



MENTOR

The Newsletter of Arisia, Incorporated — Number 158, July 2007

Notices

Next meeting at home of Jan Dumas in Revere, directions on page 5 of Mentor. Quorum for this meeting is 11.

The following pieces of business scheduled for the July meeting have a notification requirement which is met by this Mentor:

- Grant request by PiCon, see motion below
- Budget for Arisia 08; the proposed budget is included with this Mentor
- Proposed bylaws changes which have been signed by 5 members.
- Corporate budget is published again in this Mentor for reference but was originally published in June Mentor.

Treasurer's Relaxacon final report will be published in the next Mentor.

Minutes of the June Meeting

• Date, Time, and Place

Called to order 2:06 PM at the Dedham Hilton (Arisia Relaxacon) June 10 2007.

• In attendance

Jeanette Barrett, Jack Dietz, Samantha Dings, Don Doughty (non member), Jan Dumas, Mary Dumas, Don Eastlake III, Jill Eastlake, Les Embrey (non member), Lisa Hertel, Christina Hodge, Lisa Holsberg Crystal Huff (new/renewing member), Steve Huff, September Isdell, Rick Kovalcik, Ben Levy, Glenn MacWilliams, Skip Morris, Susan Mozzicato, Sharon Sbarsky, Nicholas Shectman. Conor Walsh, Jeff Warner, Michael Whitehouse (new member), Bill Yerazunis (non-member)

• Proxies

Tom Murphy to Skip Morris, Alex Latzko to Ben Levy, Karen Purcell to Jill Eastlake, Bridget Boyle to Jack Dietz.

• Corrections to the Minutes -- none

• President's Report

Thanks to all who came to the Relaxacon. Thanks to Jack and Conor and Crystal who signed up to help beforehand and to Tem and Susan and anyone else who got shanghaied at con.

• Vice-President's Report -- none

• Treasurer

Next year's budget was submitted (found later in Mentor after being printed last month). It will be taken up at the July corporate meeting. Our finances are in similar shape to last month. We have approximately \$4000 that has been allocated but not yet spent on pipe and drape, credit card machine, and other things.

Monthly account summaries are printed in the Mentors. If you have any questions, please talk to me.

June 1st 2007			Change from last month
Even Year - A08		\$6,003.77	-\$6.23
Odd Year - A07		\$9,574.12	\$1,510.45
Corporate			
Reserved			
\$3,000 N4 Grant (unspent)	\$1,559.10		-\$220.00
Grant Fund	\$4,000.00		\$0.00
Two years expenses (CDs)	\$28,203.94		\$99.55
Voted Expenses	\$3,925.01		\$1,000.00
	Total Reserved	\$37,688.05	\$879.55
Unallocated Funds		\$4,254.67	-\$1,420.21
Total Corporate Funds		\$41,942.72	-\$540.66

• Clerk – no report

• Executive Board Report

We approved the storage of the icehouse pieces at Pandemonium, with the understanding that they are Arisia's and are coming back to Arisia.

• Arisia '07 Conchair

We refunded the memberships of two A'07 attendees who had serious accessibility issues.

• Arisia '07 Treasury

Ben and Alex got together to talk about the books and work is still ongoing on that front.

- **Arisia '08 Conchair**

There have been many meeting. Programming brainstorming is open. Welcome Michael Whitehouse as Programming divhead and new corporate member. Welcome Crystal Huff as Pubs divhead. Zambia development is proceeding. Our party at Balticon exceeded al expectations in terms of attendance and interest. We sent flyers to Wiscon, Baycon, and Duckon Budget will probably be ready for the next meting. Hotel reservations will be open around July 1. Next concomm meeting is at the Hyatt Jul 18. We will have parking passes

- **Arisia '08 Treasury**

Registrations have started and money is coming in.

- **Arisia '09 Conchair**

The conchair-to-be says hi!

- **Arisia '09 Treasury**

None Selected -- No Report.

- **A08 Relaxacon**

Will be held in the Corsair & CrossRip in Dennisport May 30 – June 1. Rooms are \$90/night, by check only. Reservations are open now.

- **Corporate Inventory Control**

We think the elevator is still broken. More pipe is at the mailbox? Rick or Skip will pick up.

- **Grant Committee**

We got a grant request from the Heinlein Society for their centennial, but after Mentor went out so too late for their event. We also got a grant request from PiCon which will be brought up at the next meeting.

- **Hotel Search Committee**

We signed a contract with Hotel@MIT. You can get Hilton points there.

- **Relaxacon Committee**

34 adults, 2 Saturday, 5 kids, approximately \$50 in income. Spent about \$450 on food and supplies. Corporate provided \$1000 for the suite. We did better than expected. Thanks to MENSA and Janet and various people who donated or lent supplies and equipment. Eboard recommends to set the advance membership rates for next year the same as this year: \$15 for the weekend, \$10 for Friday or Saturday. The con will have to end a little earlier on Sunday, not decided what to do about corporate meeting. No chair has been picked yet. No deadline currently set on pre-reg rate. Motion (for membership rates) passes unanimously.

- **Committees not listed had no report**

- **Old Business**

The eboard has asked for a quote on liability insurance but gotten back one that only covers storage; we want to cover the con as well.

Ben needs to get some account information on the Pugliese education fund to send out the check.

- **New Business**

No new business brought to the floor.

- **Announcements and future meetings**

Smofcon is coming up and filling their hotel. United Fancon is moving their date to Nov 3-5 instead of Veterans Day weekend.

Moved to officially refer to the July 29 meeting as “the August meeting” Passes many to 1.

Date for October meeting: 2 pm Sunday Oct 21 at the home of Mary Dumas in Tewksbury. Passes unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 2:47 PM – please take home the leftovers.

Corporate Budget for 2007-2008

The following is the proposed budget for 2007-2008 fiscal year, which starts July 1st. It will need to be approved by the Corporation.

Arisia 07-08 Corporate Budget		
Income		
Dues	\$1,000.00	
Interest	\$1,000.00	
A'08 Convention Payment	\$9,889.00	
Total Income		\$11,889.00
Expenses		
Rent (\$797) per month	-\$9,564.00	
Mailbox (paid through 3/08)	-\$325.00	
Mentor – Postage and Copying	-\$600.00	
USPS Bulk Account	-\$160.00	
Admin	-\$200.00	
Supplies	-\$300.00	
Lawyer (as needed)	-\$300.00	
Liability Insurance	-\$1,500.00	
Domain Name (paid through 2010)		
Student Art Contest Prizes		
Server Hosting	-\$300.00	
Credit Card/Paypal Fees	-\$10.00	
Relaxacon '08	-\$1,000.00	
Total Expenses		-\$13,259.00

Grant Committee

The grant committee moves to ask the membership to approve partially funding the PiCon grant request of \$6400 for the amount of \$3000.

Supporting information: this year, PiCon is expecting to make a small profit; this grant will cover enough of their expenses that they can pay back last year's debts and have some seed money for the next convention. The intent is that this grant will help PiCon establish a solid financial footing, and not become a recurring grant unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Bylaws Amendments

The following proposed changes to the bylaws are introduced as separate motions. They have been signed by 5 corporate members.

[Bracket are not permanent, but are used here to delimit the start and end of changes.] Text in Italics is not part of the change but discussion / justification.

These changes to 6.2 are largely housekeeping. While trying to research these issues I found the bylaws hard to search because we inconsistently used "ConChair" in a couple of places instead of "Convention Chairperson". Also in all cases but one we said "Assistant Chairperson" rather than the redundant "Assistant Convention Chairperson". This change (along with the change from ConChair in 6.8) standardizes on "Convention Chairperson" and "Assistant Chairperson".

6.2(a) The chairperson of each Arisia Convention is appointed by the Executive Board with the approval of the Membership. All other members of the Convention Committee, with the exception of the assistant **[REPLACE: ~~ConChair~~ WITH: chairperson(s)]** and the convention treasurer, are appointed by the chairperson. The term of office of each Convention Committee continues until it has wound up the business of its convention, unless sooner terminated by the Membership. The Executive Board shall complete any unfinished business remaining upon such termination.

6.2(c) If there is a motion pending before the corporation to remove the convention chairperson from office, then the Executive Board may choose to suspend the convention chairperson until such motion has been resolved. Suspension shall limit all authority of the convention chairperson to act without removing the convention chairperson from office. While such a suspension is in effect, the ex-officio assistant **[DELETE: ~~convention~~]** chairperson will be responsible for making any decisions that must be made. If no one has been appointed to that position, then decisions will be made by the Executive Board.

This change to 6.6(a) brings us in line with what we have been doing.

6.6(a) **[REPLACE: ~~Each convention shall have a treasurer appointed by the Executive Board with the advice of the chairperson for that convention.~~ WITH: Each convention shall have a treasurer appointed by the chairperson for that convention and with the approval of the Executive Board.]**

This change to 6.7 brings us close to what we have been doing yet makes the procedure for assistant chairperson(s) the same as the procedure for treasurer.

6.7 The chairperson of each convention shall have an assistant chairperson. The assistant chairperson shall always be the ex officio of the following convention, when selected. The chairperson shall assign the assistant chairperson duties which will prepare him for his own term as a convention chairperson. **[ADD AT END OF SECTION: Each convention may have additional assistant chairperson(s) as appointed by the chairperson for that convention and with the approval of the Executive Board.]**

While looking thru the other changes, it was noticed that neither section 6.8 nor any other section that we could find required the treasurer, assistant ConChairs, or even ConChair to be Corporate members. This change to 6.8 cleans that up. I have left the parts about General Membership unchanged as that is beyond the scope of the changes involved here.. Making that consistent throughout the Bylaws would require a lot more work and make it harder if we ever wanted different classes of membership in the future.

6.8 All Division Heads, **[ADD: Assistant Chairpersons, Convention Treasurers, and Convention Chairpersons]** must be General members of the Corporation. If the **[REPLACE: ~~ConChair~~ WITH: Convention Chairperson]** wishes to appoint someone to **[REPLACE: ~~a division head~~ WITH: one of these positions]** who is not already a General member, that person must immediately join the corporation and has until four (4) months before the convention for which they are appointed to achieve General membership status. The Executive Board may waive General membership requirement for a stated cause, **[DELETE: ~~if replacement of a division head~~]** within four (4) months of the convention if it becomes necessary. **[ADD: Anyone wishing to apply for the position of Convention Chairperson must already be a General Member.]**

The new 6.9 clarifies how we will run Relaxacons. This essentially allows the Eboard to appoint the Relaxacon Committee with the approval of the membership.

[ADD NEW SECTION 6.9: This article (VI) applies only to the Arisia Annual Convention and not to any Relaxacons or other smaller conventions approved by the Membership. These smaller conventions are run and managed by a committee as approved by the Membership under the terms of article (V) with the addition that these committees remain in force once approved until the smaller convention is completed and a final report is given or until the Membership votes to end a committee.]

Pending Business

From February

- Conclude discussion of refund policy and bring a new motion (EBoard)
- Get quotes to EBoard for liability and contents insurance. (CIC)
- Deferred discussion of a family or young fan rate to a future meeting.
- Weekend rates were changed, but single-day rates were not changed and need to be discussed in the context of a 4-day con.
- Report from hotel search committee about state of 2009/2010 possibilities.

From March

- Who is responsible for notifying non-corporate-member keyholders of new policy?

If anyone is aware of other pending business, please email clerk@arisia.org.

Membership Roster

Here is the current membership roster for Arisia, Inc. If you believe there is an error, or if you are on this list and do not receive Mentor, email clerk@arisia.org.

Lisa Adler-Golden	Walter Kahn
Aaron Aggassi	Allan Kent
Jeanne Barrett	Jenn Koerber
Rob Bazemore	Pamela Koretsky
Bridget Boyle	Rick Kovalcik
Brian Cooper	'Zanne Labonville
Tom Coveney	Alex Latzko
David D'Antonio	Ben Levy
Elka Tovah Davidoff	Glen McWilliams
Jack Dietz	Skip Morris

Samantha Dings	Susan Mozzicato
Jan Dumas	Tom Murphy
Mary Dumas	Pam Ochs
Don Eastlake	Karen Purcell
Jill Eastlake	Mary Robison
Tom Fish	Noel Rosenberg
Colette Fozard	Sharon Sbarsky
John Francini	Nicholas Shectman (Phi)
Tracy Gangwer	Cris Shuldiner
Nichole Gosselin	Rachel Silber
Joel Herda	Mike Sprague
Brendan Hertel	Janet Stickle
Lisa Hertel	Brandi Tague
Christina Hodge	Pete Thomas
Lisa Holsberg (Jasra)	Persis Thorndike
Steve Huff	Pat Vandenberg
Crystal Huff	Conor Walsh
September Isdell	Al Walker (Hobbit)
Jeanne Kahn	Michael Whitehouse

Treasurer Ben Levy 47 Brown St Andover MA 01810 treasurer@arisia.org	Arisia 2008 Conchair September "Tem" Isdell 82 Albion Street #2 Somerville, MA 02143 08chair@arisia.org
Clerk Rachel Silber 59 Orient Ave Melrose MA 02176 clerk@arisia.org	Arisia 2008 Treasurer Donald Eastlake 155 Beaver St Milford MA 01757 treasury@arisia.org
	Arisia 2009 Conchair Jill Eastlake 155 Beaver St Milford MA 01757

Committee Members & Corporate Appointed Officers

Budget Committee Ben Levy (head) Alex Latzko Nicholas Shectman	Hotel Search Committee Janet Stickle (head) Skip Morris Ben Levy
Corporate Inventory Control Skip Morris (head) Lisa Hertel Hobbit Joel Herda Janet Stickle	Long Range Planning Committee Nicholas Shectman (head) Jill Eastlake Jack Dietz Lisa Adler-Goldin Conor Walsh
Technical Equipment Committee (same as CIC)	Relaxacon Investigation Committee Jack Dietz (head) Janet Stickle
Corporate Sales Officer Lisa Hertel	Survey Committee <unfilled>
Corporate Systems Administrator Cris Shuldiner	Grant Committee Lisa Holsberg (head) Walter Kahn
Honors Committee Rachel Silber (head)	Timeline Committee Lisa Hertel (head) Skip Morris Nicholas Shectman Noel Rosenberg Rachel Silber
Archives Committee Lori "Jet" Turi	

Keys List

If you do not have a key to storage and need to get into storage, send mail to keys@arisia.org and all keyholders will get your request.

Keyset	Holder	Keyset	Holder
1	Joel Herda	12	Janet Stickle
2	Alex Latzko	13	Persis Thorndike
3	Skip Morris	14	Lisa Hertel
4	Carsten Turner	15	Ben Levy
5	Skip Morris	16	Rachel Silber
6	Phi	17	Lisa Holsberg
7	Michael Bergman	18	September Isdell (spare)
8	Rick Kovalcik	19	Skip Morris (spare)
9	September Isdell	20	Rick Kovalcik (spare)
10	Hobbit	21	Jill Eastlake
11	Landlord	22	Noel Rosenberg

Executive Board

President Rick Kovalcik 19 Chesley Rd Newton Centre MA 02459 president@arisia.org	Arisia 2007 Conchair Joel Herda 17 Heath St #3 Somerville MA 02145 conchair@arisia.org
Vice President Lisa Holsberg 14 Salem St #4 Woburn MA 01801 vp@arisia.org	Arisia 2007 Treasurer Alex Latzko 40 Greatstone Dr Merrimack NH 03054 treasury@arisia.org

Mentor Subscription Information

Subscription to *Mentor of Arisia* is included with Corporate Membership to Arisia, Incorporated. Membership runs from September 1st to August 31st and costs \$24. Dues are prorated on a monthly basis for members joining during the year.

September	\$24	March	\$12
October	\$22	April	\$10
November	\$20	May	\$08
December	\$18	June	\$06
January	\$16	July	\$04
February	\$14	August	\$02

NASFiC: Thursday through Sunday, 2-5 August 2007

WORLDCON: Thursday through Monday, 30 August – 3 September 2007

Division Head: 7:00 PM Thursday, 6 September 2007 at the home of September Isdell.

Corporate: Annual Meeting 2:00 PM Sunday, 16 May 2007 at MIT Building 66 Room 168 (or an adjacent room on the same corridor).

Division Head: 7:00 PM Tuesday, 25 September 2007 at the home of September Isdell.

Corporate: 2 pm Sunday Oct 21 at the home of Mary Dumas, Tewksbury

Upcoming Events

Look for upcoming corporate and concon meetings at <http://www.arisia.org/calendar>.

Calendar Schedule

ConCom: 7:00 PM Wednesday, 18 July 2007 at the Hyatt Regency, Cambridge.

Corporate: 2:00 PM Sunday, 29 July 2007 at the home of Jan Dumas; location and directions forthcoming.

Division Head: 7:00 PM Monday, 30 July 2007 at the home of September Isdell.

Directions to the "August" (July 29) Meeting

Directions to The Zoo: 55 Arcadia St Revere, MA Telephone: 617-872-6008

From South or West of Revere:

Take the Tobin bridge (Route 1) to the Revere Beach exit (exits are not numbered). Sign says Route 16 to 1A Revere Beach. Follow Route 16 straight at traffic light to rotary. At rotary, take first right on to route 1A. Follow **More Directions** (below).

From North, or North West of Revere:

Follow Route 1 to the exit for Route 60 (again, there are no exit numbers). Follow Route 60 east. At the rotary with route 107, remain on Route 60 (There are Dunkin Donuts on both sides of this rotary). Go straight through the first traffic light (Marganellies liquor store is on your right at this intersection). Very carefully, at the rotary that is the intersection of Route 60 (60 ends here), Route 16 (16 also ends here), and route 1A, take third turn on to route 1A North. Follow **More Directions** (below).

More Directions:

Go straight through the next two traffic lights, passing Dunkin' Donuts on right at first light and Stop and Shop on right at second light. At the next rotary, take the second right turn to follow route 1A North. Go Past the Wonderland T station. Continue straight at the next traffic light, passing a 7/11 on right. There is a very small river under the road; you might miss it, but once you see this opening you are technically no longer on the 'mainland'. At the next traffic light, turn right onto Oak Island Street (Teddy's convenience store is on the left of the intersection). Take your second right turn on to Arcadia Street.

55 Arcadia Street is on the right five houses after Argyle Street; it is a two story white house, next to a three story tan house. I will leave the Black Honda Element on the street. People may use my driveway.

MBTA:

Take the blue line to Wonderland station. The outbound train exits on the ocean side of the station. Turn left on Boulevard and walk two blocks to Kelly's Roast Beef. Turn left on to Oak Island Street. The first left will be Arcadia Street. 55 Arcadia Street is on the second block, about midway down. House is well marked, and the Honda Element will be parked on the street.

The zoo's current population is

Byron -- the keeshond - A spitz breed, he has solid fiber hair as people do, not hollow shaft fur as other breeds of dogs do. Purrball -- American short hair cat Fidget -- Guinea pig Hillary, Jojo, Warbler and Bobbie -- the Australian cockatiels (they will not be attending the meeting) Triss and Issy -- Bearded dragons Lots of fish tanks.

Pictures are available at <http://tapadance.livejournal.com/>

Please remember if you are going to bring food, Jan has severe food allergies; please avoid bringing foodstuffs made from apples, pears, and peaches.

Come early and enjoy the beach the swing set, or play with the animals, or the dolls, or the toys.

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