



# Mentor

The corporate newsletter of Arisia, Incorporated

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## **Minutes of E-Board Meeting**

**Time:** May 19, 1996 @ 1:17pm

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

**In Attendance:** Walter Kahn, Glen R. Goodwin, Cris Shuldiner, Randal Cohen, Pat McCormack

- Cris discussed state of Hotel Contracts (see Eboard report) and some minor discussion was held on various aspects of current contract.
- It was requested of the Clerk that the policy revision be completed. The Clerk stated that with luck, the June meeting would see this product.
- Discussion was held upon the Ad Rates. Arisia 97 was asked to submit a new rate schedule to the eboard for approval.
- Account cards were distributed and signed for the Arisia 97 account. This prompted further discussion on the status of the Arisia accounts.
- The Eboard inquired as to the current Arisia 98 Chair search. No nominations had been turned in at the time of the eboard meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 2:35 pm.

## **Emergency Meeting**

The president called to order an emergency meeting on May 11, 1996 @ 3:36 pm. This meeting took place out at Corporate Storage.

**In Attendance:** Cris Shuldiner, Tim Roberge, Edward Dooley, Zanne Labonville, Walter Kahn, Hal Haag, Ted Atwood, Glen R. Goodwin, Skip Morris (Red Shirt)

- **MOVED:** to suppress the minutes. Motion

passed 6 for to 1 against.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:41pm.

## **Minutes of the May Corporate Meeting**

**Time:** May 19, 1996 @ 2:51pm

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

**In Attendance:** Walter Kahn, Glen R. Goodwin, Cris Shuldiner, Randal Cohen, Pat McCormack, Jeremy Brown, Edward Dooley, George Flynn

- Proxies
  - Christine Ivey to Edward Dooley
  - Tim Roberge to Edward Dooley
- Transfers of Membership
  - None
- President's Report

We had a meeting with Bill Arnone at the Park Plaza and requested some changes in the contract they sent us. We are waiting for a response. The major changes we requested was a corkage waiver and a clarification of some language used in the contract regarding use of hotel security.

The executive board has decided to split the duties of the Hotel Liaison into two separate positions. The first, whose duties will be to negotiate hotel contracts, will report to the President of Arisia. The second, whose duties will be to manage the convention committees relationship with the convention hotel, will report directly to the Convention Chairman.

There are several reasons for this change. It has always been assumed by Arisia, Inc. that there were two distinct functions of the Hotel Liaison. The first reporting directly to the President and the second reporting to the Convention Chairman. Unfortunately, this has led to some confusion over who the Hotel Liaison reports to. Further, the job has grown to the point where the Hotel Liaison has three people on his team this year and still has not had time to investigate other hotel possibilities as the corporation directed should be done last year. It is our feeling that by splitting the position the Hotel Liaison will be able to focus on the convention hotel without worrying about spending time in discussions with other hotels which will more than likely not lead anywhere, but which will tend to give the corporation more options for the future.

As such, I am now looking for someone to fill the role of hotel contract negotiator for the 1998 convention. By the end of the Summer, I would like to have at least one possible alternative to the Park Plaza, or have determined that there simply is NO other hotel for Arisia and put the issue to rest. Let me state very clearly that this is NOT an indication that we are unhappy with the Park Plaza, nor that we intend to leave it. It is simply an attempt to open up our options for the future.

- Grant Committee

The Grant committee chair state that the grant committee has not had a meeting recently.

Also, A check to MITSFS will be cut once the clerk provides the VP Eboard with the amount requested.

- Treasurer's Report

The books have been simplified, but there still remains a black hole in the books history that will just never be cleaned up.

The treasurer also stated that as a minority member of the Eboard he was against the idea that the Eboard can grant itself the power to sign the hotel contract.

- Clerk's Report

Everyone is reminded to sign in.

Membership fees were set at \$8 before the meeting and \$6 following.

A Complimentary Mentor will be distributed to all non-members present.

I am preparing a anual report/directory to be distributed a few weeks prior to the annual meeting. If anyone wants to have anything included it must be in my hands by August 1, 1996. This directory will included updated copies of the polcy, bylaws, and Articles of Incorporation.

- Arisia 96.

Phi's report (below) was not received by the clerk until after the meeting. In Phi's absence Pat attempted to recall Phi's report from memory. What follows is the actual report.

As of today it is officially too late to submit expenses. If you have not submitted for your expenses for Arisia '96, thank you for your donation.

I now believe that I have all the comp memberships. If you have not turned in your timesheet by now, please take it up with the A97 convention committee. I have allocated a few extra comps which are at their disposal.

The A96 concom databases have been checkpointed and turned over to the A97 committee.

I expect to close the books for A96 as soon as I have dealt with the current accounts payable. I will have final numbers for the next corp meeting, but I do not expect these to be substantially different from what was printed in the last Mentor. We are looking at a total net of between \$8000 and \$8500 (positive).

I expect to introduce a motion dissolving the A96 convention committee at the next corporate meeting.

The Corporate Treasurer asked that Phi please distribute a copy of the books before closing.

- Arisia 97

We have had a budget committee meeting. After looking over Phi's figures, which he says are correct within about \$500, we decided that they were a good place to start. Only a few departments have asked for a budget different from last year's, so after some tweaking I hope to present a budget to the corporation next month. I am trying to schedule a concom meeting before the next corporate one to take a final run through the budget as a last opportunity for procrastinators.

I had a conversation recently with R.A. Salvatore. At the current time, because of family commitments he thinks he will only be available for Saturday. So, we're going to schedule all his events on that day.

- Arisia 97 Treasurer's Report

**Report read in Tim's Absence by the Clerk.**

On of Thursday, May 16, 1996, an account was established at Bank of Boston. Checks are now being processed. Charges will be processed when the E-Board determines whether or not we are changing merchant accounts. E-Board members are requested to complete the enclosed paperwork for return to the bank.

Due to circumstances beyond my control, I was unable to attend the May 7th meeting called by the Con-Chair to discuss the convention budget. Prior to that missed meeting, I was able to contact the division heads and get most of the initial figures, as well as explanations for most of them. The data should be ready for the next E-Board meeting.

As my e-mail account appears to either be on the fritz, or just plain overloaded, I request that all information, as well as reimbursement requests and payments, be sent to the following address:

ARISIA '97  
Treasury Division  
P.O. Box 3370  
Saxonville, MA, 01705

- Corporate Inventory Control

**Report read by the clerk in Tim's Absence.**

The first inventory session occurred at storage on Sat., 5/11/96 at 11AM. We were able to clean up the area and set up two additional shelving units.

The art show components were picked up at storage during the inventory session. A complete list is attached to this report.

We inspected the foodstuffs left over from the previous convention, consisting mostly of leftover soda, and decided that most of it would not survive to the next convention. It was decided by the executive board members present that it would be eliminated.

Thank you to all that showed up.

Cris Shuldener  
Walter Kahn  
Glen R. Goodwin  
Ed Dooley  
Ted Atwood  
'Zanne Labonville(spelling?)  
Bill Mickle  
Skip Morris

- Old Business

MOVED to allocate the Grant Fund enough money to bring it up to \$6000.

General discussion was held during which the motion was amended to read "MOVED to allocate to the Grant Fund enough money to bring it up to \$4000 after all current grants have been paid."

The revised motion PASSED unanimously.

MOVED to lower the at-the-door rates for Arisia 97 from \$40.00 to \$35.00.

The President asked Arisia 97 to speak on the motion before opening up for general discussion. The motion was amended to read "MOVED to lower the at-the-door rates by \$5.00 for students who present a valid/current student ID."

The revised motion PASSED

- **New Business**

MOVED to rescind the Eboards right to sign the hotel contract. Motion PASSED.

MOVED to grant the Eboard the right to approve the hotel contract.

Much discussion was held upon this subject which finally resulted in the motion being ammended to read:  
*"Because the process by which the hotel contracts are basically misunderstood, that until such a time as a policy is clearly delineated, it is MOVED to grant the Eboard the authority to approve the hotel contract for Arisia 97 provided that it does not undergo any major changes."*

Ammended motion PASSED  
 unanmously.

MOVED to allocate \$1000 for the purchase of a laptop computer for the clerk's usage.

General discussion was held during which the clerk stopped taking notes in protest. The motion was ammended to read *"MOVED that the treasurer be charged with the purchases of a laptop computer and that before said equiptment was given out to any individual within the corporation, that said individual would agree to be responsible personally and financially for the equiptment's safe return."*

Motion FAILED.

August meeting was set for Wednesday, August 14, 1996 at 7:30 pm. Place TBA.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:34 pm.

## **Arisia 97 Conchair Nomination**

Arisia at this time of year must soon start to think about a question that plagues the membership all year round- who will run for Con chair? The May issue of Mentor is usually the forum for this announcement to the membership. I feel that as a new member to this organization, that I am bold in making this bid for Conchair. While I am a new member, not yet paid my "dues" to the convention feel that I have worked with some of you for a

long time and have gotten to know you very well. The resume that is summated to the mentor remind people of my experience and show the organization what I have to offer.

I have not directly worked an Arisia Convention, bur have helped, on staff, in many pre-con activities. I have helped with both Events and Programming in the past. as well as logistics. While not being able to attend the Con has limited my participation in the past. I hope that this will change for the better in the future.

I know that the most important thing for a Con chair to be is both personable and efficient. I seemed to get along with most of you at the meeting I attended, but I know that there will be a few that can not an will not impose myself upon you. That is the personable part. I will also listen to any suggestion carefully and weigh each on carefully. I fully realize that this convention is put on for other and is not an ego boost for me. Any input is welcome, not matter what the source.

It might be called efficient or some would presume that it is hubris. but being efficient means to me to have full staff ready to roll before the end of the year. Past Cons have suffered from the fact that positions have not gone filled for a long time, causing missed opportunities. By having my staff in place early, a contract could be signed before the end of the next convention, so that when a hotel is announced, it will be a guaranteed time and place.

The following have agreed to take the stated positions on my Concom, should the membership vote me in as conchair for 1998.

Smaug "Devil Kitty" Ivey	Hotel Liaison
Midnite Ivey	Membership Services
Merlyn Dooley	Treasurer
PhD Robergie	Programing and Events
Sasha Jordon	Operations
Xerse, Sand, Gobi & Duchess Martin	Masquerade

I have not contacted those that I am thinking of having as my guests, but these were who I was thinking of, to get a rough idea of what direction I am going in.

Godzilla	Guest of Honour
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Koko the Gorilla

Artisit of Honour

Jingle Cats

Honoured Filkers

I have not thought of a theme yet for my convention, but am open to sugestions.

Respectfully

Kim Ivey

## Announcements

**PAY ATTENTION!** The Clerk would like to formally remind all members that **AS PER CORPORATE POLICY: all reports, announcements, and items for submission must be submitted in writing. In such cases where this is not possible the clerk shall do his best to record said submission.** Electronic copies are prefered but not required. Reports can be emailed to the clerk (who is very computer literate) if desired.

## Calendar of Event

Wednesday, June 19, 1996, 7:30 pm - **Corporate Meeting** - Umass Boston, 4th Floor, Wheatley Hall.

Weekend of Jul 5, 1996 - **Rebelcon** - Taunton, MA.

Sunday, July 21, 1996, 2:00 pm - **Corporate Meeting** - Umass Boston, 4th Floor, Wheatley Hall

Wednesday, August 14, 1994, 7:30 pm - **Corporate Meeting** - Location TBA.

Weekend of Septebmer 13, 1996 - **Kaleidoscope IV** - WGOH Christine Golden, AGOH Lew Hartman, FGOH Linda Neighbors, FKG OH Time Lines. Madison Heights, VA.

Weekend of October 11, 1996 - **Albacon '96** - WGOH Nancy Kress, AGOH Jill Bauman, FGOH Shirley Maiewski. Albany, NY.

Weekend of November 8, 1996 - **Notjustanothercon12** - GOH Allen Stelle. Amherst, MA.

Weekend of January 10, 1997 - **Arisia '97** - WGOH R.A. Salvatore, AGOH Bob Eggleton, FGOHs Brian Cooper, Tom Fish, Mary Robinson, Matt Saroff, Cris Shuldiner. Boston, MA.

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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**

Bili Mickle

Edward Dooley

**Corporate Sales Officer**

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**Corporate Inventory Control Officer**

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Selkirk, Paul

Shuldiner, Cris

Vandenberg, Pat

Ivey, Christine

Kahn, Walter

Labonville, Zanne

McCormack, Patrick

Morris, Skip (Red Shirt)

Preston, John

Robison, Mary

Rosenburg, Noel

Saroff, Matthew

Sheckman, Nicholas

Sprague, Michael

**Membership Roster**

Agassi, Aaron (Red Shirt)

Bazemore, Rob

Cohen, Randall

Corriveau, David

Ellis, Marshall

Farmer, Dale

Flynn, George

Haag, Halmer

Atwood, Ted

Brown, Jeremy

Cooper, Brian

Dooley, Ed

Fairbairn, Robert IV

Fish, Tom

Goodwin, Glen

Herda, Joel

**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	<b>June</b>	<b>\$06</b>
January	\$16	July	\$04
February	\$14	August	\$02

