, yet economical balloting system figured out.

An apology

To any members who, for any reason, found themselves squeezed out of the voting because of lack of time, we apologize. The last newsletter was mailed August 28, which seemed like adequate response time, even given the occasional vagaries of the Postal Service and bulk mail.

A final tabulation of election results was delayed ten days to allow for—and count—late votes. And we have allowed for six weeks response time for the run-off election. We're trying, folks, we really are.

Meanwhile, a hearty congratulations to new President Drew Fracher. And watch the January/February issue for the results of the vice presidential run-off election



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