

**With Special Guest Star...**

The First Friday Meeting on April 6, 2012 was called to order at 9:20. The secretary was not present so Steve Smith took notes. There were 10 paid members, 5 short of quorum. The treasurer's report was that the treasury was \$moola. He sent out tax stuff. The trustees reported that the annual elections are May 1<sup>st</sup> Friday and the slate was announced. There are still two openings for people for the small press award committee.



Capclaves past and future were not present. There are 46 confirmed participants for this year's convention. We are developing programming and the con suite is moving to the main floor. Publications was absent. The reprint of the Valente book will be shipping soon, available at the Nebula awards. We sold \$<many> worth of books including a WSFA Press Bundle at \$160. We have one hardcover Future Washington and 13 trades, 150 Reincarnations, 30 signed Valente books, 120 Vaughns (we sold half so broke even) left. No change to the website. We have 111 meetup members. The Entertainment committee announced that our special Guest, Diana Peterfreund will be reading from her new book. Jimmy's Synthetic Voices Podcast is finished early, listen on I-tunes and see links on WSFA blog and scienceismagic blog.

Old business: Check out meetup.com site for schedule. There was no quorum so no new business. New introductions from Dan. Candy is vending at Sugarloaf craft show in Gaithersburg and the Green Man festival in the fourth weekend of April. Free ARCs were distributed. The Third Friday meeting will be held in May in Crystal City at the Nebula Awards weekend. 42 authors are signed up for the book signing. Meeting adjourned at 9:41.



Attendance: Monique Clark, Paul Haggerty, Michael Ikeda, Bill Lawhorn, Bob Macintosh, Walter & Zahra Miles, Sarah Mitchell, Shirl Phelps, Evan Phillips, Jimmy Rogers, Mark Roth, Steve Smith, Bill Squire, Mike Taylor, Thomas Woldering, Ivy Yap, Hanan Miles, Diana Peterfreund, Daniel Delaney, Rick Docksai.

**Capclave Announces Corporate Sponsorships**  
By Sam Lubell

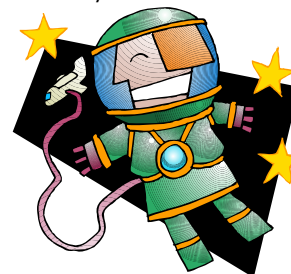
In our continuing quest to lower the cost of Capclave, WSFA is proud to announce that we have acquired corporate sponsors for our writer guests of honor.

John Scalzi

- The AARP – Slogan: Fighting the Old Man's (and Woman's) War for Your Rights and senior discounts
- LaCoste Clothing – Slogan: Yes, of course we sell red shirts, what... AAARRRGGG!
- Burger King – Slogan: Home of the Bacon Sundae and Coke Zero, Mr. Scalzi can I take your order?

George R.R. Martin

- HBO Television – Slogan: Where fantasy books come to life and sex
- National Harborplace Casino – Slogan: Aces High and Jokers Wild



- Fantasy Writers Collaborative – Slogan: Still waiting for the next volume? Pick up one of our books while you wait, and here's your cut George for the continued delay

Paolo Bacigalupi

- Weight Watchers – Slogan: Home of the Calorie Men (and Women)
- Mattel – Makers of windup girl toys. Slogan: Math class is tough
- U.S. Navy – Slogan: We break (and sink) ships

### Space Shuttle Buzzes DC

The April 20<sup>th</sup> Third Friday WSFA meeting opened when President Barry banged the gavel at 9:18 pm. He said that Judy would be here but spent the afternoon weeding. No minutes from last meeting. Jimmy said he thought Shirl did the minutes.

Steve came in just in time for treasurer report. Bang. We have money. We picked up a couple of hundred. At next meeting, WSFA will have an election. Only paid members can vote. Check and verify. Cathy suggested sending an email reminder that next meeting will be election meeting. Bob read the slate.

Sam L. asked for submissions for the *WSFA Journal*. Bob said WSFA Press will be selling books at the Nebula award weekend. Cathy explained one of the books for Capclave 2011, *Silently and Very Fast*, was a Hugo and Nebula nominee so we are doing a trade hardback of it that is not a limited edition. We will have them to sell at the Nebulas and Worldcon. Hope they will move relatively well. They sold out quickly and get a spike in sales every time mentioned online. George said there won't be a book for 2012 anyway so it made sense to do something this year. There was a mention of a Saturday Night Live skit making fun of GRRM series.

No one was here for electronic media except Sarah who has tweeted dodo adventures at Ravencon and others. The Capclave hotel link is live.

Capclave: Barry booked rooms for the GoH, but they may not be included in our block. George said it is staggering along. Cathy volunteered her apartment for a May 6 at 2pm planning meeting. Science Fiction discussion: Jimmy Rogers will discuss podcast. He has turned his list into a podcast and will put out a public domain podcast.

This weekend is the Stone Ridge book sale. Many of us saw the space shuttle fly by. Saturday of Nebula weekend will also be the Gaithersburg book festival. The book signing at the Nebs is open to everyone. Eva for Entertainment committee just showed up and asked us to make pirate noises. She suggested participating in an Urban Pirate cruise out of Baltimore. The price for a hour cruise is \$20 per person. If we rent whole ship (up to 49 people), it is \$750 for first hour and \$700 for second hour. So cheaper if get at least 38. Bring your own grog. 10% entertainment tax. It just sails on weekends. Started last week, run through October. Scalzi might enjoy it, but Sam L said "But SFWA has a policy against piracy." <groans>. The club said okay to do this with BSFS. Discussion of getting a letter of marque. Barry suggested the weekend after 4<sup>th</sup> of July that used to be Shore Leave, that moved to August. There is a party at BSFS in 2<sup>nd</sup> week in August.

Old business. Meeting switch. T-shirts. No other old business. New business: No new business:

First meeting: Patrick. Heard about us on Internet. He is involved in the Barnes and Noble book group on first Mondays. Second meeting: Terry Smith. He has been to Capclave and Balticon. He is trying to write sf. He is part of the Arlington writers' group and found out about us there and through meetup.

Announcements: George went to Markcon in Columbus. Tamora Pierce GoH. Jimmy got mixed up between Alexandria and Arlington. Bill has new windows. Sam L. asked if this was Windows 8. Sam S. did Jeopardy trial outs. He has a one in eight chance. Meeting unanimously adjourned at 21:54.

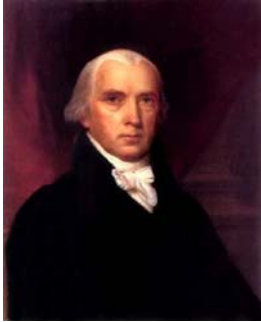
Attendance: Alisha Brown, Cathy Green, Bill Lawhorn, Brian Lewis, Sam Lubell, Bob Macintosh, Sarah Mitchell, Barry Newton, Jimmy Rogers, Judy & Sam Scheiner, George Shaner, Steve Smith, Meagen Voss, Ivy Yap, Patrick Wamsley, Terry L. Smith.

## LOCAL SURVEYORS MAKE SHOCKING DISCOVERY

By Jim Thomas

Dateline: Brookeville, Maryland, April 26th, 2012

Local surveyors announced today that an investigation into a discovery they made a few months ago has been completed.



While surveying near the house in Brookeville that served as Capitol of the United States for a day when the British burned Washington in the War of 1812, and President James Madison was forced to flee the city, the surveyors found signs that an old surveyor's stone had been moved one foot to the south a long time ago.

As they eventually discovered, this explained a cryptic note in Dolly Madison's household record for the day about how the servants had to clean the President's clothes after he was out "moving a stone".

But why was the stone moved? The surveyors decided to investigate just for fun.

What they found is going to turn out to be very expensive.

After researching other old records at the Smithsonian, they found a letter from George Washington to James Madison in which Washington told Madison about the laying of the original Zero Milestone in DC. Washington explained in the letter how pranksters moved the stone by one foot the night after it was laid. Washington made a note to himself to move the stone back, but never got around to it because of official duties (see "To Do" list below).

Washington urged Madison to see to it that the stone position was corrected, but there is no evidence this was ever done, and archeologists hired by the surveyors discovered signs of the original hole for the stone one foot south of its current position, confirming the story.

The modern day surveyors theorized that the stone in Brookeville was moved when Madison thought he was going to have a chance to get the situation resolved. Even though the stone in Washington hadn't been moved yet, moving the stone in Brookeville would avoid having to make the arduous journey out from Washington a second time.

But what does all this mean?

Well, since every milestone and baseline in the entire United States is based on the position of the Zero Milestone, it means that everything in the United States, every road, every property line, every house, every building, is off by one foot.

As a result of this error, every one of those things will have to be moved one foot south!

It is estimated that this will cost the nation well in excess of \$1,000,000,000,000,000 (one quadrillion dollars).

Needless to say, this will have a negative effect on the deficit. There may also be a minor dispute with Mexico.

On the plus side, it *will* provide a lot of jobs!

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Attachments:

George Washington's To Do List (courtesy of the Smithsonian)

(Photo copy of the original in Washington's handwriting available soon!)

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To Do

1. ✓ Carry Out Presidential Duties
2. ✓ Avoid involvement in War in Europe
3. ✓ Issue proclamation of Neutrality
4. ✓ Sign Jay Treaty.
5. ✓ Establish the Federal Government
6. ✓ Retire to Mount Vernon
7. Don't Ride in Foul Weather
8. Move the Milestone back
9. See the Pyramids



As you can see, he never got to the milestone.

### Slowly Taking Over the World with Dodo Pictures

The 5/4 May First Friday began with a “Let’s have a meeting,” from President Barry at 9:17 hours. Bill did the oya oya. President is here. Officers are here.

Old business: Sam said the meeting schedules. Treasurer gave report. The check for reprinting the Valente book was mailed today, but does not show up in the treasurer’s numbers yet. This is a separate contract to reprint. Trustees said there will be an election meeting after conclusion of this meeting and the reading of the list of those who have to yet to pay.

Think Geek will do Avengers film on Monday in Fairfax.

Sam L gave publication information about WSFA press. Gayle said she received the trade edition of *Silently and Very Fast*, which has been nominated for Hugo, Nebula, and Locus awards. It was sent to World Fantasy Award for consideration. GRRM has the most nominations for the Locus awards. Valente tied for second with good company. The trade edition is not signed or limited. We only have 20 left of the signed edition and will hold those for bundles. We sold the last of the big bundles. Sold 10. Now we will just bundle the new series. A library in New Mexico bought an old bundle and all of the new ones. WSFA is shocked and pleased. We were down to 15 *Future Washingtons*, but Mike said he found about 150 more, mostly trade papers. Some are scuffed up and should be given away maybe to those who buy memberships.

Paul said we’re selling the WSFA collection at Nebula. Gayle said we are still selling some of the older books. Slowly working down. Colleen offered to take damaged ones to Balticon.

Gayle for website, said Paul said still doing working on the WSFA Press site, working on logo. Cathy, the publicity person for Capclave is sending links including a whole bunch of Facebook links. We are being more active. We gained 25 to 30 new people subscribed to our feed. More followers. We are slowly taking over the world with more dodo pictures. Colleen suggested trying with a kitten. Gayle said a couple of sf/fantasy publishers are joining the WSFA page so users will see occasional ads. They are keeping track of us. Colleen said other people took Facebook over so she won’t have deal with it.

Noah gave up its clown, really magician.



Capclave 2012 is percolating around. They had a meeting this evening. Things were discussed. Moving around. Memberships are \$45, go up at start of June. We have flyers and bookmarks. Please sit at table or wander around with Dodo. We have new ducks. The Steampunk world fair is in NJ in three weeks.

Capclave 2013 is happening next year. It will be in late October, George has it on his website. Steve Stiles has come up with idea for cover. Battle scene from Game of Thrones with Dodos in it and GRRM saying what? GRRM picked a date. October 18 – 20<sup>th</sup> <Note, this was later changed to 11 - 13>

Committee to talk SF is talking about last month F&SF. Nominations for the literary award closed with 87 stories, 10-12 more than last year. Cathy will set a deadline for committee. Sarah will post to twitter.

No old business. No new business. No second or third meeting.

Announcement: Judy made dish on stove. Sam S. said living under the porch is a family of foxes. Brian knows about his email was hacked and is trying to fix things. He apologized and is not really selling Viagra. It's a trap. Brian has started a course of braces so has boxes of popcorn to give away. Colleen spoke about the LoC book festival. Publishers pick the authors who come. There will be a few SF authors this year including xxxx and xxxxx but we have to keep the names secret. They will probably appear Sunday. She will see if we can organize a dinner, but don't know travel plans.

Mike Walsh has box of used books. Jimmy Rogers won't do podcast discussion this month but will do his list and post. For Third Friday in June we can discuss both months. Bill said next Thursday at Bethesda library, Paolo Paolo Bacigalupi will do a reading. L.E. Modesitt will be at the Gaithersburg book festival week of the Nebs. There will be a ritual reading of the membership list. If not on list, give Steve money. Meeting unanimously adjourned 21:48

### **Election Meeting**

The election meeting was called to order by Bob MacIntosh, senior trustee. .

- President: Trustees nominated Barry Newton. No nominees from the floor. Acclimation
- VP: Trustees nominated Sam Scheiner. No nominees from the floor. There was a brief debate over pronunciation of his name. Acclimation
- Sec: Trustees nominated Sam Lubell. Other Sam. One of the yellow shirts. Will there be a Sam in every position? No nominees from the floor. Acclaimed
- Treasurer: Trustees nominated Steve Smith. Bob Macintosh nominated by Elspeth but refused. Acclaimed.
- Chair 2014. Trustees nominate Bill Lawhorn. No nominees from the floor. Acclaimed. Bill objected. There was a nomination to change his name to Steve. Refused.
- Trustees: Three current trustees were running for re-election. Cathy Green, Brian Lewis, and Bob MacIntosh. President took charge of the election since Bob was one of the candidates. Colleen suggested changing name to Sam. Move to close. Acclaimed. Done.
- Small Press Award Committee (2 slots open): Trustees nominated Jimmy Rogers and Sarah Mitchell. Acclaimed.

Attendance: Drew Bittner, Colleen Cahill, Cathy Green, Paul Haggerty, Elspeth Kovar, Bill Lawhorn, Brian Lewis, Ernest Lilley, Sam Lubell, Bob Macintosh, Sarah Mitchell, Barry & Judy Newton, Jimmy Rogers, Judy & Sam Scheiner, George Shaner, Gayle Surette, Michael Walsh, Ivy Yap, Alisha Brown, Ken Byrer, Terry L. Smith, Jim Thomas, and HP Lovecraft (who would have voted for Cthulu in each category but no one nominated the Elder God for anything).

### **WSFA Splits in Two**

The May Third Friday (5/18) meeting was held at the Nebulas. No business was done, we basically introduced ourselves to anyone interested. Attendance: Sam Lubell, Meagen Voss, Kathi Overton, Charity Helton, Sam Scheiner, George Shaner, Cathy Green, Brian Lewis, Kilroy. That same evening, an unofficial WSFA party was held at the Madigans for those not at the Nebs. Attendance: Monique Clark, Rick Docksai, Kindra Gresham, Sam Hogan (and friend), Michael Ikeda, Candy Madigan, John Madigan, Shirl Phelps, Evan Phillips, Bill Squire, Mike Taylor, Katrin Wheatley, Eva Whitley, and Thomas Woldering.