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Minutes of Arisia E-Board Meeting

Time: January 21, 1995 @ 2:15 p.m.

Location: Park Plaza Hotel, Whitehill Room and adjoining corridors

In Attendance: Cris Shuldiner, Walter Kahn, Randall Cohen, Glen R. Goodwin, Nicholas Shectman, Pat McCormack

- The President informed the E-Board that he had taken the voice resignation of the Corporate Clerk, Robert Fairbairn IV, over the phone, and that the President was expecting a formal letter at any moment. In the absence of the Clerk the President has appointed Glen R. Goodwin as Interim Clerk until an election may be held at the next corporate meeting.
- The Vice President informed the E-board of the need to complete the Annual Report with the State Secretary. The appropriate paperwork was presented and completed.

Meeting Closed at 2:25 p.m.

Statement from the President:

The executive board has asked me to remind the Arisia Convention Committee that it must pay attention to corporate policy and decisions of the voting membership of Arisia, Inc. We are in the process of compiling a list of current corporate policy to make this easier.

I would like to add that we appreciate the job that members of the convention committee have done and wish the new committee the best of luck planning for next years con.

Minutes of the January Arisia Corporate Meeting

Time: January 7, 1996 @ 3:33 p.m.

Location: Unknown

In Attendance: Cris Shuldiner, Walter Kahn, Randall Cohen, Nicholas Shectman, Pat McCormack, Ed Dooley, Joel Herda, Skip Morris, Marshall Ellis, Chris Ivey, Michael Sprague, Bill Mickle (non-member)

- The President appointed Nicholas Shectman to take the minutes in the absence of the clerk.
- No proxies were read.
- Presidents Report
 - We have hired a lawyer to deal with the lawsuit. Things are progressing smoothly.
- Treasurer's Report
 - Reminder: receipts and forms are required for reimbursement. All corporate expenses are on hold until after the convention.
- Convention '97 Report

Pat needs to get children's memberships and dealers' rates set. After some discussion it was unanimously VOTED to set dealers' rates at \$60.00 again. Baby-sitting for '97 was discussed at length and it was MOVED to set baby-sitting memberships at \$65.00 and fast track memberships at \$25.00 higher than the going adult membership. The motion was DIVIDED with one vote against. The \$65.00 baby-sitting rate was DEFEATED. The fast track membership rate was APPROVED with one vote against. Debate on baby-sitting resumed briefly and the matter was dropped for the time being.

Joel Herda announced that we have dates for next year: January 10-12, 1997.

- Convention '96 Report

There will be at work session this afternoon [January 7th -- ed.] at the home of Pat Vandenberg and Al Kent to stuff badges in holders.

Several motions concerning the Convention '96 budget were made from the Convention '96 Report as follows:

APPROVED, unanimously, to change certain line items for "Registration: Badges & Holders" from \$1000.00 to \$1100.00 after some discussion, including that pre-reg figures are 10% higher than anticipated.

APPROVED, unanimously, to change certain line items for "Con Chair: GOH Transportation" from \$1300.00 to \$1700.00 after some discussion, including that Emma and Will are flying in at a cost of \$591.00 (\$295.50 each) instead of driving as we had originally anticipated.

APPROVED, unanimously, to change certain line items for "Program Audio/Visual" from \$400.00 to \$500.00 after some discussion.

APPROVED, with one vote against, to change certain line items as follows: "Events: Dance I (Icebreaker)" from \$300.00 to \$400.00, "Events: Dance II (Regency)" from \$0.00 to \$250.00, "Events: Dance III (Camarilla)" from \$0.00 to \$100.00, and "Events: Masquerade" from \$0.00 to \$300.00. Discussion ensued and included that the \$300.00 line item for Masquerade Green Room is for catering and that catering expenses are to keep the hotel happy about our other food usage and not really to get our money's worth.

APPROVED, unanimously, to allocate an additional \$140.00 for elevator time for Wednesday evening, after some discussion pertaining to suddenly losing a logistics head.

[The total additional allocations were \$1390.00 The total projected net profit for the convention is now \$8499.10 on projected receipts of \$50,750.00, based on a conservative estimate of 500 at-door memberships -- ed.]

- Old Business

There were no corrections to the minutes.

APPROVED, by a vote of 7 for and 4 against, to change SHEILA ORANCH's membership to General Member.

- New Business

MOVED, to remove the clerk from office. The motion was ruled OUT OF ORDER [the bylaws specify a petition process for removing officers -- ed.]

APPROVED, unanimously, to set the March meeting date as 2pm on Sunday, March 10, 1996.

APPROVED, with one against, to hold the March meeting at UMASS Boston.

- Announcements

The next corporate meeting will be Tuesday, February 13, at 7:30 p.m. at UMASS Boston.

Adjourned at 4:46 p.m.

Outstanding Business for the February Meeting:

- Election of a new Corporate Clerk

From Arisia '97 (Pat McCormack)

The Arisia '97 concom is in its formative stages. I am soliciting volunteers and discussing the final shape of the concom with my division heads. So far, I have Jeff Jordan in Operations, Ed Dooley in Programming, and Christine Ivey in Events & Exhibits for division heads. We still need someone to run Member Services and a Treasurer. Additionally, Phi will be working with me as the concom clerk to help solve our perennial communication problems.

I would like to ask everyone who headed up a department, even if they are not doing the same job this year, to provide me with copies of any records

they have. I'd also appreciate reports on how departments functioned and how well the department budget fit in with the activities of the department.

Everyone volunteering for the concom is signing a volunteer form that lays down some guidelines for the way business will be conducted this year. Everyone is being given fair warning about the administrative changes I want to implement. With a little effort and a bit of luck, I am hopeful that I will be able to make the trains run on time.

Minutes from the December Corporate Meeting

Time: November 29, 1995 @ 7:45 pm

Location: Unknown

In Attendance: Nicholas Shectman, Tim Roberge, Hal Haig, Jeff Jordan, Cris Shuldiner, Randall Cohen, Christine Ivey, Ed Dooley, Patrick McCormack, and Sheila Oranch (RS)

Proxies: from Joel Herda to either Ed Dooley, Phi, or Pat McCormack; from Jeremy Brown to either Tim Roberge, or Ed Dooley.

- As the Clerk was not present, Patrick McCormack filled in as temporary Clerk.
- The Minutes were accepted with the following corrections:

The E-board Meeting took place in November, not April.

The SCUM Grant was provisionally approved by the Grant Committee, not the Budget Committee.

- A Motion was made to transfer Sheila Oranch from Red Shirt to General Member status. The motion was automatically tabled until the next meeting.

- **President's Report:**

The President reported that there was no meeting in October due to lack of quorum. He then presented a list of committee and other appointments. The Long Range Planning Committee consists of Jeff Jordan (Chair), Pat McCormack, Cris Shuldiner. The Awards Committee consists of Pat McCormack (Chair). It was explained that no further appointments were necessary to

the Award Committee since its only duty at present would be to arrange for the publicity for the Order of the Lens Award at Arisia '96. Further appointments would be made after the con. All the committee appointments were ratified. Tim Roberge has been appointed as Corporate Inventory Control Officer again, and Marshal Ellis has been appointed as Corporate Sales Officer.

The President then reported that the corporation has been served papers in a civil suit. He reported that the E-Board is looking into our options. The President went on to remind everyone that only the E-Board has the right to speak for Arisia on this matter. Members are requested to direct any questions put to them to the E-Board.

The President reported that he had instructed the Clerk to prepare a Standing Policy book, to compliment the by-laws. The Book will contain all currently active standing policies of the corporation.

- Due to their absences, there were no reports from the Vice President and Clerk.
- **Treasurer's Report:**

The Treasurer reported that the books are coming along. He projected completion of the process of straightening out the books in 4 more months. He also reported that he was looking into changing the company that handles our credit cards receipts.

The Treasurer also announced that he wanted to change the month that the corporation closes its fiscal year from August to December. He explained this as being a sensible move in that it would reduce the number of important business happening at the Annual Meeting, and it would allow each E-Board the chance to set the budget it would be operating under for the majority of its term in office.

Finally, the Treasurer announced the appointment of the following people to the Budget Committee: Ed Dooley, Jeremy Brown, Dave Corveau, and Tim Roberge. The appointments were ratified.

- Arisia '96 Convention Committee Report:

Phi announced that the remaining 3 Concom meetings would be tomorrow (Thursday, November 30th) at the NESFA Clubhouse, Wednesday, December 20th at 8 PM at Pat Vandenberg & Al Kent's house, and Friday, January 5th at 8 PM, tentatively scheduled at the Park Plaza. The Con Debriefing is tentatively scheduled for 2 PM on Sunday, January 21st at the hotel.

Phi didn't have up to date numbers for Prereg, but stated that the number had reached 500 about 3 weeks ago. He then said that there were some outstanding things that needed to be amended in the budget, most notably Baby-sitting needed to be included. He moved to amend the budget to add a income line for baby-sitting fees of \$700 and a cost line for baby-sitting of \$2100. A friendly amendment was accepted that specifically tagged the line items as nontransferable. After some discussion of economics of the situation, the motion was passed.

A question was asked about the status of the comped membership list. Phi replied that he was still waiting for a partial list from Andy Kaufmann.

Another question was raised regarding rumors that Security would be doing nothing more than badge checking this year. Phi and Cris Shuldiner, Ops Div Head, both responded that there was no truth to these rumors.

- Arisia '97 Convention Committee Report:

Pat McCormack submitted the following report:

First, I now have confirmation from all the guests. Some folks think you shouldn't announce your guests before the coming con. I can understand that for dealings with the public, but it never made much sense to me to keep this from the Corporation. The Guest of Honor for Arisia '97 is R. A. Salvatore. The Artist Guest of Honor is Bob Eggleton. The Fan Guests of Honor are our own "founding fathers", the people for whose sins we are still paying. <G>

Second, it should come as no real surprise that the concom will be structured in the manner proposed by the Long Range Planning Committee last year, despite the fact that that amendment wasn't passed. That structure makes sense for the management strategies I want to employ, as it minimizes the number of Division heads to the point where a Division Head meeting can be held conveniently over dinner at a restaurant. <G> So, the Divisions will be Operations, Treasury, Member Services, Events & Exhibits, and Programming. I have already filled the Division Heads for Operations, Treasury, and Programming. I have also filled Registration/Pre-registration and Hotel Liaison. If you'd like to do something, talk to me. I'd like to fill the Division Heads of E&E and Member Services, as well as a "Marketing Coordinator", as soon as possible.

Third, someone started a rumor running around about a month ago that we had lost the Park Plaza for '97. I've talked with Joel, and he says there is no basis to this, even with the sale of the Park Plaza that was just announced. Joel has talked with our convention coordinator at the Park Plaza and he thinks that there won't be much of a shake-up in the management staff, which bodes well for us.

Finally, I'd like to propose the following:

MOVED: That memberships for Arisia '97 be sold at \$25 at Arisia '96 through Lunacon.

The motion passed.

- GRANT COMMITTEE REPORT:

A Grant Proposal was received from SCUM at UMASS for \$750 to help put on Not Just Another Con. The money was to pay for the Guests travel and lodging. Since a Grant Committee has not been formed yet, the E-Board sat as a provisional Grant Committee at its last meeting and provisionally approved the grant. The Treasurer spoke saying that he wasn't particularly happy with the lack of details, such as what percentage of the con budget we were

going to be supplying. Phi responded that a good approximation seemed to be about one third. Joe Ross questioned whether we had satisfied the necessary steps in the by-laws to grant the request yet. Pat McCormack responded that it appeared that the only true requirement we had to worry about was the ban on making grants to organizations with restrictive membership covenants, and that that restriction could be lifted if the restrictions existed for a good reason. In this case the restrictions on membership were that a person would have to be a member of the UMASS student body since SCUM was a student organization. Several people suggested that we ask SCUM to print an acknowledgment of our grant in their program book if possible at this late date. The motion passed with 1 abstention.

- **New Business:**

The President brought up the subject of meeting dates, stating that he didn't see a particular need to have a meeting in December. Several people responded that the con might have a few emergency pieces of business to take care of before con. It was moved to set the next meeting for Sunday, January 7th at 3 PM, tentatively to be held at MIT Bldg 66. The motion passed.

For the first meeting after the con, it was moved to have it at UMASS on Tuesday, February 13th at 7:30 PM. The motion passed.

- **Announcements:**

Ed Dooley announced that he had been provisionally appointed to be Division Head of Programming for Arisia '97. He said, "Arisia '97 Programming is up and running. Currently we have 115 Program Topics and 31 Support/Cross Over Items. An Idea Item Form is being given to the Clerk to be published in the next issue of Mentor. It may be photocopied as needed. Ideas will be freely confiscated."

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Election Statement

From Glen R. Goodwin, Interim Clerk

I would like to announce my intention to step in (pending corporate election) as corporate clerk for the remainder of the Arisia year. I can boast about past employment, experiences, and actions, but such is not necessary. I stand solely by my recent work (what you are reading) and my proven dedication to the corporation and the convention. Also, I know that many of you do not have the slightest clue who I am so I thought I would give you this hint: At the convention, I never left the Ops Room.

With that said, You, and I, have better things we can be doing than writing/reading this. Enjoy.

Calendar of Events

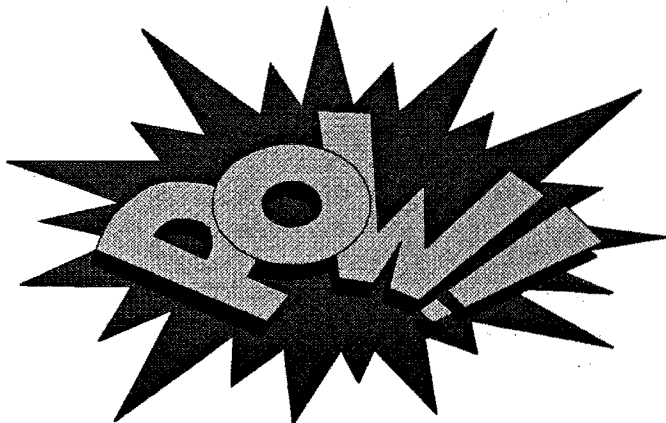
Tuesday, February 13, 1996, 7:30 pm - **Corporate Meeting - UMASS Boston, Wheatley Hall, 4th Floor**

Friday-Sunday, February 16-18 - **Boskone 33 - Sheraton Tara, Framingham.** GOH include Lois McMaster Bujold, Gary Ruddell, and Bob Madle.

Sunday, March 8, 1996, 2:00 pm - **Corporate Meeting - UMASS Boston, Wheatley Hall, 4th Floor**

Corrections

The President and the Interim Clerk have decided to change the volume number of the mentor to reflect the current year of the e-board.



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Ed Dooley
Dave Corriveau
Jeremy Brown
Tim Roberge

Long Range Planning: Jeff Jordan, Chair
Cris Shuldiner
Pat McCormack

Awards Committee: Pat McCormack, Chair

Grant Committee: Walter Kahn, Chair

Corporate Sales Officer
Marshal Ellis

Corporate Inventory Control Officer
Tim Roberge

Membership Roster

Agassi, Aaron (Red Shirt)
Atwood, Ted
Brown, Jeremy
Cohen, Randall
Cooper, Brian
Corriveau, David
Dooley, Ed [Kirin]
Ellis, Marshall
Fairbairn, Robert IV
Farmer, Dale
Fish, Tom
Flynn, George
Goodwin, Glen [Arel]
Haag, Halmer
Herda, Joel
Hertel, Mark
Ivey, Christine
Jordan, Jeff [Hunter]
Kahn, Walter
Kent, Allan
Labonville, Zanne
Levy, Benjamin
McCormack, Patrick
Preston, John
Roberge, Tim
Robinson, Mary
Rosenburg, Diane
Rosenburg, Noel
Ross, A. Joseph
Saroff, Matthew
Sheckman, Nicholas [Phi]
Shuldiner, Cris
Sprague, Michael
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