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PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

17 September 1995

The E-Board met last Tuesday at the Mandarin Restaurant in Cambridge. Officially discussed was the ConCom structure bylaw amendments put forth by the Long Range Planning Committee. The results of our discussions are in the Clerk's report.

At this time I would like to announce that I am withdrawing my self-nomination for re-election to the presidency, for reasons of wanting to reclaim some of my time for career and personal life.

The corporation has had a difficult year. We have had three different treasurers in the span of a single fiscal year. We had a convention which kept virtually no records of its financial transactions, and a host of other problems, some of which still haunt us. The backlash from the convention has continued, and distrust within the corporation and towards the concom seems to be the main result. Despite all the problems, the corporate accounts reportedly have approximately \$30,000 in them, and hopefully this year's convention will be better recorded and suffer from much less controversy.

It has been a unique job, serving as president over the past year. We have had complex controversies to act on, and in most cases, I feel that we arrived



at productive solutions. I urge people to remember that we are working towards a common goal; and that power politics, internal distrust, factionalism and organizational xenophobia will work counter to what we want to be and do as expressed in our charter and bylaws. Thank you all who attended the meetings and participated in keeping the corporation running.

Respectfully submitted,

Joel Herda President, ARISIA, Inc.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

17 September 1995

Dale Farmer made a motion to obtain an estimate to straighten out the books for FY1994-1995, for a sum approximately between \$100 not to exceed \$200. It was pointed out that a CPA is responsible to report discrepancies directly to the IRS even if discrepancies turn out to be innocent. This motion was tabled for review by the next treasurer. A question was asked if the check to MITSFS was ever cashed? Dale reported that he had just received several bills, one

MEMBERSHIP TRANSFERS:

The membership voted to transfer

Jeremy Brown 26 for

Donna Dube 25 f/1 a

Glen Goodwin 21 f/4 a/1ab

Hal Haag 23 f/1 a/2 ab

Diane Rosenberg 23 f/2 a/2 ab

to General Membership.

from the IRS for unpaid sales tax for \$500.

CLERK'S REPORT:

17 September 1995

Members are reminded to sign in.

Dues are due now! Once the annual election begins, all members who have not paid will not be able to vote in today's election. Deferment or waivers of dues may still be requested. Please get the attention of one of the other board members. Remember, I'm suppose to be taking the notes and stopping the meeting to discuss anything is a really bad idea. So ask the vice-president, it'll give him something to do, or, as he is not at the meeting today, see the treasurer.

Members, and especially those running for office, should remember the purpose of ARISIA. From our Articles of Organization,

the purpose of the corporation is to engage in the following activities:

To conduct meetings, conferences, lectures, discussions, film showings, art shows, exhibits, conventions, and other presentations concerning science fiction, fantasy, and related subjects. To promote the enhancement and furtherances of science fiction, fantasy, and related subjects in literature, artwork, films, theatre, radio, television, sound and video recordings, computer software, and all other media existing now or in the future.

To hold, sponsor, and promote the development of organized science fiction and fantasy fan activities. To make grants for the foregoing purposes to organization and activities that qualify under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. To act exclusively for education and literary purposes under section 170(c) and 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. To carry on any other lawful activities in furtherance of the foregoing and consistent with the requirements and constraints of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

As most members should now know, I will not be seeking re-election as clerk of the corporation. Originally, I had planned not to say anything. Considering some of the things I remember from this year, perhaps I shouldn't. While I have enjoyed producing the corporate newsletter, and advising various members when asked on a point, I feel it is time to move on. As most of you know, I have not been active in fandom for very long. My first convention I worked at was ARISIA 91. I joined the corporation shortly after ARISIA '92.

While I have served as clerk to the best of my ability, I have tried not to let the authority go to my head. Whether I have succeeded or not, I really will never know. I will have to trust to your opinions. It is difficult stepping down, but, in the spirit of our Articles of Organization, I feel I must. Power, in any form, is a highly refined drug, and I have worried that I might be becoming addicted. I have seen what it has done to others. I've seen what it has done to this organization. It's time to remember why we are all members of ARISIA.

At this time, I would like to thank certain members for the assistance:

Thank you to Tim Roberge, for the numerous times he helped me and especially kept me sane during mailing runs of MENTOR.

Thank you to Chris Ivey for the numerous insights she has given me on the growth of the organization.

We sometimes forget she has been around since almost the founding. I don't know what the organization would have done if it was not for Chris' efforts and willingness to take on just about any job.

Thank you to Randall Cohen. Many in the organization do not know that Mr. Cohen took a loss on a sale of a computer to me as he felt that the clerk of the corporation should have something to work on to do his job. Don't let anyone tell you you're not fannish, Randall.

Thank you to Patrick McCormack and Kim Van Auken, as past E-Board members they freely gave their opinions and advice to a new member of the board when asked.

And lastly, thank you to Jeff Jordan, who taught me that it is the people of an organization which we must remain focused on.

And Now, because I promised certain members that I would make this my last wish...

I want to be a goddess, Claudius,

Thank you all,

Ed Dooley Clerk, ARISIA, Incorporated

ARISIA '96

17 September 1995

The next Arisia ConCom meeting will be Thursday, October 1, at 4:00 pm in MIT room 66-168. Directions: T to Kendall. Outside the Kendall T Stop is a map showing where building 66 is. 168 is on the ground floor. By car, 66 is the triangular building that comes to a point on AMES Street; Ames is the first chance you'll have to turn left after coming over Longfellow bridge from Boston.

The tentative schedule for future concom meetings is as follows: Sat Oct 21 Mon Nov 13 Thu Nov 30 Wed Dec 20 Fri Jan 5

Paul Selkirk has taken over registration, which is no longer a division, but is now part of OPS. Pat Vandenberg is still doing prereg.

Before buying anything, please check with Tim (Roberge of Inventory Control)-- you'd be amazed at some of the stuff out in the storage unit.

Executive Board

12 September 1995

Present: Joel Herda, Dale Farmer, Ed Dooley, Nicholas Shectman, Pat McCormack.

The Executive Board met at the Mandarin Restaurant at 8:30 pm. The Board discussed the proposed Bylaw amendment concerning setting a structure for the convention. After a lengthy discussion it was felt by the board the both the structure and the requirement that the Division Heads be general members was a good thing. The Executive Board voted to recommend the amendment to the membership.

The Board discussed the Long Range Planning Committee's Bylaw Amendment concerning the devolution of Authority in the ConCom structure. The board voted not to recommend this amendment to the membership. The board voted to substitute the following:

The ConChair may set four (4) corporate members, thirty (30) days out from con upon approval of the Executive Board.

The Board discussed the budget which the clerk presented to the board. The clerk explained that he had been asked to extrapolate certain costs and had met with the president on August 14th to review his figures. The board reviewed the figures and voted to recommend the budget to the corporation with the notation that it did not include bank fees or the audit fund as the clerk did not have this information. The board requested the treasurer to have these figures for the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

The motion to admonish the president for signing the contract against standing practice and against the corporate bylaws was defeated by a vote of 5 for 15 against with 2 absentions.

The membership voted to approve the standing policy requiring all division heads and heads of departments with a large pre-con workload to reside within 125 miles of Boston and be willing to attend at least 1 out of every 3 concom meetings.

The membership voted to approve the standing policy requiring E-Board Members, Division Heads, and heads of Departments which have a large precon workload, must place themselves on the ARISIA Staff and Corporate E-Mail lists and respond back to the list to questions posed to them on the list, provided that they have the equipment to do so, with the amendment, and already maintains an E-Mail account.

The membership voted to accept, as printed in issue 57, the standing policy on banning.

The E-Board withdrew the motion dealing with a foil sticker for badge verification.

BYLAWS AMENDMENTS:

The membership voted to accept the change to Article 3.2 (c) after splitting the two changes. Concerning the change EXERCISE OVERSIGHT OVER THE CONVENTION TREASURER'S ACTIVITIES, the membership voted 22 for with 2 abstentions. Concerning the change, THE TREASURER MAY NOT SERVE AS CONVENTION TREASURER DURING HIS TERM IN OFFICE, passed with a vote of 20 for and 3 against.

The membership voted to accept the change to article 6.2, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE ASSISTANT CONCHAIR AND THE CONVENTION TREASURER, by a vote of 25 for.

The membership voted to accept the substitution to Article 6.6 (a) as published by a vote of 28 for.

The membership defeated the addition to Article 6.6 (b) as printed by a vote of 5 for, 19 against, and 3 abstentions.

The membership accepted the addition of Article 6.7, THE CHAIRPERSON OF EACH CONVENTION SHALL HAVE AN ASSISTANT CHAIRPERSON. THE ASSISTANT CHAIR PERSON 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, by a vote of 26 for.

The membership voted to accept the amendment of article 4.1, as printed by a vote of 23 for, 1 against.

The membership voted to accept, after splitting the amendment in to two sections of article 6.8. Sections (a), (b), and (d) were defeated. Paragraph C was passed by a vote of 23 for, 3 against, with 1 abstention. Article 6.8 now reads, ALL DIVISION HEADS MUST BE GENERAL MEMBERS OF 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 ACHEIVE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP STATUS, with the amendment, THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MAY WAIVE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENT FOR A STATED CAUSE, IF REPLACEMENT OF A DIVISION HEAD WITHIN FOUR (4) MONTHS OF THE CONVENTION IF IT BECOMES NECESSARY. The amendment passed by a vote of 26 for.

The membership voted to accept an amendment, exempting ARISIA '96 from the General Membership requirement by a vote of 16 for, 6 against, with 5 absentions.

The motion to amend article 6.9 remained tabled.

NEW BUSINESS:

The membership ratified the date of October 8th, at 2 pm at UMASS as the next meeting of ARISIA, Incorporated.

The membership voted to accept the actions of the Executive Board for the past year (which automatically ratified the signing of the hotel contract)

LONG RANGE PLANNING:

Pat McCormack reported that there was nothing left on the committee's agenda. Everything had been addressed. He wished to thank the committee members for their hard word.

CORRECTION TO THE MINUTES:

17 September 1995

The assistant conchair should have been listed as the third person with responsibility in the Bylaw Amendment dealing with devolution of authority.

Concerning the policy requiring three quotes, one member thought that there was a dollar figure accepted, but the membership could not remember.

PROXIES

Michael Sprague granted his proxy to Tim Roberge.

Patricia Vandenberg granted her proxy to Ted Atwood.

Allan Kent granted his proxy to Ted Atwood.

Noel Rosenberg granted his proxy to Ed Dooley.

Rob Bazemore granted his proxy to Jeff Jordan.

Skip Morris granted his proxy to Phi.

Beth Goodman granted her proxy to Ben Levy.

Tim Roberge granted a temporary proxy to Jeremy Brown while he left the room.

John Preston granted his proxy to Ed Dooley when he left the meeting.

Jeff Jordan granted his proxy to Pat McCormack when he left the meeting.

Ben Levy granted his proxy to Cris Shuldiner when he left the meeting.

ROLL CALL ARISIA, Incorporated

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Ted Atwood, Jeremy Brown, Randall Cohen, David Corriveau, Ed Dooley, Marshall Ellis, Robert Fairbairn, Dale Farmer, George Flynn, Glen Goodwin, Joel Herda, Mark Hertel, Christine Ivey, Jeff Jordan, Walter Kahn, Benjamin Levy, Patrick McCormack, John Preston, Tim Roberge, A. Joseph Ross, Nicholas Sheckman, Cris Shuldiner

22 General Members Present

37 Corporate Members Total

1 Red Shirt Member

32 General Members

6 Honourary Members --

(2 General Honourary Members)

EXPIRED

Jim Belfiore, Zack Brown, Erik Bunce, Jennifer Bunce, Scott Cobb, Donna Dube, Donald Eastlake, Jill Eastlake, Kevin Fallon, Johnna Klukas, Holly Love, Sheila Oranch, Bill Powers, Jim Stevenson, Richard Stoddart, Kim Van Auken, Amy West, Karl Wurst

18 Members removed from Roster

The September meeting was called to order at 2:20 pm and adjourned at 8:05 pm.

ARISIA '97:

17 September 1995

Pat McCormack reported that his con was in the development stage. He was looking for people to fill positions and willing to allow people to try new things. He hoped to announce his Guests, Division Heads, and working budget by the October meeting.

ANNUAL ELECTION:

17 September 1995

The annual elections were held today. On the first ballot for president the candidates and votes were:

For President:

Cris Shuldiner	13
Jeff Jordan	9
Joel Herda	4
Randal Cohen	2

Mr. Cohen's name was dropped from the first ballot. On the second ballot the outcome was:

Cris Shuldiner	16	*
Jeff Jordan	10	
Joel Herda	2	

Cris Shuldiner was elected to the position of President.

For Vice-President:

Walter Kahn	12	*
Randall Cohen	9	
Skip Morris	6	
ABSTENTION	1	

Mr. Morris' name was dropped from the first ballot. At the beginning of the second ballot Mr. Cohen withdrew his name in favor of Mr. Kahn. Walter was elected by a voice vote of acclamation.

For Treasurer:

Randall Cohen	14
Tim Roberge	9
Dale Farmer	5

Mr. Farmer's name was dropped from the first ballot. The second ballot was:

Randall Cohen	14	*
Tim Roberge	13	

Mr. Cohen was elected treasurer.

For Clerk:

Rob Fairbairn

Mr. Fairbairn was elected by acclamation as he was unopposed

Corporate Inventory Control:

Tim Roberge reported that the Corporation had been locked out of storage 3 months in a row for non-payment of the bill on time. Tim stressed that the bill was due on the first of the month, and the storage facility did not bill, but sent out monthly reminders. If we wait to receive the reminder, it's too late.

CIC reported that the loan of Art Show equipment last month had still not been received back, he was tracking down the contact, and notified Ted Atwood of the same. CIC asked Nicholas Shectman if he was formally donating the two refrigerators in storage. Phi said yes.

Executive Board 1995-1996:

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

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