

# THE FORTNIGHTLY FIX



## News From Planet TAFF

As I write these words, the voting deadline for the current TransAtlantic Fan Fund race is less than three days away, and there's everything to play for. As one of Jacqueline Monahan's nominators and the co-editor (with Nic Farey and Jacq herself) of her campaignzine *All Jacq'd Up*\*, no prizes for guessing which of the three candidates has my support, but all three would make great ambassadors for North American fandom.

My preference for Jacq isn't entirely based upon the fact that I had the pleasure of hanging out with her during the Las Vegas leg of my own TAFF tour in 2009, or by her considerable talents as a writer (pro and fannish). There's also the knowledge that winning TAFF is the only realistic way she'll get across the Big Pond: whilst one of her rivals had admitted he'll be flying over next Easter whatever the result (to be fair, the extra funding would enable him to stay an extra week and visit a few UK fans, though I doubt this'd extend much further north than the M25), Jacq simply doesn't have the wherewithal to make it under her own steam.\*\*

If you haven't cast your ballot yet, the candidate's platforms and all the information you need to vote is waiting for you at <http://taff.org.uk/>. They need to be lodged with either the European administrator, John Coxon, by 23:59 GMT on Friday, or with the North American administrators, Anne & Brian Gray, by 23:59 MST same day (which is 06:59 GMT on Saturday; European fans can cast their votes with them if they miss the local deadline). Given how close the finish line is, the only sensible route is voting via the administrators' PayPal accounts.

It's going to be a close result. I just hope it's the right one.

\*[Both editions of *All Jacq'd Up* are online at <http://efanzines.com/AJU/index.htm>; aside from Jacq, Nic and me, they feature contributions from John Purcell, Alan White, Arnie Katz, John DeChancie, Sandra Bond, Aileen Forman, John Nielsen-Hall, Don Miller and JoHN Wesley Hardin. In addition, all three candidates collaborated on the fanzine *Hats For TAFF*, which you'll find at <http://efanzines.com/TAFF/index.htm>.]

\*\*Obligatory steampunk reference: just imagine TAFF has built its own airship.

**MONAHAN  
FOR TAFF**  
Any other choice  
don't mean Jacq

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There'll be a real issue next time, I promise.