

# 1954 Retro Hugo Nominating and Voting Statistics

## Noreascon Four – The 62nd Worldcon Boston, Massachusetts USA

The nominees that follow were chosen by popular vote by 131 members of Noreascon 4 and Torcon 3 who submitted valid nomination forms for work done in 1953. A total of 131 nomination forms (35 paper and 96 on-line forms) were received.

As required by the WSFS Constitution, we report the top 15 vote-getters in each category. (In no category did anyone else get as many as 5% of the nominations cast in that category.) Except for a few items which are marked as ineligible, no attempt was made to validate the name title or eligibility of any item which would not affect the final nomination listing. When a nominee received nominations in more than one category, we combined nominations to the correct category where appropriate. To determine the viability of categories, potential nominees with four or fewer nominations were dropped from consideration; where this dropped a given category below three nominees, the category was dropped as non-viable.

Category	Nominating ballots	Finalist Range	Voting ballots	Comments
<b>TOTAL</b>	131		841	
<b>Novel</b>	113	41-74	633	
<b>Novella</b>	67	8-40	479	
<b>Novelette</b>	66	14-36	464	
<b>Short Story</b>	96	17-71	562	
<b>Related Book</b>	21	10-13	393	3 nominees only
<b>Dramatic Presentation - Long Form</b>	35			Dropped for Lack of Viable Category
<b>Dramatic Presentation - Short Form</b>	96	26-75	577	
<b>Professional Editor</b>	49	8-44	493	
<b>Professional Artist</b>	68	24-36	484	
<b>Best Semi-Prozine</b>	1			Dropped for Lack of Viable Category
<b>Fanzine</b>	36	12-28	269	
<b>Fan Writer</b>	38	10-29	310	
<b>Fan Artist</b>	28			Dropped for Lack of Viable Category

### Novel (113 people nominated)

- 74 *Mission of Gravity* by Hal Clement
- 68 *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury
- 63 *Childhood's End* by Arthur C. Clarke
- 49 *The Caves of Steel* by Isaac Asimov
- 41 *More Than Human* by Theodore Sturgeon
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- 19 *Against the Fall of Night* by Arthur C. Clarke
- 17 *Bring the Jubilee* by Ward Moore
- 14 *The Kraken Wakes* by John Wyndham
- 14 *Starman Jones* by Robert A. Heinlein
- 11 *The Silver Chair* by C. S. Lewis
- 10 *Conjure Wife* by Fritz Leiber
- 10 *If This Goes On* by Robert A. Heinlein
- 10 *The Space Merchants* by Pohl & Kornbluth
- 8 *Children of the Atom* by Wilma Shiras
- 6 *West of the Sun* by Edgar Pangborn

**Novella (67 people nominated)**

- 40 *A Case of Conscience* by James Blish
- 17 *Un-Man* by Poul Anderson
- 16 *The Rose* by Charles L Harness
- 8 *...And My Fear is Great...* by Theodore Sturgeon
- 8 *Three Hearts and Three Lions* by Poul Anderson
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- 13 *Daughters of Earth* by Judith Merrill (Ineligible: First published in 1952)
- 7 *Lot* by Ward Moore
- 7 *The Seven Black Priests* by Fritz Leiber
- 6 *Double Meaning* by Damon Knight
- 6 *Hardly Worth Mentioning* by Chad Oliver
- 6 *The Variable Man* by Philip K. Dick
- 5 *The Big Jump* by Leigh Brackett

**Novelette (66 people nominated)**

- 36 "Earthman, Come Home" by James Blish
- 24 "Sam Hall" by Poul Anderson
- 17 "Adventures of the Misplaced Hound" by Poul Anderson and Gordon R Dickson
- 14 "Second Variety" by Philip K. Dick
- 14 "The Wall Around the World" by Theodore Cogswell
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- 12 "Mother" by Philip Jose Farmer
- 11 "The Birds" by Daphne du Maurier
- 10 "Four in One" by Damon Knight
- 7 "Project Nightmare" by Robert A. Heinlein
- 6 "Jupiter V" by Arthur C. Clarke
- 6 "Shadow Show" by Clifford D. Simak
- 5 "Watchbird" by Robert Sheckley
- 4 "Belief" by Isaac Asimov
- 3 "Time is the Traitor" by Alfred Bester

**Short Story (96 people nominated)**

- 71 "The 9 Billion Names of God" by Arthur C. Clarke
- 35 "It's a /Good/ Life" by Jerome Bixby
- 24 "The 7th Victim" by Robert Sheckley
- 18 "A Saucer of Loneliness" by Theodore Sturgeon
- 17 "Star Light, Star Bright" by Alfred Bester
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- 10 "A Bad Day for Sales" by Fritz Leiber
- 6 "Common Time" by James Blish
- 6 "Nightmare Brother" by Alan E. Nourse
- 5 "Crucifixus Etiam" by Walter M. Miller, Jr
- 5 "Hall of Mirrors" by Frederik Brown
- 5 "Warm" by Robert Sheckley
- 4 "Encounter in the Dawn" by Arthur C. Clarke
- 4 "Little Girl Lost" by Richard Matheson
- 4 "Skylift" by Robert A Heinlein

**Related Book Nominees (3 nominees only) (21 people nominated)**

- 13 *The Science-Fiction Handbook* by L Sprague de Camp
- 12 *Conquest of the Moon* by Wernher von Braun, Fred L Whipple and Willy Ley
- 10 *Modern Science Fiction: Its Meaning and its Future* by Reginald Bretnor
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- 3 *Conquest of Space* by Willy Ley & Chesley Bonestell (Ineligible; published 1949)
- 2 *A Lovecraft Bibliography* by Joseph Payne Brennan
- 1 *The Enchanted Duplicator* by Walt Willis and Bob Shaw (Ineligible; published 1954)

**Dramatic Presentation - Long Form - Dropped for Lack of Viable Category (35 people nominated)**

- 9 *The Quatermass Experiment* produced by BBC
- 3 *Silver Dust (Serebristaya pyl)* produced by Mosfilm USSR
- 3 *Alert the South (Alerte au sud)* produced by Neptune/Sirius/Fonorama
- 2 *Journey into Space* produced by BBC Radio
- Destination Moon* produced by George Pal Productions (Ineligible, first shown in 1950)

**Dramatic Presentation - Short Form (96 people nominated)**

- 75 *The War of the Worlds* produced by Paramount Pictures
- 60 *Merrie Melodies: "Duck Dodgers in the 24½th Century"* produced by Warner Brothers
- 29 *The Beast from 20,000 Fathoms* produced by Jack Dietz Productions
- 26 *Invaders from Mars* produced by Edward L. Alperson Productions
- 26 *It Came from Outer Space* produced by Universal International Pictures
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- 24 *Merrie Melodies: "Duck Amuck"* produced by Warner Brothers
- 16 *Peter Pan* produced by Walt Disney Productions
- 16 *The 5,000 Fingers of Dr. T.* produced by Columbia Pictures, Stanley Kramer Productions
- 13 *Looney Tunes: "Robot Rabbit"* produced by Warner Brothers
- 8 *T.V. of Tomorrow* produced by Loew's, MGM Cartoon Studio, Quimby-Hanna/Barbera
- 7 *Donovan's Brain* produced by Dowling Productions
- 6 *The Twonky* produced by Arch Oboler Productions
- 6 *The Magnetic Monster* produced by Ivan Tors Productions
- 4 *Adventures of Superman: "Shot in the Dark"* produced by Superman Inc.
- 4 *Adventures of Superman: "The Runaway Robot"* produced by Superman Inc.

**Professional Editor (49 people nominated)**

- 44 John W Campbell, Jr.
- 40 H. L. Gold
- 30 Anthony Boucher
- 12 Fred Pohl
- 8 Donald A. Wollheim
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- 6 Ray Palmer
- 4 Hugo Gernsback
- 3 Lester del Rey
- 3 J. Francis McComas

**Professional Artist (68 people nominated)**

36 Ed Emshwiller  
34 Frank Kelly Freas  
28 Chesley Bonestell  
28 Richard Powers  
24 Virgil Finlay

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17 Hannes Bok  
14 Frank R. Paul  
14 Alex Schomburg  
8 Edd Cartier  
7 H. R. van Dongen  
6 Jack Coggins  
6 Mel Hunter  
6 Ed Valigursky  
5 Stanley Meltzoff  
3 Earle K. Bergey  
3 Salvador Dali

**Best Semi-Prozine - Dropped for Lack of Viable Category (1 person nominated)**

1 Inside and S. F. Advertiser edited by Roy Squires

**Fanzine (36 people nominated)**

28 *Quandry* edited by Lee Hoffman  
19 *Slant* edited by Walt Willis and James White  
13 *Hyphen* edited by Walt Willis and Chuck Harris  
12 *SF NewsLetter* edited by Bob Tucker  
12 *Skyhook* edited by Redd Boggs

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11 *Spaceship* edited by Robert Silverberg  
8 *Dimensions* edited by Harlan Ellison  
6 *Peon* edited by Charles Lee Riddle  
3 *Destiny* edited by Jim Bradley and Malcom Willits  
3 *Opsla* edited by Gregg Calkins  
3 *YHOS* edited by Art Widner  
2 *Toto* edited by Walt Willis  
2 *Vega* edited by Joel Nydahl

**Fan Writer (38 people nominated)**

- 29 Walter Willis
- 23 Bob Tucker
- 14 Redd Boggs
- 13 Lee Hoffman
- 10 James White
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- 9 Harlan Ellison
- 8 Bob Shaw
- 7 Robert Silverberg
- 4 James Blish
- 3 Robert Bloch
- 3 Chuck Harris
- 3 Jack Speer
- 3 Art Widner
- 2 Charles Burbee
- 2 Terry Carr
- 2 A. Vincent Clarke
- 2 Buck Coulson
- 2 Earl Kemp

**Fan Artist - Dropped for Lack of Viable Category (28 people nominated)**

- 19 Bill Rotsler
- 6 Richard Bergeron
- 5 ATom (Ineligible; no work in 1953)
- 3 Morris Scott Dollens
- 3 Dean A Grennell
- 3 James White
- 2 Jack Gaughn
- 2 Lee Hoffman
- 2 Ray Nelson
- 2 Bob Shaw
- 2 Harry Turner

Complete statistics for the preferential ballot format used for Retrospective Hugo tabulation follow. 843 ballots were received of which 2 were invalid.

## Best Novel

--- 633 ballots counted

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### first place:

Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury	167	167	197	233	360
Mission of Gravity by Hal Clement	134	135	158	192	238
Childhood's End by Arthur C. Clarke	121	121	149	189	
More than Human by Theodore Sturgeon	105	106	114		
The Caves of Steel by Isaac Asimov	98	98			
No Award	8				

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Apply the No Award test:

559 ballots rank Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury higher than No Award

16 ballots rank No Award higher than Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury

Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury is confirmed as winner...

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### second place:

Childhood's End by Arthur C. Clarke	184	184	239	320
Mission of Gravity by Hal Clement	156	157	205	263
The Caves of Steel by Isaac Asimov	136	136	159	
More than Human by Theodore Sturgeon	129	130		
No Award	8			

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### third place:

Mission of Gravity by Hal Clement	201	202	297
The Caves of Steel by Isaac Asimov	194	194	278
More than Human by Theodore Sturgeon	189	190	
No Award	9		

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### fourth place:

The Caves of Steel by Isaac Asimov	303
More than Human by Theodore Sturgeon	255
No Award	12

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### fifth place:

More than Human by Theodore Sturgeon	478
No Award	16

**Best Novella**

--- 479 ballots counted

first place:

"A Case of Conscience" by James Blish	171	173	178	199	251
"Three Hearts and Three Lions" by Poul Anderson	134	134	149	161	187
"...And My Fear is Great..." by Theodore Sturgeon	71	71	74	93	
"The Rose" by Charles L. Harness	58	58	58		
"Un-Man" by Poul Anderson	31	31			
No Award	14				

Apply the No Award test:

390 ballots rank "A Case of Conscience" by James Blish higher than No Award

18 ballots rank No Award higher than "A Case of Conscience" by James Blish

"A Case of Conscience" by James Blish is confirmed as winner...

second place:

"Three Hearts and Three Lions" by Poul Anderson	188	188	213
"...And My Fear is Great..." by Theodore Sturgeon	118	119	128
"The Rose" by Charles L. Harness	82	82	82
"Un-Man" by Poul Anderson	47	48	
No Award	15		

third place:

"...And My Fear is Great..." by Theodore Sturgeon	171	172	235
"Un-Man" by Poul Anderson	111	112	131
"The Rose" by Charles L. Harness	106	106	
No Award	18		

fourth place:

"Un-Man" by Poul Anderson	192
"The Rose" by Charles L. Harness	157
No Award	20

fifth place:

"The Rose" by Charles L. Harness	288
No Award	24

**Best Novelette**

--- 464 ballots counted

first place:

"Earthman, Come Home" by James Blish	164	164	180	205	265
"Second Variety" by Philip K. Dick	107	108	118	134	150
"The Adventure of the Misplaced Hound" by P Anderson & G R. Dickson	75	76	82	94	
"Sam Hall" by Poul Anderson	55	55	60		
"The Wall Around the World" by Theodore Cogswell	45	45			
No Award	18				

Apply the No Award test:

381 ballots rank "Earthman, Come Home" by James Blish higher than No Award

24 ballots rank No Award higher than "Earthman, Come Home" by James Blish

"Earthman, Come Home" by James Blish is confirmed as winner...

second place:

"Second Variety" by Philip K. Dick	146	147	178	210
"The Adventure of the Misplaced Hound" by P Anderson & G R. Dickson	109	110	127	168
"Sam Hall" by Poul Anderson	82	82	91	
"The Wall Around the World" by Theodore Cogswell	72	72		
No Award	21			

third place:

"The Adventure of the Misplaced Hound" by P Anderson & G R. Dickson	144	145	198
"Sam Hall" by Poul Anderson	115	117	150
"The Wall Around the World" by Theodore Cogswell	112	112	
No Award	23		

fourth place:

"Sam Hall" by Poul Anderson	193
"The Wall Around the World" by Theodore Cogswell	154
No Award	25

fifth place:

"The Wall Around the World" by Theodore Cogswell	292
No Award	30



**Best Short Story**

--- 562 ballots counted

first place:

"The Nine Billion Names of God" by Arthur C. Clarke	288
"It's a Good Life" by Jerome Bixby	99
"A Saucer of Loneliness" by Theodore Sturgeon	67
"Star Light, Star Bright" by Alfred Bester	59
"The Seventh Victim" by Robert Sheckley	34
No Award	15

Apply the No Award test:

515 ballots rank "The Nine Billion Names of God" by Arthur C. Clarke higher than No Award

17 ballots rank No Award higher than "The Nine Billion Names of God" by Arthur C. Clarke

"The Nine Billion Names of God" by Arthur C. Clarke is confirmed as winner...

second place:

"It's a Good Life" by Jerome Bixby	185	185	202	253
"Star Light, Star Bright" by Alfred Bester	146	147	162	217
"A Saucer of Loneliness" by Theodore Sturgeon	97	99	120	
"The Seventh Victim" by Robert Sheckley	58	58		
No Award	18			

third place:

"Star Light, Star Bright" by Alfred Bester	226	227	260
"A Saucer of Loneliness" by Theodore Sturgeon	137	139	179
"The Seventh Victim" by Robert Sheckley	88	88	
No Award	19		

fourth place:

"A Saucer of Loneliness" by Theodore Sturgeon	233
"The Seventh Victim" by Robert Sheckley	160
No Award	23

fifth place:

"The Seventh Victim" by Robert Sheckley	347
No Award	24

**Best Related Book**

--- 393 ballots counted

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first place:

Conquest of the Moon by Wernher von Braun, Fred L. Whipple & Willy Ley	179	180	189
Science-Fiction Handbook by L. Sprague de Camp	148	149	180
Modern Science Fiction: Its Meaning and Its Future by Reginald Bretnor	44	44	
No Award	22		

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Apply the No Award test:

315 ballots rank Conquest of the Moon by Wernher von Braun, Fred L. Whipple &amp; Willy Ley higher than No Award

32 ballots rank No Award higher than Conquest of the Moon by Wernher von Braun, Fred L. Whipple &amp; Willy Ley

Conquest of the Moon by Wernher von Braun, Fred L. Whipple &amp; Willy Ley is confirmed as winner...

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second place:

Science-Fiction Handbook by L. Sprague de Camp	227
Modern Science Fiction: Its Meaning and Its Future by Reginald Bretnor	84
No Award	24

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third place:

Modern Science Fiction: Its Meaning and Its Future by Reginald Bretnor	240
No Award	28

**Best Professional Editor**

--- 493 ballots counted

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first place:

John W. Campbell, Jr.	237	238	258
Frederik Pohl	78	78	88
H. L. Gold	56	56	63
Anthony Boucher	55	55	59
Donald A. Wollheim	51	51	
No Award	16		

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Apply the No Award test:

428 ballots rank John W. Campbell, Jr. higher than No Award

20 ballots rank No Award higher than John W. Campbell, Jr.

John W. Campbell, Jr. is confirmed as winner...

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second place:

Frederik Pohl	138	138	165	239
Anthony Boucher	97	97	146	182
Donald A. Wollheim	117	117	132	
H. L. Gold	95	96		
No Award	16			

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third place:

Donald A. Wollheim	176	176	212
Anthony Boucher	122	122	190
H. L. Gold	115	116	
No Award	18		

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fourth place:

Anthony Boucher	187
H. L. Gold	168
No Award	18

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fifth place:

H. L. Gold	324
No Award	18

**Best Professional Artist**

--- 484 ballots counted

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first place:

Chesley Bonestell	148	148	173	197	246
Frank Kelly Freas	148	148	157	177	201
Richard Powers	65	65	77	87	
Virgil Finlay	54	55	60		
Ed Emshwiller	53	53			
No Award	16				

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Apply the No Award test:

389 ballots rank Chesley Bonestell higher than No Award

22 ballots rank No Award higher than Chesley Bonestell

Chesley Bonestell is confirmed as winner...

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second place:

Frank Kelly Freas	195	195	215	259
Ed Emshwiller	86	86	115	169
Virgil Finlay	85	86	105	
Richard Powers	84	84		
No Award	16			

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third place:

Virgil Finlay	142	143	188
Ed Emshwiller	134	134	180
Richard Powers	113	113	
No Award	21		

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fourth place:

Ed Emshwiller	216
Richard Powers	158
No Award	21

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fifth place:

Richard Powers	323
No Award	25

**Best Dramatic Presentation (Short Form)**

--- 577 ballots counted

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first place:

The War of the Worlds	259	259	267	281
Duck Dodgers in the 24 1/2 th Century	218	220	223	229
It Came from Outer Space	32	32	40	48
Invaders from Mars	30	30	31	
The Beast from 20,000 Fathoms	22	22		
No Award	16			

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Apply the No Award test:

499 ballots rank The War of the Worlds higher than No Award

30 ballots rank No Award higher than The War of the Worlds

The War of the Worlds is confirmed as winner...

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second place:

Duck Dodgers in the 24 1/2 th Century	306			
It Came from Outer Space	92			
Invaders from Mars	57			
The Beast from 20,000 Fathoms	57			
No Award	21			

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third place:

It Came from Outer Space	186	188	239	
The Beast from 20,000 Fathoms	121	122	141	
Invaders from Mars	89	89		
No Award	46			

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fourth place:

The Beast from 20,000 Fathoms	194	197		
Invaders from Mars	158	160		
No Award	52			

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fifth place:

Invaders from Mars	301			
No Award	65			

**Best Fanzine**

--- 269 ballots counted

first place:

Slant, ed. Walter Willis; art editor James White	70	75	88	89	115
Science Fiction Newsletter, ed. Bob Tucker	74	77	87	87	103
Hyphen, ed. Chuck Harris & Walter Willis	32	37	48	48	
No Award	44	44	44		
Quandry, ed. Lee Hoffman	35	36			
Sky Hook, ed. Redd Boggs	14				

Apply the No Award test:

189 ballots rank Slant, ed. Walter Willis; art editor James White higher than No Award

45 ballots rank No Award higher than Slant, ed. Walter Willis; art editor James White

Slant, ed. Walter Willis; art editor James White is confirmed as winner...

second place:

Science Fiction Newsletter, ed. Bob Tucker	96	106	106	128
Hyphen, ed. Chuck Harris & Walter Willis	55	62	63	83
Quandry, ed. Lee Hoffman	44	47	47	
No Award	44	44		
Sky Hook, ed. Redd Boggs	20			

third place:

Quandry, ed. Lee Hoffman	78	97	97
Hyphen, ed. Chuck Harris & Walter Willis	78	91	92
No Award	45	45	
Sky Hook, ed. Redd Boggs	34		

fourth place:

Hyphen, ed. Chuck Harris & Walter Willis	117
Sky Hook, ed. Redd Boggs	57
No Award	45

fifth place:

Sky Hook, ed. Redd Boggs	141
No Award	48

**Best Fan Writer**

--- 310 ballots counted

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first place:

Bob Tucker	86	86	94	95	133
Walter A. Willis	86	89	93	93	115
James White	72	73	76	76	
No Award	44	44	44		
Lee Hoffman	15	17			
Redd Boggs	7				

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Apply the No Award test:

227 ballots rank Bob Tucker higher than No Award

44 ballots rank No Award higher than Bob Tucker

Bob Tucker is confirmed as winner...

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second place:

Walter A. Willis	105	109	128	129
James White	103	107	118	118
No Award	45	45	46	
Lee Hoffman	32	36		
Redd Boggs	13			

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third place:

James White	151
Lee Hoffman	65
No Award	45
Redd Boggs	26

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fourth place:

Lee Hoffman	140
No Award	45
Redd Boggs	39

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fifth place:

Redd Boggs	153
No Award	45