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The Newsletter of Arisia, Incorporated

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*Next Corporate Meeting: Sunday, **September 18th, 2pm**, at the Westin Waterfront.
Annual Elections! Candidate statement, page 5.*

Arisia August Business Meeting, 30 August, 2016

In attendance (members):

Anna Bradley	Rachel Kadel-Garcia	Kris Pelletier
Daniel Eareckson	Rick Katze	Jaelen Rachlin
Jaime Garmendia	Michael Kerpan	Sharon Sbarsky
Joel Herda	Rick Kovalcik	Kris "Nchanter" Snyder
Lisa Hertel	Ben Levy	Mike Sprague
Terry Holt	B. Diane Martin	Tom Traina
Diana Hsu	Dale Meyer-Curley	Al *Hobbit* Walker
Fred Isaacs	Elliott Mitchell	Conor Walsh
Ray Isaacs	Mary Olszowka	Tanya Washburn
Suli Isaacs	Peter Olszowka	Ellie Younger

Called to order 7:50pm at the NESFA Clubhouse.

Proxies (8, plus one later):

- Abby Noyce to Nchanter (Kris Snyder)
- Maria Eskinazi to Lisa Hertel
- Persis Thorndike to Rick Kovalcik
- Mark Richards to Rick Kovalcik
- David G. Shaw to B. Diane Martin
- Erik Meyer-Curley to Dale Meyer-Curley
- Dr. Karen Purcell to Ben Levy
- David D'Antonio to Peter Olszowka

Corrections to the July minutes: The JOCO cruise is next March. Rick made two keys, Diane's was from the last batch, so there are two spares (not one).

Officer's Reports

Eboard (Conor Walsh): We have overflow contracts--signed, sealed, delivered. We have requests for lighting gear from BIDA Spark in the Dark (well in advance!), and David Silber (pending Philcon's needs); both were approved. Dave Shevett shut down the Congo server. Pi-Con sent us money; we deposited it failing anything else to do with it. We've had some discussion about the timeline of the conchair selection process; Jaime thinks it's too short a time, since the future chair needs to be an ACC. Jaime will bring this up on the corporate list Real Soon Now.

We granted two dues waivers. (Any member may request a waiver from the eboard.)

We discussed insurance which was almost \$3,000 more than budgeted (with riders to cover equipment year-round). We renewed the standard policy (\$1500 budgeted, \$890 actual) for now, and will restart the discussion, as there are questions, with the agency. We can start a new policy in November (it's a different company). The current policy is just liability (including officer liability); the higher-priced inland marine policy to cover gear will need data (serial & part numbers of equipment).

Incident Reports:

- A member bullied their way into a room, via harassing housekeeping and forcing their way past a child. The member could not be identified, so no action was taken.
- A staffer threatened another person. The staffer was advised to not threaten people, and to stay away from the other person; the staffer agreed.
- The eboard voted to permanently ban a member for multiple violations of the code of conduct over multiple years, including disruptive actions, ghosting, and acting in an unsafe manner.
- The eboard voted to ban a member until at least one year after settlement of legal action against him regarding an incident unrelated to Arisia. The member is permanently banned from volunteering or staffing.

It is noted the convention needs a plan to deal with banned people appearing at the convention which allows staff to be safe and quickly escalate as needed.

The new charge machine that MCFI bought for Arisia is being used; we still need to work out the fee structure. The eboard will meet afterwards to do that.

Late Proxy: Kevin Schendell to Jaime Garmendia.

President (Conor Walsh): Conor shows off the framed Best of Boston award that Arisia 2016 won ("Best Geek Gathering"). We'll display it at Arisia.

Vice President (Jaime Garmendia): No report.

Treasurer (Ben Levy): As usual, we have money. If you have questions, see the report in *Mentor* (below, p. 4), or ask Ben.

Clerk (Lisa Hertel): Sign in; it's \$2 to join now or renew for \$24 for next year if you're already a member, as corporate dues are due on 1 September. You get a 20% discount on Arisia merchandise (including the forthcoming book) with your membership. I have a list of those who have renewed.

At Large (Daniel Eareckson, Abby Noyce, Jaelen Rachlin): Abby is absent; baby gets A+ at babying. No other report.

Committee Reports

A'16 (Nchanter): Still recovering from Worldcon.

A'16 Treasurer (Rick Kovalcik): We had hoped to have the book in a state to be closed, but Stuff happened. Next meeting for sure.

A'17 (Anna Bradley): We opened registration, and fixed the obvious issues. Our party at Worldcon garnered 4 memberships and lots of coloring pages. Hotel opens September 14th (staff before that), see the website as things have changed: the biggest is that the Westin will be charging one night's deposit on December 13th. This will not apply to the overflow hotel. Suite prices are going up.

A'17 Treasurer (Tom Traina): He thanks reg for opening and smiles at each PayPal message. If you want money, give him receipts and a form. There have also been a lot of mail-in registrations.

A'18 (Jaime Garmendia): He may have found a treasurer. Now asking about for GoHs.

Budget (Ben Levy): No report until spring.

CIC (Rick Kovalcik): Things have returned to storage from Worldcon. More than went, unfortunately, though some of it goes to NESFA. We are currently counting Kee Klamps.

Grants (Jaime Garmendia): We got an application for the 2017 *Locus* awards; Jaime will pass it off to whomever is elected VP next meeting.

Honors (Fred Isaacs): We should send a card congratulation Joel Lord on the new baby.

Hotel Search (Phi): Hey, we signed those overflow contracts.

IT (OPEN): Conor hasn't appointed anyone yet. Mostly they have been working on getting reg up online.

Logo (Anna Bradley): Busy with life; she went camping in the past *and* the future (Pennsic & Worldcon).

Long Range Planning (Conor Walsh): No report. Things should be done.

Relaxacon (Rick Kovalcik): Waiting to see what will happen with the next eboard. The Olszowkas saw a potential place. Rick says people are free to investigate themselves. Nchanter says any proposal should have a vision for what the con should be.

Student Art (OPEN): A few people have volunteered to help, but not run it.

Student Writing (Terry Holt): She's met with her committee and started things. She would like more committee members; see Terry.

Old Business: None.

New Business

Future Meeting Dates: Set: Sun. Sept. 18th, 3pm, Westin Waterfront (Annual Meeting & elections); Tue. Oct. 25th, 7:30pm, at MIT E25-117. We discuss setting the November meeting, but end up adjourning first. A reminder there are elections next month. Candidates may announce themselves on the list, but it's not required. If you want a statement in *Mentor*, send it today or tomorrow.

Announcements

Adjourned 8:51pm.

NESFA invites *all* fans to their annual **picnic** at the Shelter, Lars Anderson Park, Brookline MA, this Saturday at 3pm. NESFA provides food but welcomes side dishes & desserts.

Kris Snyder will be running for President of Arisia. [On the list, Jaelen Rachlin and Ben Levy announced they would be re-running.] Candidate statements, page 5.

Jaime tells us about MICE, the Massachusetts Independent Comics Expo. It will be at Lesley University (Porter Exchange, the old Sears building) in Cambridge MA on October 29th & 30th.

Gaming: Pandemonium books has a gaming night for women once a month; NESFA has gaming days and nights as well (see the NESFA calendar). September 10th at MIT is the Boston Festival of Independent Games.

Annual Meeting (& elections) on Sunday, **September 18th, 2pm, at the Westin**; quorum for September is 17 members: $(30+40+30)/6=16.67$.

Treasurer's Report – August 2016

<i>July 31, 2016</i>			<i>Change vs last month</i>
Odd Year - A17		\$13,117.17	-\$1,150.28
Even Year - A16		\$28,173.28	-\$486.42
Corporate			
Reserved/Unspent			
Two years expenses (CDs)	\$41,665.41		\$0.91
Grant Fund Available	\$6,700.00		\$0.00
Grant Fund Allocated	\$5,000.00		\$0.00
Capital Equipment Unallocated	\$8,893.15		\$423.00
Capital Equipment Allocated	\$1,500.00		-\$2,000.00
MCFI/CostumeCon	\$0.00		\$0.00
Training Fund	\$829.00		\$0.00
Scholarship(?) Fund	\$0.00		\$0.00
Voted Expenses (excludes budget)	\$9,200.00		\$0.00
Unspent Budget	\$28,341.35		-\$1,668.65
Total Reserved		\$102,128.91	\$26,739.79
Unallocated Funds		\$12,805.31	-\$30,188.90
Total Corporate Funds		\$114,934.22	-\$3,449.11
Total Assets		\$156,224.67	-\$5,085.81
Total Corporate Income		\$26.49	-\$33.70
Total Corporate Expenses		-\$3,325.60	\$8,589.61

Executive Board (Eboard), until next month

President	Conor Walsh	president@arisia.org
Vice President	Jaime Garmendia	vicepresident@arisia.org
Corporate Treasurer	Benjamin Levy	treasurer@arisia.org
Clerk	Lisa Hertel	clerk@arisia.org
Members-At-Large	Daniel Eareckson	daniel@arisia.org
	Abby Noyce	abby@arisia.org
	Jaelen Rachlin	jaelen@arisia.org
Arisia '16 Conchair	Kris Snyder	buttercup@arisia.org
Arisia '16 Treasurer	Rick Kovalcik	buttercup@arisia.org
Arisia '17 Conchair	Anna Bradley	conchair@arisia.org
Arisia '17 Treasurer	Tom Traina	con-treasurer@arisia.org
Arisia '18 Conchair	Jaime Garmendia	conchair@arisia.org
Arisia '18 Treasurer	OPEN	

Mentor Subscription Information

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

		November	\$20	February	\$14	May	\$8
September	\$24	December	\$18	March	\$12	June	\$6
October	\$22	January	\$16	April	\$10	July	\$4

Candidate statement

Jaelen Rachlin, Member at Large:

I am running again for Member-at-Large at next month's meeting. As most of you know, I've been a Member-at-Large for the past year, and have served on various positions on concom over the years, including Reg DH or aDH over the past few years. I am agender, and I believe it's valuable to have a non-binary, non-cisgender voice on the board. I also believe that having at least one repeat member-at-large is good for continuity of knowledge, and I'll be a stronger board member for having already served a term. Regardless of whether I'm re-elected, I look forward to continuing to contribute to the Arisia community.

Committees (*committees remain as appointed until the new president appoints new committees*)

Budget Committee: Benjamin Levy (chair), Rachel Kadel-Garcia, Rick Kovalcik, Alex Latzko, Tom Traina	IT Committee: Abby Noyce, Rick Kovalcik, Ben Levy, Peter Olszowka, Noel Rosenberg, Sharon Sbarsky
Corporate Inventory Control Committee: Rick Kovalcik (chair), Lisa Hertel, Benjamin Levy, Skip Morris, Lia Olsborg, *hobbit*	Logo Committee: Anna Bradley (chair), Abby Noyce, Lia Olsborg, Sharon Sbarsky, Kevin Schendell, Persis Thorndike, Tom Traina
Grants Committee: Jaime Garmendia (chair), David D'Antonio, Diana Hsu, Fred Isaacs	Long Range Planning: Conor Walsh (chair), Anna Bradley, Mink Rosequist
Honors Committee: Fred Isaacs (chair), Anna Bradley, Mike Sprague	Student Art Contest: OPEN
Hotel Search Committee: Phi (chair), Emily Coombs, Paul Kraus, Kris "Nchanter" Snyder, Ellie Younger	Student Writing Contest: Terry Holt (chair), Abby Noyce, Lia Olsborg, Kevin Schendell, Persis Thorndike, Tom Traina

Storage Key List

If you need access to Arisia storage and do not have a key, email keys@arisia.org and all key holders will receive your request.

Key#	Holder
1	Landlord
2	Noel Rosenberg
3	Skip Morris
4	Craig McDonough
5	Dave Shevett
6	Phi Shectman
7	Dan Noé
8	Mike Trachtenberg
9	*hobbit*
10	Rick Kovalcik
11	Crystal Huff
12	Persis Thorndike

Key#	Holder
13	Rachel Silber
14	Janet Stickle
15	Mike Sprague
16	Lia Olsborg
17	Anna Bradley
18	Peter Olszowka
19	Alex Latzko
20	David Shaw
21	Tom Traina
22	Sharon Sbarsky
23	Lucky
24	Pat Vandenberg

Key#	Holder
25	Lisa Hertel
26	Thumper
27	Ben Levy
28	Angela Morley
29	David Silber
30	Jaime Garmendia
31	Rick Katze
32	Landlord
33	Daniel Eareckson
34	Diane Martin
35	spare
36	spare

Membership List *As of 9/4/2016; dues now are due!*

Dash	Suli Isaacs	Karen Purcell
<i>Rob Bazemore</i>	Rachel Kadel-Garcia	Danielle Reese
Melissa Beetham	Rick Katze	Mark Richards
Bridget Boyle Latzko	Rick Kovalcik	Nicole Robinson
Mieke Citroen	Alex Latzko	Noel Rosenberg
<i>Brian Cooper</i>	Paul "PJ" Letersky	Mink Rosequist
Tom Coveney	Benjamin Levy	<i>Joe Ross</i>
Mary Catelynn Cunningham	Carol London	Sharon Sbarsky
David D'Antonio	Ken London	Kevin Schendell
Jaquelin Davison	B. Diane Martin	Richard Schmeidler
Daniel Eareckson	Jason Melchert	Jason Schneiderman
Don Eastlake	Dale Meyer-Curley	David Shaw
Jill Eastlake	Erik Meyer-Curley	Nicholas "Phi" Shectman
Jaime Garmendia	Elliott Mitchell	<i>Cris Shuldiner</i>
Joel Herda	Abby Noyce	Kris "Nchanter" Snyder
Lisa Hertel	Lia Olsborg	Mike Sprague
Terry Holt	Mary Olszowka	Tom Traina
Diana Hsu	Peter Olszowka	Al *Hobbit* Walker
Fred Isaacs	Sheila Oranch	Ellie Younger
Ray Isaacs	Kris Pelletier	

honorary members in italics

Calendar

Sun Sep 18, noon: Arisia 2017 Fall Kick-off Concomm - *Westin Waterfront, Stone room, Lobby level*

Sun Sep 18, 2:00pm: Arisia Annual Corporate Meeting & **Elections** - *Westin Waterfront, Boston*

Sat Oct 1, all day division head meeting

Thu Oct 13, 7:30pm: Arisia 2017 Concomm - *MIT 56-154*

Tue Oct 25, 7:30pm: Arisia Corporate Meeting - *MIT E25-117*

Sun Nov 13, 2:00pm: Arisia 2017 Concomm, preceded by div-head meeting at noon - *Westin Waterfront*

Fri Nov 18 - 20: Philcon - *Cherry Hill, NJ*

Fri Dec 2 - 4: Smofcon - *Rosemont, IL (near O'Hare airport)*

Tue Dec 13,; 7:30pm: Division Head meeting

Sun Dec 18, noon: Arisia 2017 Concomm - *Westin Waterfront, Boston*

Fri Jan 13 - 16: Arisia 2017 - *Westin Waterfront, Boston*

Fri Feb 17 - 19: Boskone - *Westin Waterfront, Boston*