



Mentor

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REMINDER!

Membership Dues are due for the 1997-1998 year. Dues must be paid prior to the corporate elections. Please submit checks to the clerk ASAP.

Annual Meeting Announcement

Sunday, September 21, 1997 @ 1:00 pm
- **Arisia Annual Meeting** - Building 66,
MIT, Cambridge, MA.

This meeting may very well take several long, painful hours. Bring drinks, bring snacks, bring entertainment. Don't say we didn't warn you.

July Corporate Minutes

Time: July 27, 1997 at 2:00 pm

Location: Building 66, MIT Boston, Massachusetts

In Attendance: Christine Carpenito, Amy Chused, Ed Dooley, Marshall Ellis, Ken Elwell, Kevin Fallon, George Flynn, Adam Gratun, Joel Herda, Patrick McCormack, Elka Tovah Menkes, Tim Roberge, Noel Rosenberg, Diane Rosenburg, Paul Selkirk, Cris Shuldiner, Kim Van Auken, Brian Yomans (non-member), Rachel Silverman (Red Shirt)

- Proxies

Zanne Labonville to Paul Selkirk
Rob Bazemore to Glen R. Goodwin
Hal Haag to Elka Tovah Menkes
Brenndan Quinn to Elka Tovah Menkes
Jeff Jordan to Scott Cobb
Kyle Hollingsworth to Scott Cobb

Carsten Turner to Ken Elwell
Skip Morris to Paul Selkirk

- President's Report

Eboard had a meeting finally.

The President received Mr. Cohen resignation from the Vice President and accepted it.

Due to the fact that the Clerk was not present at the Eboard meeting it is hereby MOVED to replace the Arisia 1998 Conchair with the Clerk, Glen R. Goodwin. The Clerk accepted this motion, and the motion passed with one vote against.

MOVED to purchase a necktie for the conchair not to exceed \$30. Motion FAILED.

MOVED that given that it is probably an excellent idea to make each conchair justify their appointment before they launch into full swing efforts to organize their convention, corporate standing policy shall be that at the first corporate meeting after each convention the eboard move that the conchair for the next convention be removed for gross mismanagement and dereliction of duty, and set an emergency meeting in accordance with the bylaws. Motion FAILED.

Some discussion was held as to the hotel issue. The Eboard felt that given the choice between the Park Plaza and the Westin, the Park Plaza was better suited for the Arisia Convention. It was therefore MOVED to that th president prusue the Park Plaza to the best of his abilities. Motion PASSED.

- Vice President's Report
 - The Vice-President apologized for his recent dormancy and that he hopes to catch up on much of the work he has missed over the past few months.
- Treasurer's Report
 - The Treasurer has reported that the Corporation financial position has not changed.
- Clerk's Report
 - The clerk reported the usual mindless trivialities.
- Arisia 1997
 - The books are almost closed and he hopes to take care of this soon.
- Arisia 1997 Treasury
 - Tim reported that he is missing reports from the Conchair Division and also from the Operations Division, and that he needs this information.
 - Also need is a hotel room report from the former Hotel Liason, Joel Herda. Joel assured Tim that such information would be forth-coming.
- Arisia 1998
 - Arisia 1998 announced that it has a convention structure ready and will included it with Mentor.
 - Also announced was that the Conchair hopes he can count on everyone to help out this year, especially given the late start.
- Arisia 1998 Treasury
 - Pat reported that he has a bank account for the convention. He is also pursuing setting up a merchant account with BankBoston.
- Arisia 1999 Selection Committee
 - Trying to get together to interview candidates. Results forthcoming soon.
- Long Range Planning Committee
 - LRP met and came to some conclusions regainrd the WebSite. A Motion will be made as soon as it can be gotten to the clerk and published.
- Corporate Inventory Control
 - Storage is all okay.
 - Storage needs to be paid. Will talk with Treasurer.
 - Artshow stuff was lent out.
- Corporate Sales
 - Has a small list of people who want staff T-Shirts from last year. Please do not assume you are on this list. Marshall will take other names.
 - Wants to know if he can order more patches. Corporation seemed in agreement.
- New Business
 - MOVED that the Clerk is directed to tally votes from members present in person and present by proxy seperately, and record those votes in the minutes seperately in all votes in which a count is taken. This includes, but is not limited to, a division of the assembly, a role call vote, or a secret ballot. Any secret ballot must be conducted in a manner such that individual votes of individual proxy holders in a secret ballot shall remain secret. This shall not apply to secret ballot at any meeting where there are 3 or fewer proxies active. Motion FAILS with all proxies voting against this motion.
 - MOVED to instruct the hotel search committee to collect information about all open weekend dates at suitable hotels in the boston area from January 7, 1999, through march 15, 1999. They shall record all dates that are open, all dates with someone penciled in with a contract not yet signed, and all dates already taken. Suitable hotels shall include any hotel or group of hotels with facilities adequate to hosting a convention the size of Arisia 1997. The Sheraton Downtown, The Downtown Westin, The Copley Mariott, and the Boston Park Plaza are defined as suitable for the purpose of this motion, but this should not be construed to exclude any

other hotel. The Boston Area is defined as any location which is accessible through the MBTA, or a location in which a short shuttle trip from an MBTA terminus is possible. Motion PASSES by apathy.

MOVED to record the proxy count on Matt's first Motion [the first motion above under new business]. Motion PASSES.

MOVED to require the proxy holder to submit a copy of who's proxy they voted and a record of how the holder voted the proxy to the clerk at the end of the meeting or after each votes as the clerk sees fit only if the proxy giver requests. Motion FAILS for lack of a second.

MOVED to allow the Arisia 1998 Treasurer to negotiate with BankBoston to setup a merchant account. Motion PASSES.

- Announcements

Paul Selkirk announced that he will be seeking the position of Clerk in the upcoming september elections.

Glen R. Goodwin formally withdrew from running for the position of Arisia 1999 Conchair.

Glen R. Goodwin formally announced that he will not be seeking the position of Corporate Clerk in the upcoming elections.

Meeting Adjourned.

Bylaw Ammendment

The following bylaw ammendment was presented to the clerk following the July meeting. Having found all necessary requirements for the bylaw to have been met, the Clerk passes it to the Eboard for consideration.

MOVED to ammend the bylaws by adding the following text: A Shrug shall be counted as a ½ vote, for the purposes of any descision the involves a vote.

Bylaw Ammendment was signed by Tim Roberge, Elka Tovah Menkes, Ed Dooley, Chrstine Carpenito, and Ken Elwell.

August Corporate Minutes

Time: August 19, 1997 @ 7:00 pm

Location: 4th Floor, Wheatley Hall, Umass Boston.

In Attendance: Jeremy Brown, Scott Campanella, Glen R. Goodwin, Joelll Herda, Kyle Hollingworth, Ben Levy, Pat McCormack, Elka Tovah Menkes, Skip Morris, Brendan Quinn, Tim Roberge, Paul Sle Kirk, Drea Brandford (Red Shirt), Rachel Silverman (Red Shirt)

- Proxies

Noel Rosenberg to Pat McCormack
Scott Cobb to Kyle Hollingworth
Zanne Labonville to Paul Selkirk
Kim Van Auken to Glen R. Goodwin
Hal Haag to Elka Tovah Menkes
Dave Cantor to Skip Williams
Ed Dooley to Tim Roberge
Christine Carpenito to Tim Roberge

- Clerk's Report

The usual business including a stern reminder for everyone to pay their dues before September 1st. That's \$24.00 folks and it's due no later than the corporate elections.

Mentor was, unfortunately, not printed for the july meeting due to illness.

And speaking of Corporate Elections, nominations are being excepted.

- ConChair Search Committee

The Conchair search committee had two candidates, Cris Shuldiner and Noel Rosenberg. Two other candidates withdrew, Glen Goodwin is chairing Arisia '98 and willingly withdrew from candidacy of Arisia '99. The Triumvirate, Scott Cobb, Kyle Hollingsworth, and TJ Mooney, withdrew from this year's consideration. Scott, representing them, stated that the time and work commitments they had to Arisia '98 would hamper their ability to do for Arisia '99 what they desired.

The search committee agreed that both candidates, Cris and Noel, were capable to do the job but that both had some serious flaws to consider as well. The discussion and the voting reflected that the candidates presented a difficult choice to the committee.

The majority decision was to recommend Cris Shuldiner for the appointment as conchair of Arisia '99. The majority felt that Cris had the greater experience, and that he was aware of his faults, mainly of procrastination and not handling a situation immediately, and would compensate with complimentary staff appointments. It was agreed that Noel would benefit from another year's time in a high level job and recommended that he take a position outside of the Ops division to gain overall experience. The committee would like to see Noel reapply for the position another year.

The minority position felt that Noel's faults, punctuality and focusing, could as easily be rectified by complimentary staff appointments as Cris's faults. Cris's well known tendency to 'fight fires' as they cropped up, rather than doing preliminary work to avoid trouble, would leave an exhausted staff strung out by the time of the convention.

The voting search committee members were Joel Herda, Glen Goodwin, Brendan Quinn, and Ed Dooley. Patrick McCormack, and Tim Roberge were ex-officio members, allowed to take part in the discussion and interviews. Kim Van Auken chaired the interviews, and would only vote if a stalemate occurred.

In summary, the conchair search committee recommends to the corporate body the appointment of Cris Shuldiner to the position of Conchair of Arisia '99.

MOVED to approve Cris Shuldiner as Arisia 1999 Conchair. Motion was TABLED to the end of the meeting pending possible arrival of Mr. Shuldiner.

- Arisia 1997 Report

A little progress has been made on closing the convention books, I hope to have them done in time for the Annual Meeting. I have asked Tim to turn over the whole stack of records to me so I can independently look them over. After I have done so, I'll meet with Tim to discuss any expenditures that I have questions about and any other

matters. After that, I should be able to ask for the books to be closed and provide a list of outstanding issues for the Eboard to follow up on.

- Arisia 1998 Report

The Convention is coming along very nicely for just having started no less than three weeks ago. All Director (Division) level positions have been filled and things look good.

Therefore, it is MOVED to approve the 1998 Concom structure and Divison heads as follows:

Deputy Conchair	Kim Van Auken
Deputy Conchair	<TBA>
Hotel Liason	Richard Moore
Director of Ops	Brenndan Quinn
Director of Srvc	Scott Campanella
Director of Prog.	Drea Brandford
Director of Events	Joell Herda
Director of Fiscal	Pat McCormack
Director of Mrktng	Elka Tovah Menkes

Motion PASSES. Printed structure attached.

We have been to the Hotel and cut it up into usable chunks. It is going to be an extremely tight fit, but we're going to do the best we can. I have floorplans if anyone wants to see them.

The Concom had it's first official meeting with a very successful turn out. I was extremely pleased to hear everyone working together and planning things out already. Off to a good start.

- Arisia 1998 Treasury

We do not have a budget in good enough shape to present to the corporation as yet. The move to the Westin has obviously caused a large number of changes to our operations. These changes necessitate our waiting for several important decisions to be made before a realistic projection of income and expenses can be made. The departments in question should be moving as quickly as possible to make those decisions, and I hope to be able to present a budget at the Annual Meeting.

In the mean time, we have the Mass Mailing and Program Mailing approaching. Based on last year's budget, we will need about \$2500 available to cover these costs. Therefore, I would like to

MOVED that we increase the amount of the interim budget by \$2500. Motion PASSES.

On another matter, there has been a lot of discussion in the concomm. It focuses around the need to provide as many services as possible to the fen to compensate for the undeniable problems that will be caused by the size of the hotel. From my perspective as Treasurer, the discussion boils down to whether the corporation is willing to take a financial hit on this year's con to preserve the good opinion of our guests.

In past years, we have generally passed budgets which were balanced, but which had very conservative estimates of income from several areas. Our profits, if any, would come mostly from those areas performing above these projections and on the few departments which came in under budget. Based on the general feeling in the concomm that we should provide as many benefits as possible to distract from the expected problems, I would like to know if the corporation shares those sentiments.

I would like an instruction from the corporation on whether or not I should be trying to present a budget in line with previous ones. If not, I would like some instruction as to how far in the red the corporation would be willing for this convention to run in order to keep the good will of our guests.

I don't recall if we ever got around to having the membership vote on these questions, so I hearby

MOVED that we accept last year's rates and cut-off dates for preregistrations, at-con registrations, advertising rates, dealer's room table. Motion TABLED to later in the meeting.

- Arisia Audit Fund

Ben has found a possible auditor who

works with non-profit organizations, Ben needs to know how many years the audit should go back and is waiting to talk with the treasurer to find out important details on this.

- Long Range planning Committee

Motions were tabled to the Eboard for review as they may impact upon corporate policy/bylaws.

- New Business

MOVED to transfer Drea Brandford to General Membership. Drea is working as a Division and therefore needs to be a General Member. Motion was TABLED.

MOVED to allow the Arisia 1998 Convention to go unbalanced. Motion was laughed out of existence.

MOVED to direct the Arisia 1998 Convention Treasurer to prepare a budget with expenses no greater than \$10000 in excess of projected revenue. Motion PASSED.

NOTED that Arisia 1997 had an estimated attendance of 1846 with approximately 400 of those as comp'ed memberships.

MOVED [from earlier] to approve last year's convention rates and fees and cutoff dates for Arisia 1998 with the following changes: retail advertising rates shall be set at \$300 for a full page, \$200 for a half page, and \$125 for a quarter page. Motion PASSES.

MOVED to increase the Interrim budget of Arisia 1998 by an ADDITIONAL \$3000 to allow the treasurer to pay the hotel deposit. Motion PASSES.

MOVED to allow the Executive Director (conchair) of Arisia 1998 to, if he so chooses, pay the expenses of a special guest beyond the basic GOH, AGOH or FGOH. Motion FAILS

MOVED to declare that the corporate president was dead wrong when stating via email that the Arisia 1998 conchair need to consult with the corporation before considering additional GOH's above the basic three. Motion FAILS.

Skip Morris reminded the clerk that his

motion regarding a survey of the attendees was still on the table and he would like it to remain so.

MOVED that the surveys of past conchairs collected for this year's conchair search become part of the permanent archive of Arisia documents and that all future conchair candidates and search committees be required to read them. Motion PASSES.

MOVED to transfer Rachel Silverman to general member fro showing a willingness and a desire to be more strongly involved in Arisia. Motion was TABLED.

MOVED that the corporation look into the possibility of purchasing Tort Insurance for the upcoming year. Motion was TABLED to the Eboard.

NOTE to CIC: Jeremy Brown asked that CIC please look into the missing blue soda trays that Pepsi keeps calling him about. Blue trays are believed to be missing and Jeremy would like for Pepsi to stop calling him.

MOVED to postpone the approval of Cris Shuldiner as Arisia 1999 conchair pending publication of the Search Committee's report. Motion PASSES.

- Announcements

Brendan Quinn announced his intention to seek the office of President in the upcoming elections.

Joelll Herda announced his intention to seek the office of Vice President for another term.

Skip Morris announced his intention to seek the office of Vice President.

Meeting Adjourned.

Calendar of Events

Sunday, Sepetember 7, 1997 @ 2:00 pm - **Arisia 1998 Director's Meeting** - Building 66, MIT, Cambridge, MA.

Wednesday, September 10, 1997 @ 7:00 pm - **Arisia 1998 Concom Meeting** - 4th Floor, Wheatley Hall, Umass Boston. (Room may move

based upon availability. Look for signs on the fourth floor room.)

Sunday, September 21, 1997 @ 1:00 pm - Arisia Annual Meeting - Building 66, MIT, Cambridge, MA.

Tuesday, October 14, 1997 @ 7:00 pm - **Arisia Corporate Meeting** - 4th Floor, Wheatley Hall, Umass Boston.

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Committee Members & Corporate Appointed Officers

Budget Committee: Marshall Ellis, Chair

Long Range Planning: Ed Dooley, Chair
Brendan Quinn
Cris Shuldiner
Christine Carpenito
Tim Roberge
Michael Sprague
Walter Kahn
Bill Mickle

Awards Committee: *vacant*

Grant Committee: Joel Herda, Chair

Corporate Sales Officer
Marshall Ellis

Corporate Inventory Control Officer
Ken Elwell

Corporate Systems Administrator
vacant

Arisia Audit Fund: Ben Levy

Membership Roster

Agassi, Aaron (Red Shirt)	Atwood, Ted
Bazemore, Rob	Brandford, Drea (Red Shirt)
Brown, Jeremy	Campanella, Scott
Cantor, Dave A.	Carpenito, Christine
Chinsen-Lee, Tsuilian	Chused, Amy
Cobb, Scott	Cohen, Randal
Cooper, Brian	Dooley, Ed
Ellis, Marshall	Elwell, Kenneth
Fallon, Kevin	Flynn, George
Fish, Tom	Genest, Jeremiah
Goodman, Beth	Goodwin, Glen
Gratun, Adam	Haag, Hal
Herda, Joel	Hertel, Mark
Hollingsworth, Kyle	Ivey, Kim (Red Shirt)
Jordan, Jeff	Kahn, Walter
Kent, Allan	Labonville, Zanne
Levy, Benjamin	McCormack, Patrick
Menkes, Elka Tovah	Mickle, William
Morris, Skip	Orlandella, Antony
Preston, John	Quinn, Brendan
Roberge, Tim	Robison, Mary
Rosenberg, Noel	Rosenburg, Diane

Salemi, Carolyn
Selkirk, Paul
Shuldiner, Cris
Sprague, Michael
Van Auken, Kimberley

Saroff, Matthew
Silverman, Rachel (Red Shirt)
Smith, Jeanie
Turner, Carsten
Vandenberg, Pat

Membership/Subscription Info

Subscriptions to Mentor of Arisia are included in Corporate membership to Arisia, Incorporated. Membership runs from September 1st to August 31st and costs \$24.00. Dues are pro-rated 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

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- Go to your desk, kitchen draw or wherever you keep your writing impliments.
- Obtain an assortment of pens, pencils, markers, or crayons. Crayons are required for gibbering, drooling lunatics.
- Draw something in this blank space. Make sure to provide a caption.
- Submit drawings for future copies of Mentor to:

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