

Substantive Report of the Polish Union of Associations “Polish Fandom” for year 2025

The Board of the Polish Union of Associations “Polish Fandom” (pol. Związek Stowarzyszeń Fandom Polski) presents a substantive report on the activities of the Association for the past calendar year (2025).

1. List of Councils and Fandom Forums in 2025

- Fandom Council during KON_gres IX in Wrocław on 23/02/2025.
- Fandom Council during Bazyliszek Polcon in Warsaw on 4/07/2025.
- Fandom Forum during Bazyliszek Polcon in Warsaw on 4/07/2025.
- Fandom Council during Nordcon in Jastrzębia Góra on 6/12/2025.

2. Problems with the KRS and the validity of the 2024 RF in Gniezno, as well as subsequent RFs in 2024–2025

The motion to hold supplementary elections for the ZSFP authorities, conducted during the General Assembly of Members at the KON_gres in Wrocław, was rejected in 2025 by the KRS in Pisz. At the same time, the KRS questioned the validity of the elections held in Gniezno due to the hybrid format of the Fandom Council, during which one ZSFP member participated remotely.

This decision meant that ZSFP did not have properly elected authorities. Consequently, in the fourth quarter of 2025, it was necessary to appoint a curator who convened the electoral Fandom Council at Nordcon. During this council, the authorities for the next term were elected – de facto X (formally IX) – for a period of three years.

All resolutions passed during the six previous Fandom Councils (KON_gres VIII, the online RF of July 2024, Polcon 2024, Nordcon 2024, KON_gres IX, and Polcon 2025) were non-binding, as these councils were not convened by the proper statutory body – the ZSFP Board. As a result, these resolutions will need to be re-adopted during the subsequent Fandom Councils in 2026 (at KON_gres X and Polcon 2026).

At the same time, the Association operated based on de facto arrangements (though not de jure) established at these meetings, particularly concerning the establishment and administration of the Piotr Rak Polish Fandom Award (NFP).

3. Supplementary and Early Elections for the Authorities of the de facto X Term

On 23 February 2025, during the KON_gres in Wrocław, supplementary elections for the ZSFP authorities were held, aimed at formally appointing the fifth member of ZSFP. The decisions made at this Fandom Council were not binding due to the ruling of the KRS in Pisz.

On 6 December 2025, following the appointment of Adam Cetnerowski as curator, elections for the next X term of ZSFP authorities were held. The following individuals were elected:

ZSFP Board

- President: Julianna Grefkowicz
- Vice President for the Piotr Rak Polish Fandom Award: Anna Kopania-Kozłowska
- Vice President for Polcon: Andrzej "Septimus" Jarzqbek
- Vice President for Communications: Radosław "Rynvord" Polański
- Treasurer: Vinga

Audit Committee

- Chairperson: Katarzyna "Azik" Braciak
- Member: Marcin "Seji" Segit
- Member: Błażej Adamski

4. Amendments to the ZSFP Statute

No amendments to the ZSFP Statute were proposed in 2025.

5. Other Documents and Regulations Adopted/Presented in 2025

In 2025, the following resolutions were proposed. During the General Assembly of Members in Wrocław, a vote was held to adopt the regulations of the ZSFP Audit Committee, and a resolution was passed to remove inactive members, who had previously been suspended from ZSFP membership, from the membership list.

6. New Regular Members of ZSFP Admitted in 2025

No organization applied for membership in ZSFP.

7. Suspension of Inactive ZSFP Members and Removal from the Membership List

During the General Assembly of ZSFP Members in Wrocław, the Fandom Council voted to remove the following organizations from the membership list: Stowarzyszenie Mage.pl, Warsaw Fantasy Club "Pegaz," and Stowarzyszenie Miłośników Fantastyki "Mińska Gildia Fantastyki."

8. Bazyliszek Polcon

According to the results of the vote held at the Fandom Forum during Copernicon/Polcon 2024, the 2025 Polcon was organized as the Warsaw convention Bazyliszek by Stowarzyszenie Avangarda. Approximately 5,000 participants attended the event.

During Bazyliszek, the gala of the Janusz A. Zajdel Award took place. At the Fandom Forum, the organizer of Polcon 2028 was also voted on, with Stowarzyszenie Fantasmagoria from Gniezno being selected, and the winners of the Piotr Rak Polish Fandom Award were chosen.

After the conclusion of the convention, the current Polcon organizer contributed 2,825 PLN (net) to the fund of the Janusz A. Zajdel Polish Fandom Award.

9. Janusz A. Zajdel Award

The awards for 2024 were presented traditionally during the gala held on the penultimate day of Polcon. The part of the gala dedicated to the Janusz A. Zajdel Polish Fandom Award was also streamed live on Facebook.

For 2024, the award in the Short Story category was given to Aleksandra Janusz for her work "Dlaczego nie ma klanu kruka" (Why There Is No Raven Clan). The award in the Novel category was given to Andrzej Sapkowski for his novel "Rozdroże kruków" (The Crossroads of Ravens).

In 2026, the Janusz A. Zajdel Polish Fandom Award Gala will take place in Zielona Góra, as part of the Bachanalia Fantastyczne–Polcon. The announcement of the nominations is planned to be held online around April 2026.

10. Piotr Rak Polish Fandom Award

The list of nominees for 2025 was discussed during the General Assembly of the Fandom Council Members in Wrocław, at the KON_gres, on 23 February 2025.

During the General Assembly of the Fandom Council Members, held as part of Bazyliszek–Polcon on 4 July 2025, a secret vote of ZSFP members was conducted, resulting in the selection of the winners of the Piotr Rak Polish Fandom Award.

The award was presented by Elżbieta Gepfert and Aleksandra Menio during the Bazyliszek Gala on 4 July 2026. The winners were:

- Mikołaj “Nelt” Rzeszótka – in the Iskra category
- Vinga – in the Płomień category

ZSFP members highlighted the need to review the veto procedure for nominations to the Piotr Rak Polish Fandom Award. Vetos submitted in 2025 were not accompanied by any justification (which, under the current award regulations, is not required), and the regulations also do not allow for responding to or rejecting a submitted veto. Proposed changes include requiring a justification for any veto, enabling discussion of the veto and its reasoning, and introducing the possibility of rejecting a veto through a vote.

11. Future Polcon Organizers

During the Bazyliszek Polcon, the Fandom Forum voted on the organizer for future Polcon events:

- 2028 – Stowarzyszenie Fantasmagoria in Gniezno, as part of the Fantasmagoria convention

No individual or organization volunteered to organize Polcon in 2027. At the beginning of 2026, the ZSFP Board will review all options and contact member organizations to determine whether a willing group or organization will emerge to host Polcon 2027 as part of the Bachanalia Fantastyczne Polconu.

12. KON_gres of Fan Event Organizers

On 22–23 February 2025, the 9th KON_gres of Fan Event Organizers took place in Wrocław – a gathering of organizers of fan-driven events. In 2025, the KON_gres was organized by Stowarzyszenie Gildia Organizatorów. A total of 174 people attended the event. The KON_gres award, granted by the KON_gres chapter, was awarded to the Centrum Kultury Zamek. Additionally, the publication KONkrety, containing 11 articles on various aspects of event organization, was released.

- In 2026, KON_gres will be held in Katowice on 7–8 March 2026. Its organizers are the Śląski Klub Fantastyki in Katowice and ZSFP.
- In 2027, KON_gres will take place in Łódź, organized by the Fantastyczne Inicjatywy Foundation.

13. Support for the "Smoki Fandomu" Initiative

ZSFP provided support for the long-standing, grassroots fandom initiative Fandom Dragons, which honors individuals for their years of dedication to fandom life. The support included the following actions:

- Creation of the initiative's website
- Development of visual identity, including an official logo
- Preparation of an updated procedure for submitting candidates for the Fandom Dragon title
- Development of a new format and script for the award ceremony
- Design of a new commemorative diploma
- Creation of a commemorative Fandom Dragons pin
- Funding of the first 100 Fandom Dragons pins
- Funding of the Fandom Dragons sword
- Funding of the Fandom Dragons pillow

14. ZSFP Visual Identity

In 2025, ZSFP supported the creation of the visual identity for both Fandom Dragons and the Piotr Rak Polish Fandom Award. Both elements are planned to be integrated into the Brand Manual in 2026.

In 2026, a discussion regarding the visual identity of KON_gres will need to take place.

15. Promotion of Polish Fantasy Fandom at SMOFcon 2025 in Stockholm

In December, the Polish fandom marked its presence on the international stage at SMOFcon in Stockholm – the international counterpart to the domestic KON_gres. The community was represented by a six-member delegation actively participating in the program. Our representatives participated as both attendees and panelists, including Q&A sessions on upcoming editions of Worldcons and SMOFcons.

The trip also had a strong promotional focus. During the International Party, the Polish delegation organized a Fan Table, which became a space for discussions about the specifics of Polish fandom. Guests from around the world had the opportunity to try traditional Polish specialties – from regional sausages and sweets to local spirits. The visit not only strengthened international ties but also generated preliminary interest in hosting a Worldcon in Poland in 2035.

16. Official Representation at Events in 2025

This year, ZSFP representatives were officially present at the following events, promoting ZSFP activities and both Polish Fandom Awards:

- ZjAva in Warsaw
- KON_gres in Wrocław – General Assembly of Members, Fandom Council
- Bykon in Bydgoszcz
- Silesian Fantasy Days in Chorzów – ZSFP and Janusz A. Zajdel Polish Fandom Award booth
- Literary Seminar in Chorzów – ZSFP and Janusz A. Zajdel Polish Fandom Award booth
- Pyrkon Fantasy Festival in Poznań
- Cosmicon in Chorzów
- Opole Fantasy Meetings in Opole
- Lajconik in Kraków
- Eurocon Archipelacon 2 in Åland Islands, Finland
- Bazyliszek in Warsaw – ZSFP and Janusz A. Zajdel Polish Fandom Award booth
- Kapitalarz in Łódź – ZSFP and Janusz A. Zajdel Polish Fandom Award booth
- Copernicon in Toruń
- Imladris in Kraków – ZSFP and Janusz A. Zajdel Polish Fandom Award booth
- SMOFcon 43 in Stockholm, Sweden
- Nordcon in Jastrzębia Góra – General Assembly of Members, Fandom Council; Fandom Forum

17. Club Boards Meeting

After a break in 2025, discussions began regarding the organization of the Club Boards Meeting in 2026. Details regarding the date and location are not yet confirmed.

18. Promotion of Polish Fandom Activities Online

Throughout the year, numerous promotional campaigns were conducted via fandom social media, including:

- A series of historical posts recalling past winners of the Janusz A. Zajdel Polish Fandom Award (continuation from 2024)
- A series of posts presenting Polish organizations promoting fantasy (continuation from 2024)
- The “Zinoteka” series, presenting both historical and currently active fanzines published in Poland (continuation from 2024)
- A series of posts presenting the profiles of nominees for the Piotr Rak Polish Fandom Award (continuation from 2024)
- A series of posts highlighting fans who are less visible but contribute significantly to the development of local organizations and events (20+ posts)