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ARISIA PRACTICES ITS FAVORITE PAST TIME

IT'S BALTIMORE IN '98

ARISIA CORPORATE MEETING AUGUST 3, 1995

The meeting was called to order by the president, Joel Herda at 7:50 pm and adjourned at 9:30 pm. No extension was permitted by the membership.

The minutes of the meeting were accepted with one correction. The motion to admonish the president should have read: **To Admonish the president, Joel Herda, for signing the hotel contract against standing practice and corporate bylaws.**

Further proposals to change the existing bylaws were presented to the corporation at the August 3rd meeting.

Ed Dooley, clerk for the corporation, submitted a proposal which had been discussed at the July 16th Executive Board meeting. The Bylaw amendment prepared and read was:

MOTION: To amend Article 4.1 to read --

4.1 The Executive Board consists of the officers; each convention chairperson and their treasurer are ex-officio, non-voting members of the Executive Board; all board members, elected and ex-officio must be General members of the corporation.

The amendment was proposed by the Executive Board of Arisia, Incorporated. The following general members endorsed the amendment:

Joel Herda, James Stevenson, Dale Farmer, Edward Dooley, David Corriveau, Christine Ivey, Robert Fairbairn IV, Walter Kahn, Tim Roberge, and Michael Sprague.

In accordance with the bylaws the motion was tabled.

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The news is out! Reports from the net indicate that Baltimore won the 1998 Worldcon selection site by almost 3 to 1 over Boston on the first ballot. No figures have yet been reported to MENTOR on the exact margin.

The 1998 Worldcon bid was a hot issue in Boston where two organizations were bidding for the 1998 site and the 2001 site. The controversy between the two lies in how Worldcons are selected. As most people in fandom are aware, the continental US is divided into three zones which rotate selection. No Worldcon may be seated in the same zone 3 years in the future within sixty miles of the past Worldcon. In simple terms, the 1998 Worldcon will select 2001.

While some experts will argue that this rule may not have applied as two different organizations were running the two bids, it was the consensus of most that it would. Either way, two things are certain. First, Boston in 2001 may be a reality, and second, whether or not the rule applied will be smuffed for generations to come.

Congratulations Baltimore, and good luck to the people on Boston in 2001!

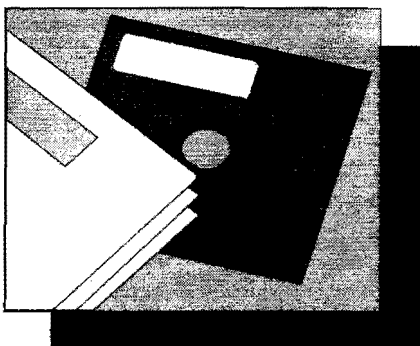
THOSE WITHOUT COMPUTERS NEED NOT APPLY

⊗ Jeremy Brown

"I strongly urge that all Corporate members vote against this amendment. I feel that it is discrimination and elitist and akin to the old federal requirement that said Voters can only be Land Owners. It is my opinion that this change would become a litmus test for future E-Board, ConCom, or ConStaff members: ie. 'People without Computers need not apply.' I know the amendment says 'when/where ever possible' but its spirit is wrong. To require Computer access as part of a job that is voluntary would be an undue financial hardship upon those who cannot afford it. I can't. So, in closing, I again urge the ARISIA membership to vote against this change.

Jeremy Brown

[Mr. Brown's opinion is his own and does not reflect the opinion of the corporation, its officers, or its membership and is in response to the proposed policy on E-Mail. Standard Disclaimer. However, as an individual member, I too agree with Mr. Brown's opinion, and add my voice against this policy proposal -- E. Dooley]



PAST TIME From page 1

Further amendments were presented by Patrick McCormack, Chairman of the Long Range Planning Committee. The amendments submitted read:

MOTION: To amend by addition, ARTICLE 6 to read -- 6.8 (a) *The top level of the Convention Committee shall be composed of the following Divisions. Operations will be responsible for internal workings and communications at-con. Treasury will be responsible for money matters. Member Services will be responsible for convention member support functions. Events & Exhibits will be responsible for non-programming track elements of the schedule. Programming will be responsible for programming tracks, guest relations, and related functions.*

(b) *Under this set division structure, the chairperson is free to create however many departments he feels are necessary and to assign them to whichever Division he feels most appropriate, subject to current corporate policy.*

(c) *All Division Heads must be General Members of the corporation. If the ConChair wishes to appoint someone to a Division Head 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 Member status.*

(d) *A Division Head is responsible for seeing to the proper functioning of all departments under his division, keeping the chairperson appraised of all actions and decisions made within his division, and acting as a liaison between his division and all other divisions.*

MOTION: To amend by addition, ARTICLE 6 to read -- 6.9 *In the event that the chairperson is incapacitated or unavailable, and actions need to be taken which require the immediate exercise of the chairperson's prerogatives, those prerogatives devolve to the Assistant Chairperson, and then to the Heads of Operations, Treasury, Member Services, Events & Exhibits, and Programming Divisions in sequence.*

These amendments to ARTICLE 6 are proposed by the LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE, and endorsed by:

Patrick McCormack, Jeff Jordan, Ted Atwood, Christine Ivey, and Edward Dooley. In accordance with the bylaws these amendments were tabled

RED SHIRT TO GENERAL

The membership voted 8 to 5 to approve the transfer of **Beth Goodman** from Red Shirt to General.

A motion was made to transfer

Jeremy Brown
Donna Dube
Glen Goodwin
Hal Haag
and
Diane Rosenberg

from Red Shirt to General membership status. In accordance with the bylaws, this motion was automatically tabled until the next meeting.

BECOMING A (GOOD) HABIT

From the request submitted by Rebecca Dowgiert, Director, WISHCON V, Art Show:

The WISHCON Convention, held yearly in early November at the Sheraton Hotel in Springfield, has become the premiere fan-run media convention in New England. This year, due to popular demand, an art show has been added to the programming.

As Art Show Director, I would like to request that the USA branch of UNIT, the New England media fan Club of which I am a member, and under whose auspices I am organizing WISHCON V's art show, be allowed to borrow art show panels, lights, and any other necessary exhibition equipment owned by ARISIA, of a number sufficient for our needs during this first art show. (As we are starting out slowly, that number should not be too great.)

I will, of course, be happy to give ARISIA all due credit for the loan of said panel, and, should you desire, can arrange for dissemination of ARISIA membership information/flyers.

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration.

After a brief discussion, the membership voted to approve the loan of the panels and art show equipment to WISHCON V.

ARISIA '97 REPORTING

Patrick McCormack reported that he had begun talks with hotels, no names were mentioned, but no progress had been made. Pat urged all members who wished to have a position on his ConCom to contact him. Mr. McCormack stated that he was looking for persons to take positions as Division Heads.



Corporate Inventory Control Reports

Tim Roberge reported to the membership that the inventory was complete and workable. Certain items which had been reported to have been sent to storage, but never officially received by the corporation, were not present at storage.

The CIC was present on August 19th at storage, with the clerk, to release Art Show panels to representatives of **MERRY MEET** as previously arranged. The panels were due to be returned on August 28.

PRICES ON THE RISE

Ed Dooley, Clerk of the Corporation announced in his report, that copying cost had risen by \$.01 per copy. How this effected the corporation, Mr. Dooley explained, was that where the old formula for copying items such as *MENTOR* and other items was "# of side" x 60 copies x \$.03, the formula was now increased by one cent.

An issue of *MENTOR* which had 20 sides (9 pages and the mailing cover/disclaimer/rates) x 60 copies (the amount needed to get the \$.03 rate was 50) x \$.03 cost the corporation \$36. With the new rate the cost for publication rises to \$48 an issue, not including postage, as the worst case during an active month. The clerk requested that the change be noted and that all copying costs for the corporation in the budget he submitted to the treasurer in April be adjusted accordingly.

BPP ON THE BLOCK

As part of his report, Ed advised the corporation of a recent article which had appeared in *THE BOSTON GLOBE* newspaper on July 26, 1995. In that article it stated that, with other properties, the Boston Park Plaza Hotel, and Boston Park Plaza Castle were being sold in a sealed-bid auction. The estimated value of the sale was placed at \$100 million. The article was available at the meeting.

Ed suggested that both chairmen for ARISIA '96 and ARISIA '97 monitor the situation closely.



ELECTION REMINDER

Members were reminded that the annual election will be held on September 17th. Any General Member may nominate themselves for any of the elected positions. The Bylaws allow the candidates to place a statement in the corporate newsletter.

As of the August meeting, Randall Cohen announced he would be seeking the position of President in the upcoming election. Joel Herda announced that he was considering running for re-election. James Stevenson also announced that he would be seeking a second term.

Ed Dooley stated he would not be seeking a third term. There was some good natured joking over this, until some members realized that Ed was serious. The present clerk of the corporation recommended that whoever decides to run for clerk of the corporation should bring a note pad to the next meeting. This might aid them in preparing their first issue of the corporate newsletter.

Dale Farmer suggested that he would not be seeking re-election as well.

BABYSITTING: WHAT A REALITY

At the June Corporate Meeting, the membership heard the report of the Long Range Planning Committee concerning Babysitting. The committee was charged with looking into the options open to the corporation and the convention in the area.

The committee focused on two organizations which have worked with the Boston Park Plaza and have worked with conventions before.

The first organization the committee reviewed was **PARENTS IN A PINCH**. Various elements the committee reviewed was:

\$100 per day administration fee.

\$15 per hour per sitter

1 sitter per every four children over 3 years.

1 sitter per every 2.5 children under 3 years.

The second organization **PERSONAL TOUCH** require:

\$100 per day administration fee.

\$16 per hour per sitter.

1 sitter per every four children 18 months to

COHEN FOR PRESIDENT: A CANDIDACY STATEMENT

Arisia has suffered recently. Mostly, through a lack of understanding of the size of the commitment needed by the Executive Board members. They try to do a job that they don't have time to do properly or fully understand. In the end all the membership gets is an excuse about not having enough time.

This needs to change. The next President needs to understand that there are serious responsibilities connected with the position. That often times there will be obstacles to what needs to be done. That, when you encounter an obstacle you will need to decide how to handle it. And, while most of the time the decision is yours, some of the time it is not.

For these reasons and more, I am running for President. I have the business sense to handle the day to day corporate business. The understanding of the size of the commitment needed to get things done. And, the willingness to work with whoever may be elected to the other E-Board positions. All this will give Arisia and its membership the Executive Board it needs and deserves.

Thank You, Randall Cohen

four years.

Cost projections for the service was estimated between \$1764 to \$2180 at present costs for groups between 16 to 20 minor members at the \$30 rate. ARISIA, it was decided, would still be loosing \$500 to \$700. The committee recommended that the cost for the service be raised to \$65 to cover operating costs.

The membership voted to contract **PERSONAL TOUCH** to run a group babysitting room, for children between the ages of 18 months and Fast Track age, for us [ARISIA] during our convention.

The membership also voted to set the rate for babysitting at \$65 per child and require preregistration.

The chairman of ARISIA '96 was asked if he knew if any memberships had been sold which would be effected by the increase. After a quick consultation with members of his Registration staff Mr. Shectman answered, no.

ARISIA CORPORATE MANDATES PAPER REGISTRATION

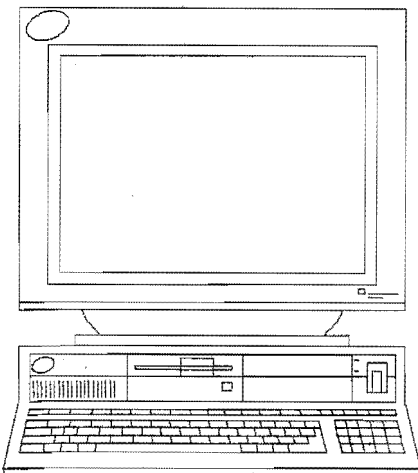
The membership took up the subject of whether or not the Corporation should continue to develop a computerized registration system. The chairman of the Long Range Planning Committee reminded the membership that a certain guideline had been set and a time period in which they were to return their findings.

An amendment was accepted that any system would be demonstrated to the GENERAL corporate membership, with approval subject to the approval of the vote of the corporation.

Some were uncomfortable with the amendment on the grounds of the limitations it would place on the convention and the convention chairman. Limitation on creativity was raised.

Counter to this sentiment was that the past two years, and last two chairmen were too creative.

After much discussion, the membership voted to accept the Long Range Planning's original recommendation with the amendment that the corporation will review any system presented.



ROLL CALL

AUGUST 3, 1995

Ted Atwood, Edward Dooley, Robert Fairbairn IV, Dale Farmer, George Flynn, Hal Haag (RS), Joel Herda, Christine Ivey, Jeff Jordan, Walter Kahn, Allan Kent, Patrick McCormack, Tim Roberge, Diane Rosenburg (RS), Michael Sprague, James Stevenson, Patricia Vandenberg

15 General Members Present. 17
Total Members



ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS...

Renewal letters have been sent out. All memberships expire on August 31, with a grace period extending to the start of the Annual Elections on September 17th. Don't lose your voting rights! Get your renewal in now!

If you did not receive your renewal notice (I did not-Ed), please use the form in this issue and get it to me, or contact a member of the E-Board to request a waiver or deferral. As of publication of this issue six members have renewed, Aaron Agassi, George Flynn, Mark Hertel, Jeff Jordan, John Preston, and Diane Rosenburg. Hopefully, more people will renew now that Glasgow is behind us.

As I'm writing this visions of *Logan's Run* is chanting thru my head. "Year of the Convention Seven, Arisia Corporate Members, now is the time to renew!"

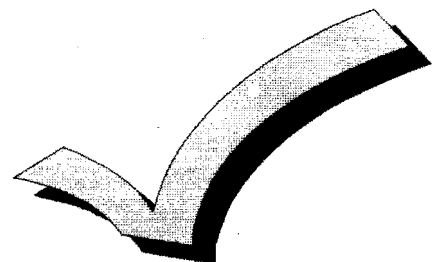
THREE QUOTES

The membership voted to require that members spending the corporation's funds must obtain three bids secured by two separate persons, whose names shall be recorded and kept on file for possible review by the corporate membership. Members will also secure the lowest possible bid for goods and services. In the instance where for reasons of quality and reputation, the agent of the corporation will notify ARISIA of their reasons on why they do not wish to use the lowest bid.

Much discussion was heard on this item. The membership was reminded that the funds held by the corporation are held in trust for fandom. It was not unreasonable, one member said, for the corporation to want to review how it was spent.

Members suggested various minimums and situations. One member suggested a purchase order system, fill it out, submit your quote, get your check, make your purchase. The member was reminded that everyone was a volunteer, and the paperwork would be excessive.

Certain expenses, such as regularly occurring expenses should be exempt, and departments with budgets below \$150 should be exempt. The membership was asked what happens if you can't find three quotes. Answer, say so.



FROM THE DESK OF EL SUPREMO

Executive Board of ARISIA, Incorporated

President's Report 8/3/95

For those who were not able to be with us at the emergency meeting on July 9, I would like to apologize about the misunderstanding with regard to the contract signing for this January's convention with the Boston Park Plaza Hotel. Although I had circulated the work-in-process contract at three different corporate business meetings, I did not bring the contract before the corporate membership for a ratification vote. I apologize. The signing date demanded in the contract was June 15, and after three revisions, incorporating many ideas brought to me by the people who did examine the contract closely, especially the convention chair, I signed the contract on the morning of June 15, and hand-delivered it to the hotel that day.

I would like to note that this year's contract is substantially the same as last year's, but with some more free stuff added in, including two new free rooms, some free lock re-coverings on the mezzanine level, and free power for the dealer's room in the Plaza Ballroom.

At this time, if the membership desires, I will move the ratification of the contract by the corporate membership.

The Executive Board met on July 16th to discuss the following bylaws recommendations. The resolutions of the Board are as follows:

Resolved to recommend the amendments in ARTICLE 3.2, ARTICLE 6.6 (a), and ARTICLE 6.7

Resolved to recommend against the denial of signatory powers of the convention treasurer and to substitute the following bylaw amendment:

6.6 (b) [amend at the end of the paragraph] The Convention Treasurer must be a member of the corporation, and shall be granted signatory power to open, close, deposit funds to and withdraw monies from this account. [Surround this text with the current job description.]

I would like to remind people that at the next corporate meeting, nominations will be opened and short campaign statements should be submitted to the membership for those desiring to run for corporate offices.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joel Herda, President

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NOTICE:

The E-Board set the date of the first meeting after the Annual Meeting for October 8, 1995. As the August meeting concluded precisely at 9:30 pm on the third. This item was not ratified by the membership.

The Annual Meeting will be on September 17th at 2:00 pm at MIT Bldg 66. Dues are due prior to the start of the Annual Election.

All Bylaw amendments, motion on the 125 mile limit, motion on E-Mail, motion on the procedure for banning, and the motion for foil stickers, remained on the table as time ran out at the August meeting.



1 August 1995

Dear

It's that time of the year again. Maybe you forgot? August is the end of the fiscal year for ARISIA, Incorporated. Oh, now you remember. Yes, it's time to renew your membership or give one to a friend. Memberships in ARISIA, corporation and convention, make a great gift. Membership, has its privileges. The most important privilege is your voting right. Memberships may be renewed up to the start of the Annual Election on September 17th, but why wait? Renew now!

If money is a problem, consider a deferment or a waiver. Just ask an Executive Board member, or slip them a note. All requests are kept in the strictest confidence.

All members should also take the time to update their personal information. Yes, I know it's a pain, but Arisiains value their privacy, but there are times when the corporation must intrude, such on snow days. At present, there is no one list of phone numbers. Contrary to popular belief, the Corporate Roster is *not* the Corporate Directory. It would be nice to hand my successor something I was never given, everyone's address, telephone number, and e-mail address. It would be equally nice to have all memberships renewed *before* September 17th.

So do it now! Renew your membership, and complete your survey.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Edward Dooley".

Edward Dooley, Clerk

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ARISIA, Incorporated MEMBERSHIP SURVEY

FIRST NAME:

LAST NAME:

FAN NAME: (OPTIONAL)

FAN ID #:

ADDRESS:

ADDRESS:

CITY:

STATE/PROV:

ZIP-CODE:

COUNTRY:

TELEPHONE NUMBERS:

HOME:

WORK:

E-MAIL:

PAGER:

RESTRICTIONS:

MAY WE PRINT YOUR ADDRESS IN THE CORPORATE DIRECTORY?

YES NO CLERK'S EYES ONLY

MAY WE PRINT YOUR TELEPHONE NUMBERS IN THE CORPORATE DIRECTORY?

YES NO CLERK'S EYES ONLY

MAY WE PRINT YOUR INFORMATION IN THE CONCOM DIRECTORY?

YES NO

MAY WE SHARE YOUR INFORMATION WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS?

YES NO

OTHER DETAIL:

Arisia '96

Boston Park Plaza Hotel and Towers

January 12-14, 1996

Guests of Honor:

Emma Bull

Will Shetterly

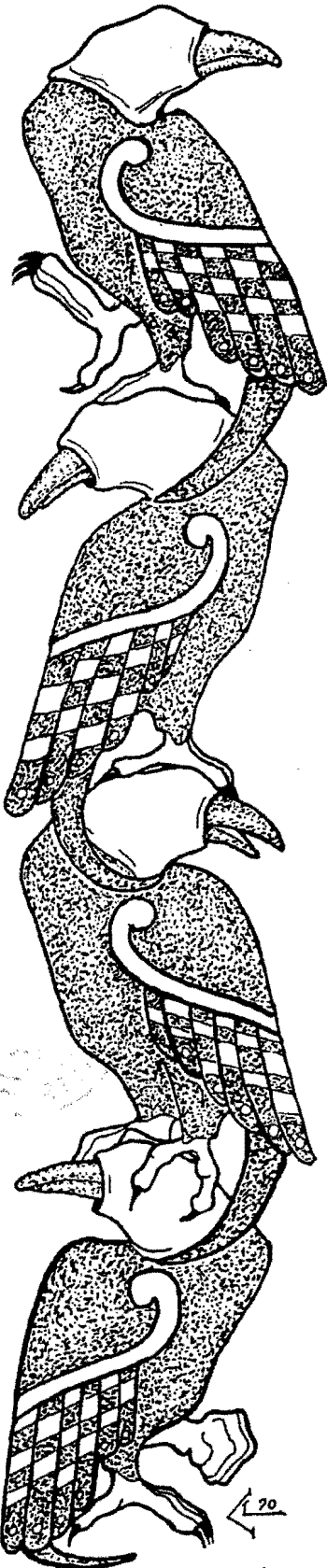
Artist Guest of Honor:

Lissanne Lake

Fan Guest of Honor:

Rob Bazemore

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Members are encouraged to submit motions, announcements, or items of interest, in writing to the clerk by the Thursday prior to the published press date.

August 31st is coming, have you paid your dues yet? Members are reminded that voting rights expire at the beginning of the annual election. Don't loose your voice in the corporation.

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September	\$24	March	\$12
October	\$22	April	\$10
November	\$20	May	\$ 8
December	\$18	June	\$ 6
January	\$16	July	\$ 4
February	\$14	August	\$ 2

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