



MENTOR of ARISIA #7



Newsletter of Arisia, Incorporated
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EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING 24 MARCH 1991

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 PM by Vice President Robert Bazemore. Board Members Present: M. Robison, R. Bazemore, J. Ross, M. Ellis, K. Van Auken. Also present during part of the meeting: J. Belfiore.

Jim Belfiore reported on communications which he has been having with Fusion Industries, Inc., which has requested to use our mailing list and mailing permit to mail their Science Fiction Video Collection catalog. After discussion, it was on motion

VOTED: To respond to Fusion Industries, Inc. that we cannot lawfully allow use of our nonprofit mailing permit and that we are unwilling to give out our mailing list. We are willing, however, to distribute their catalog at our convention.

The Board next discussed the letter which appeared in the Arisia 91 Program Book, previously endorsed by the Board, concerning proposed changes in copyright law regarding use of videos by nonprofit organizations. Jim Belfiore seeks permission to enlist the aid of others in pursuing legislative changes. Specifically, a law student is interested in writing a law review article on the subject, using our situation as an example. It was agreed that any such activities in support of the general concept expressed in the program book letter are OK, so long as the name of Arisia is not used in support of any specific piece of legislation without our approval. It was understood that Jim will report to the Board from time to time on these activities.

The Treasurer reported that our finances are OK except for the cost of the art show panels. If we borrow for the art show panels, we will be fine, and that is the only purpose for which the need for borrowing is anticipated.

The clerk reported that the contract with the Park Plaza for Arisia 92 has been signed.

The president reported that the letter to NESFA replying to theirs of several months ago (See Mentor #4) has been sent.

The meeting adjourned at 2:09 PM.

A. Joseph Ross
Clerk

MEMBERSHIP MEETING 24 MARCH 1991

The meeting was called to order at the MIT Student Center at 2:27 PM by president Mary Robison. The minutes were accepted as submitted. [Clerk's note: The minutes which appeared in Mentor #6 are of the meeting of 24 February 1991, not 17 January, as labelled.]

Reports

President -- The letter to NESFA, voted on several months ago, has been sent.

Vice President -- No Report

Clerk -- The contract with the Park Plaza for Arisia 92 has been signed.

Treasurer -- Finances have been projected to the first mailing, scheduled for the end of May. We will have \$0 - \$500.00 on hand, assuming no sales till the end of May. We can expect income after the mailing. If we make art panels, we will probably have to borrow money, but we are in good shape. The credit application has been sent to the Park Plaza.

Concomm 92 -- The con will take place on the weekend of 3-4-5 January 1992 at the Park Plaza. People are invited to submit ideas concerning the art panels to Kevin and Jeff.

The next full concomm meeting will be 27 April 1991 at 4:00 PM. Division heads should have a written report by then. A concomm newsletter will hopefully go out this week. Because of holidays occurring just before the con, everyone should try to get 90% of pre-con work done by the beginning of November.

A letter will be sent to NESFA inviting them to come and sell Boskone memberships, etc. at Arisia 92.

Executive Board -- Anyone interested in serving on a new Planning Committee should inform the Exec. Board.

Anyone interested in being chairperson of Arisia 93 is invited to submit a resume to the Exec Board. It is intended to appoint the 93 con chair by August.

It was noted that we are pencilled in for 93 at the Park Plaza. After some question as to whether we want the same weekend next year, Mary announced that we will decide a preferred date for the 93 con at the next meeting.

Marshall Ellis has suggested a project to offer a scholarship to a deserving high-school student, involving a story-writing contest, perhaps using con-attending authors as judges. This could be used to promote literacy, SF writing, and con-attendance. This will be developed further before a formal proposal is made, but the Board wanted to make the idea known now.

Old Business

The consideration of the bylaws will take place at the end of the meeting.

New Business

A motion to send a bill to SCUM for half the cost of the rental van used on the Amherst run to transport the art show panels used at Arisia 91 was withdrawn after clarification of the relationship between SCUM and Arisia regarding the art show panels.

The subject of IRS rules regarding our tax status was raised. After discussion, it was on motion

VOTED: That the Executive Board acquire for the files copies of all significant IRS publications dealing with §501(c)(3) tax status.

The Membership next discussed a decision of the Executive Board (See Mentor #6) not to send pre-con advertising to a specific individual. After discussion, it was on motions

VOTED: To overrule the Executive Board vote of 24 February 1991 to delete the person in question from the list for pre-con mailings, if the person has not already pre-paid.

VOTED: That the name of the person in question shall not appear in the published minutes.

VOTED: To send a record of these proceedings to the individual in question, informing the individual that he/she was the subject of these proceedings.

Additional Report

Concom 91 -- A letter was received from an art agent to the effect that he was not informed of our commission system at Arisia 91 and feels that we owe him the \$64.00 commission that was deducted from his check. The record is being checked to ascertain whether he was sent the mailing which described the system of art show charges.

Announcements

At Lunacon, some Lunarians stated that giving comp memberships to a con was inconsistent with nonprofit status. Before the rumor travels too far, Cris wanted to state that this is NOT SO, so long as the comp membership represents reasonable compensation for services.

The Exec. Board asks that anyone with any major piece of new business submit the matter to the Exec. Board for consideration before bringing it up at a corporate meeting. This is intended to improve the conduct of business at corporate meetings. From now on, the Exec. Board will meet regularly approximately one hour before each corporate meeting.

Deb Smith is soliciting questions and ideas for the Arisia 92 Icebreaker.

Meeting Dates

It was on motion

VOTED: To hold the May corporate meeting on 19 May 1991 at 3:00 PM at the UMass/Amherst Campus Center.

Old Business

After a ten-minute recess, the meeting reconvened to take up the proposed new bylaws.

The motion to amend the Bylaws by substituting the Fifth Draft submitted by the Bylaws Committee was taken from the table. After discussion, it was on motion

VOTED: To recommit the bylaws to the committee for further work.

Matthew Saroff then announced his resignation from the Bylaws Committee.

The president announced the appointment of Tom Fish and Cris Shuldiner to the Bylaws Committee. After discussion, it was on motion

VOTED: To approve the appointment of Tom Fish and Cris Shuldiner to the Bylaws Committee.

An open Bylaws Committee meeting will take place after the adjournment of the corporate meeting.

It was requested that copies of the existing bylaws be distributed. [Enclosed with this issue of Mentor.]

The Membership next considered appointments to the Budget Committee. After discussion, it was on motion

VOTED: To approve the following appointments to the Budget Committee:

Howard Anderson, Lisa Baker-Dacus, Heather Coon, Spencer Love, Tom Fish.

(Note: The Treasurer is ex officio chair of the Budget Committee.)

More Announcements

Mary announced that at the end of each meeting, she will invite announcements as to intended motions to transfer from Red Shirt to General membership, to be formally moved and voted at the next meeting. Various people announced that they intended to move at the next meeting to transfer the following members from Red Shirt to General:

Howard Anderson, Diana Fish, Pat Vandenberg, Allen Kent.

[Note: After the meeting, the clerk received a request to announce an intended motion to transfer David Cantor]

The meeting adjourned at 4:03 PM

A. Joseph Ross
Clerk

Meeting Attendance

The following persons are recorded as having attended the meeting (*=Non-member):

Howard Anderson, Robert Bazemore, David Cantor, Heather Coon, Mike DiGenio, Mark Dulcey, Marshall Ellis, Tom Fish, Diana Fish, Allan Kent, Tim Roberge, Ben Levy, Spencer Love, Patrick McCormack, Patricia Newcomb, Sheila Oranch, Chris Palmer, Mary Robison, Joseph Ross, Matthew Saroff, Frances Selkirk, Paul Selkirk, Cris Shuldiner, Deb Smith, Kimberley Van Auken, Pat Vandenberg, Lisa Baker-Dacus, *Joeul Herda

NOTICE

In accordance with the Bylaws, the following General members will be transferred to Red Shirt if they do not attend the next corporate meeting: Anne Code, Jenny Drysdale, Dan Prima.

Corporate Officers

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phone # effective 1 April 1991)

Upcoming Events

14 April, Sunday -- 2:30 PM Corporate meeting at MIT Student Center,
Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge. Executive Board will meet
at 1:30 PM.

27 April, Saturday -- 4:00 PM Con Committee Meeting. Place to be
announced.

19 May, Sunday -- 3:00 PM Corporate meeting at UMASS Campus Center,
Amherst, MA. Executive Board will meet at 2:00 PM.

Please notify the Clerk of upcoming events to go into this
calendar.

INCLUDED WITH THIS MENTOR IS A COPY OF THE CURRENT BYLAWS OF THE
CORPORATION. AMENDMENTS ADOPTED IN MAY 1990 AND SEPTEMBER 1990 HAVE
BEEN INCORPORATED INTO THE TEXT.

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