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MFA Conflict of Interest Policy

Because some committee members for the Mythopoeic Fantasy Awards are active in publishing, we have formalized a conflict-of-interest policy for voting. If a committee member is the author, the editor, or a publishing employee who has worked directly on a book, they may neither nominate that book to the MFA long list (Adult, YA, or Children's), nor – if someone else nominates the book – can they vote in the long-list category to which the book has been nominated. If the book makes the short list, then the committee member remains ineligible for voting in that category. If the book isn't selected for the short list, they may vote freely in both categories. If the Award Administrator is themselves the author, the editor, or a publishing employee of a book that has been nominated to either list, long or short, then another committee member must verify the tally of all votes cast in that category.