

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 1991 ANNUAL MEETING INTERNATIONAL COSTUMER'S GUILD

The annual meeting of the International Costumers' Guild was called to order by Denice Girardeau, President, at 11:05 a.m., Monday, February 18, 1991, at the Columbia Inn, Columbia, Maryland, in conjunction with CostumeCon 9. Other officers present included Janet Wilson-Anderson, Vice-President; Kathryn Condon, Treasurer; and Betsy Marks, Corresponding Secretary. Several Directors were present from the chapters. About 30 other members of the Guild were in attendance.

Officers' Reports.

President's Report: Denice Girardeau made a brief President's report, stating that little had been accomplished this year.

Treasurer's Report: Kathryn Condon made an oral Treasurer's report, indicating a balance of \$899.36. The report was accepted. She also reported on the status of the ICG application to the Internal Revenue Service for recognition as a tax-exempt organization pursuant to Section 501C3 of the Internal Revenue Code. The process should be completed in about a month when we have complied with the requests of our accountant and our attorney.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: Betsy Marks pointed out that she had received an updated list of members only from the Midwest Costumers' Guild. While membership lists had been sent to the Treasurer by the Southwest Costumers' Guild and other chapters, the By-laws specify that these lists are to be sent to the Corresponding Secretary.

Vote in New Guilds.

The meeting proceeded to consider applications from groups seeking recognition of new chapters of the ICG. It was Moved, Seconded, and Passed Unanimously to recognize the North Star Chapter of the International Costumers' Guild

(the Minnesota Mafia), c/o Jeff Berry and Janet Moe, 5245 47th Avenue, South Minneapolis, MN 55417; telephone: (612) 722-0412; Rosie Graham, President.

Old Business.

By-laws and Incorporation: It was Moved by Pierre Pettinger, Seconded, and Passed Unanimously that the By-laws of the International Costumers' Guild be adopted in their present form. In discussion it was recognized that certain provisions of the By-laws needed further examination, but that such consideration could be put over to another time.

New Business.

Several proposed additions to the Standing Rules were presented and considered. Each of the following Standing Sules was Moved, Seconded and Adopted.

13. The International Costumers' Guild shall act as overall sponsoring organization for the annual convention known as Costume Con, effective with Costume Con 8. As a non-profit sponsoring organization, the ICG shall promote the educational, cultural, artistic and theatrical advancement of the costuming community through this convention. Each convention shall, however, be run as a separate financial entity, with no co-mingling of Costume Con and ICG funds. Further, this sponsorship shall be in no way construed as acceptance of any fiduciary responsibility, which remains solely with each convention's committee. Each Costume Con committee remains solely responsible for the administration, policies and programming of the convention itself,

with the exception of the ICG annual meeting. This sponsorship can be revoked by 2/3's vote of the ICG Board of Directors should the policies of an individual convention committee significantly violate the aims, objectives and/or by-laws of the ICG.

14. Costume Con site selection will occur three years prior to each convention. It is the responsibility of the Costume Con for that year to operate the site selection. Site selection ballots will appear in the progress reports of the current Costume Con. The election will run through Saturday of the Costume Con and the results announced at the Historical Masquerade.

15. The Election Commissioners for each election shall be the chair/co-chairs of the Costume Con immediately prior to the contested bid, or their designee(s).

16. The ICG shall establish a Lifetime Achievement Award to recognize a body of achievement in the costuming art and service to the costuming community.

A. Candidates for this award should have the following qualifications:

1. Shall have been active in the costuming community for at least 10 years.

2. Shall have achieved significant recognition for their costuming skills, which may be in the form of, but not restricted to, competitive awards, professional accomplishments, teaching of skills, and/or media recognition.

3. Shall have made significant contributions in service to the costuming community.

B. This award shall be given at the discretion of the ICG Board of Directors, but no more frequently than once per year.

C. Candidates for this award may be nominated by letter of proposal to the ICG President from any member in good standing or from any chapter. All letters of proposal must be received 60 days before the annual meeting.

D. The ICG president shall prepare a secret ballot of proposed candidates and No Award and send it to all chapter presidents and ICG officers. The voting

deadline shall be 30 days in advance of the annual meeting. A majority of the votes received shall determine the winner. The results shall be kept secret until the award is presented.

E. It shall be the responsibility of the ICG president to have a plaque prepared for presentation to the recipient. The plaque shall read, "The International Costumers' Guild presents to [] its Lifetime Achievement Award for his/her contribution and service to the costuming community. Presented [date] at Costume Con [number], [city/state/country]."

Amendment to the By-laws:

The Treasurer pointed out that it was extremely difficult to write checks to pay the Guild's obligations since the By-laws required two signatures on checks and the President and Treasurer were located in different states. To address this problem, it was Moved by Pierre Pettinger, Seconded, and, after discussion, Passed Unanimously, that subdivision (d) of Section 11 of the By-laws be amended to read as follows (matter deleted is enclosed in [brackets]; matter added is italicized):

(d) The Treasurer may sign[, with the President or a Vice-President,] any instruments and/or deeds of conveyance of the Corporation provided that the President or another officer endorse a copy of each instrument or deed of conveyance before the end of the fiscal year; and, in general, shall perform all the duties ordinarily incident to the office of a Treasurer of a corporation, and such other duties as may be assigned to the treasurer by the Board of Directors or by the President.

Previous value of checks that the Treasurer could write without prior authorization, it was Moved by Janet Wilson-Anderson, Seconded, and, following discussion, Passed Unanimously that subdivision (d) of Section 11, as amended, be further amended as follows:

(d) The Treasurer may sign, with the President's prior authorization, any instruments and/or deeds of conveyance of the Corporation for an expenditure of

over \$500.00 and the Treasurer may sign [any] other instruments and/or deeds of conveyance of the Corporation provided that the President or another officer endorse a conveyance before the end of the fiscal year; and, in general, shall perform all the duties ordinarily incident to the office of a Treasurer of a corporation, and such other duties as may be assigned to the treasurer by the Board of Directors or by the President.

Guild Guidelines for International level Masquerades/Competitions:

The meeting turned to the subject of Guild guidelines for international-level masquerades and competitions. It was Moved by Animal X, Seconded, and after considerable discussion and amendment, Passed Unanimously that:

The ICG appoint a coordinator to facilitate discussion of guidelines for masquerades and/or competitions. Each local chapter of the ICG shall, over the next ten months, discuss the issues of guidelines for international masquerades and/or competitions; said discussions' results will be disseminated through the coordinator for the purpose of developing a simple proposal for majority vote at CostumeCon 10, 1992, by the voting membership of the ICG. The coordinator will provide a copy of the simple proposal to all Guild chapters on or before the first of January, 1992, by certified, return receipt mail.

Following the vote on this motion, the meeting considered the choice of the coordinator. 'Nea Dodson and Animal X were nominated; Animal X was elected to the post.

Other New Business:

It was Moved by Betsy Marks, Seconded, and Passed Unanimously to recognize the Central Coast Costumers' Guild (C3G), c/o Nancy E. Mildebrandt, 1316 Sherman Avenue, South Milwaukee, WI 53172; telephone: (414) 762-2976; Nancy E. Mildebrandt, President, as a chapter of the International Costumers' Guild.

The meeting discussed the need for material that would be useful in responding to inquiries about the ICG and about starting new

chapters. A motion made by 'Nea Dodson and seconded to assign to the ICG Corresponding Secretary the responsibility of preparing a pre-printed package of information plus a personal letter to use in responding to such inquiries was Withdrawn. It was recognized that these inquiries are frequently received by chapters as well as by the Corresponding Secretary. It was Moved by Vicki Warren, Seconded, and Passed Unanimously that: A generic ICG information document shall be created and provided to each of the local Guild chapters for their use in responding to informational requests.

Elections.

The following members were Nominated and Elected Unanimously to the ICG Offices indicated:

President: Janet Wilson-Anderson
Vice President: Pierre Pettinger
Treasurer: Kathryn Condon
Corresponding Secretary: A. Nea Dodson
Recording Secretary: Byron P. Connell
Other Matters.

The **Costumers' Quarterly's** new editor, Jim Kovalcin, requested that all material presented for publication in the Quarterly be on disc [Amiga format preferred but ASCII format, normal-density 3.5 in. IBM diskette acceptable].

There was a general discussion of the Costumers' Directory and the associated questionnaire, and of the cost of maintaining and distributing the Directory. It was agreed that Betsy Marks would continue to maintain the Directory but that she should not be expected to bear its cost.

An updated address for the Southwest Costumers' Guild was announced:

Southwest Costumers' Guild
c/o Roxanne Dillie
4716 West Crittenden Lane
Phoenix, AZ 85031

There being no further business to consider, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Byron P. Connell
Recording Secretary