

## **2010 TAFF Race: Nominations Open**

The 2010 TAFF race (Eastward: North America to Europe) is now open for nominations. The winning delegate will attend the 2010 Eastercon, Odyssey, in London over the Easter weekend, 2-5 April, 2010. (Odyssey's website is <http://www.odyssey2010.org/>.)

To stand as a candidate, you must provide:

- Five nominations from known fans, three of whom must be resident in North America and two resident in Europe. All of these should send a signed nomination via postal mail – or, if sending the nomination by e-mail, include a phone number for verification
- A written platform, not exceeding 101 words
- A \$20 bond (US or Canadian dollars)
- A pledge you will take the trip if you win

All nominations, platforms, pledges and / or bonds must arrive with either the North American or European administrator (see below) by midnight GMT on Sunday, 4 October, 2009. Provided at least two candidates meet these requirements, the distribution of ballots will begin immediately thereafter. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the administrators. If you plan to run, please alert them as soon as possible.

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**WHAT IS TAFF?** The Trans-Atlantic Fan Fund was created in 1953 to underwrite cultural exchanges for well-known and popular fans familiar to those on both sides of the Big Pond. Since then, TAFF has sent North American fans to European conventions and European fans to North American conventions. It exists solely through the support of fandom. Delegates are selected by interested fans from all over the world, and each vote is accompanied by a donation of at least US \$3 or UK £2. These votes, and the continued generosity of fandom, make TAFF possible.

More information about TAFF's history, customs, and practices may be found at the unofficial site maintained by Dave Langford at <http://taff.org.uk/>.