



Mentor

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ELECTION REMINDER

The Executive Board of Arisia would like to invite all members to submit a self-nomination and campaign statement for the upcoming 1997-8 Executive board. Vacant positions include President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Clerk. Voting will take place during the annual meeting in September. All offices run for terms of one year.

Self-nominations should be made to the President with a copy of the nomination going to the clerk for publication.

FEES DUE - FEES DUE - FEES DUE!!!

A reminder that prior to the elections during the annual meeting all membership renewals are due. Watch this space for a simple, easy to complete membership form, coming your way soon.

Yearly renewal cost \$24.00 and should be payable to Arisia, inc.

Minutes from the June Meeting

Time: June 22, 1997 @ 2:30 pm

Location: MIT Cambridge, Building 66

In Attendance: Amy Chused, Ed Dooley, George Flynn, Glen R. Goodwin, Adam Gratun, Kyle Hollingsworth, Jeff Jordan, Pat McCormack, Elka Tovah Menkes, Diane Rosenburg, Paul Selkirk, Cris Shuldiner, Carsten Turner, Kimberly Van Auken

- Proxies:

Brendan Quinn to Glen R. Goodwin
Noel Rosenberg to Carsten Turner

Kevin Fallon to Kim Van Auken
Ted Atwood to George Flynn

- President's Report:

[The President, in interest of delaying questions and maintaining some semblance of order skipped from the Proxies to the President's report vowing to return to Corrections once the President's Report was complete.]

The President gave out the current copy of the Westin Hotel contract.

MOVED to retify all of the decision of the Arisia Corporate Meeting held on May 18, 1997 as printed in Mentor. MOTION PASSED. However, it was requested that the current minutes should reflect that Randall Cohen, Arisia 98 Chair, felt that the May 18 meeting was illegal.

- Corrections to the April Minutes:

Randall Cohen, Arisia 98 Chair, was reprimanded to "Watch" his temper, not "Restrain" as stated in Issue #72 of Mentor.

- Clerk's Report:

Everyone was reminded to sign in. Fees were set for \$6 before the June Meeting and **\$4 after the meeting.** Any non-members present were provided with a free copy of Mentor.

- Arisia Housing Committee

Was disbanded by Apathy.

- Arisia 97 Conchair:

The books are waiting for the Treasurer so that they can be closed.

- Arisia 98 Treasurer:

There was no report because both the Arisia 98 Conchair and the Arisia 97 Treasurer have failed to provide information as requested by the Arisia 98 Conchair.

- Arisia 98 Conchair:

No report, waiting for the Arisia 97 Treasurer to provide information.

The Arisia 98 Conchair was then requested to state who his current staff was. The following list was informally given:

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| Sales/Marketing: | Elka Tovah Menkes |
| Hotel Liason: | Kim Van Auken |
| Treasurer: | Pat McCormack |
| Dealer's Liason: | Amy Chused |
| Art Show: | Tim Roberge |
| Reg/Pre-Reg: | Paul Selkirk |

The Arisia 98 Conchair was requested to schedule and hold a ConCom meeting "Very Soon." [A Time and Location for this meeting has been set and can be found in the Calendar of Events section of this Mentor.]

MOVED that the President contact the Park Plaza one last time in hope of getting and pursuing a possible contract from them. MOTION PASSES with abstentions.

MOVED that the corporation allow the President to sign the 1998 Hotel Contract that he deems appropriate once he has received reasonable consultation from the Eboard.

At the Request of Randal Cohen, Arisia 98 Conchair, the minutes will reflect that Randall restrained his temper and left the meeting.

MOTION (from above) PASSES.

- Old Business:

Long Range Planning Bylaw Amendments

[Amendments are published as they were amended during debate.]

Amendment #1:

Current bylaws:

- 3.1 At the Annual Meeting the Membership shall elect a president, vice-president, treasurer, and clerk. The officers so elected shall take office at the end of the Annual Meeting and serve until the next Annual Meeting and thereafter until their successors are elected.

Amend by substitution:

- 3.1 Election of Officers
- (a) At the annual meeting there shall be elections for all open posts.
- (b) Newly elected officers shall take office at the end of the Annual Meeting and shall serve until the next regularly scheduled election for their post and thereafter until their successors are elected.
- (c) On odd numbered years the president and the clerk shall be elected. On even numbered years the vice-president and treasurer shall be elected.
- (d) At the 1997 Annual Meeting all officer positions shall be up for election with the vice-president and clerk being elected for one year terms.

Amendment #1 FAILS.

Amendment #2 was DROPPED BY ACCLIMATION as its text was dependant upon the success of amendment #1. The text of Amendment #2 is provided below for consideration only.

Current Bylaws:

- 3.3 Only one person can hold any office at any given time. No person can hold more than one office at the same time. The person approved as convention chairperson for a specified convention may not run for an office until after that convention.

Amend by addition:

- 3.3 Only one person can hold any office at any given time. No person can hold more than one office at the same time. The person approved as convention chairperson for a specified convention may not run for an office

until after that convention, and if already an officer, then they must resign their office no later than 15 months prior to the convention they are to chair. If there is less than 15 months until that convention, then they must resign their office on the approval of their appointment as convention chairperson.

Ammendment #3

Current bylaws:

- 6.2 The chairperson of each Arisia Convention is appointed by the Executive Board with the approval of the Membership. All other members of the Convention Committee, with the exception of the assistant conchair and the convention treasurer, are appointed by the chairperson. The term of office of each Convention Committee continues until it has wound up the business of its convention, unless sooner terminated by the Membership. The Executive Board shall complete any unfinished business remaining upon such termination.

Amend by substitution:

- 6.2 Convention Chairperson:
- (a) The chairperson of each Arisia Convention is appointed by the Executive Board with the approval of the Membership. All other members of the Convention Committee, with the exception of the assistant conchair and the convention treasurer, are appointed by the chairperson. The term of office of each Convention Committee continues until it has wound up the business of its ~~convention, unless sooner~~ terminated by the Membership. The Executive Board shall complete any unfinished business remaining upon such termination.
- (b) A motion to remove the convention chairperson must be brought up at a meeting and shall, after discussion, be tabled until a subsequent meeting, such meeting to take place no later than 45 days

after the motion is made. Voting shall be by secret ballot with a majority vote being sufficient for the motion to pass. The proxy rules as stated in section 1.4 shall hold for this vote.

- (c) to allow the Eboard to suspend the convention chair. Suspension shall limit all authority of the convention chair to act without removing the convention chair from thier role.

Ammendment #3 PASSES

Ammendment #4

Current bylaws:

- 5.1 Except where otherwise provided, the president appoints committee members and chairpersons, subject to approval by the Membership. Committee chairpersons may be removed by the Executive Board. Committee members may be removed by the Executive Board on recommendation of the committee chairperson.

Amend by addition:

- 5.1 Except where otherwise provided, the president appoints committee members and chairpersons, subject to approval by the Membership. Except where otherwise provided, committee chairpersons may be removed by the Executive Board. Except where otherwise provided, committee members may be removed by the Executive Board on recommendation of the committee chairperson.

Ammendment #4 PASSES. Jeff Jordan wished it be noted that he felt the motion added "unnecessary verbage" to the bylaws.

Ammendment #5

Current Bylaws:

- 5.3 Additional committees or other appointive positions may be created and their functions defined by the Membership. No committee or appointive official has authority to make expenditures unless such authority for a specific amount is given by the Membership.

Amend by addition:

- 5.3 Additional committees or other appointive positions may be created and their functions defined by the Membership or the Executive Board. No committee or appointive official has authority to make expenditures unless such authority for a specific amount is given by the Membership.

Ammendment #5 FAILS

Ammendment #6

Current Bylaws:

Section 1.3:

- (b) A Red Shirt member who, as a member, has attended at least half of the regular meetings held during a twelve-month period shall automatically be transferred to General. This subsection does not apply to a person who has been transferred from General to Red Shirt membership pursuant to Section 1.4 for the duration of such transfer as specified by the Membership. The clerk shall announce the requirements for transfer from Red Shirt to General membership, as set forth in this subsection, at the start of each meeting.

Amend by addition:

- (b) A Red Shirt member who, as a member, has attended at least half of the regular corporate meetings held during a twelve-month period shall automatically be transferred to General...

Ammendment #6 PASSES

Ammendment #7

Current Bylaws:

Section 1.3:

- (c) A Red Shirt member also may be transferred to General membership at any meeting by vote of the Membership. Any such transfer must be proposed at the meeting prior to the one at which it is to be voted on. Each such proposed transfer must be voted on

separately and by secret ballot.

Amend by addition:

- (c) A Red Shirt member also may be transferred to General membership at any meeting by vote of the Membership. Any such transfer must be proposed at the meeting prior to the one at which it is to be voted on. Each such proposed transfer must be proposed and voted on separately and by secret ballot. The reason for the transfer must be stated at the time it is proposed.

Ammendment #7 PASSES

Ammendment #8

Current bylaws:

Section 1.4:

- (d) Any person who is suspended or expelled from membership is entitled to a pro rata refund of dues.

Amendment by addition:

- (d) Any person who is suspended, except under the provisions of section 1.4.e, or expelled from membership is entitled to a pro rata refund of dues.
- (e) Any General member who misses, in person, four regular corporate meetings in a row will have their right to vote suspended. The right to vote shall be immediately reinstated upon attendance in person at a corporate meeting.

Ammendment #8 FAILS

July Meeting Date: The President noted that the July Meeting Date and time will be set by the end of the week. [The Date and Location have been set and can be found listed in the Calendar of Events section of this Mentor.]

• New Business:

MOVED to direct the Arisia 1998 ConChair to provide a list of the people he has appointed to his convention committee, and to which positions he has appointed them, as well as a list of which positions are still open, to the Clerk by July 1, 1997, for

publication in the next Mentor.

MOVED TO AMMEND that the Clerk must send a copy of said Mentor to all Concom staff. AMMENDMENT PASSES.

Original motion PASSES.

[It is here noted that the Clerk did not receive a copy of the Arisia 1998 Staf List as directed by the above motion by the deadline given, nor by the 6th of July when this Mentor went to press.]

MOVED to direct the Arisia 98 Conchair that during the next Corporate meeting he present his space allocation thoughts and plans for the Westin. MOTION PASSES.

MOVED to reprimand the President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Clerk for allowing an illegal meeting to take place. [At the Request of Randall Cohen, Arisia 98 Conchair, the author of this motion is noted to be Randal Cohen, Arisia 98 Conchair.]

A MOTION TO OVER-RULE THE CHAIR was submitted. MOTION FAILED.

Original motion was WITHDRAWN by the author of the motion.

MOVED to send a survey to the Arisia 97 attendees concerning Arisia's current direction. Skip submitted a sample survey for publication. This is not, specifically, the survey that will be used. MOTION WAS TABLED pending publication. [See attached survey.]

August Meeting was set for Tuesday, August 19, 1997, at 7:00 pm. The Meeting will be held at the Umass Boston Campus, 4th Floor, ~~Wheatly~~ Hall.

Pat McCormack introduced two new bylaw ammendments. Both Ammendments were TABLED pending publication. Unfortunately, the Clerk does not have an electronic copy handy, the printed copy was too light to scan or photocopy, and the clerk just simply did not have the time to type in all four LONG pages of Pat's text. Thus, publication has been postponed. Sorry.

- Annouements:

[Although no announcement to this effect was made the Clerk felt it necessary, in light of various allegations, to make one on behalf of the Arisia 98 Conchair.]

Arisia 98 is looking for Staff people.

Many positions are still vacant and Randall Cohen, Arisia 98 Conchair is looking for your help!

Meeting Adjourned at 5:50 pm.

Arisia 99 Chair Selection Committee

The following individuals have been appointed to a special committee to select the Conchair for Arisia 1999. They are:

Kim Van Auken (chair)
Joel Herda
Marshall Ellis
Brendan Quinn
Ed Dooley

Arisia 1999 Conchair Campaign Statement from the Triumverate

In divergence from standard practice of electing just one person to Convention Chairman, we offer three. Together the three gentlemen have over forty years of convention experience. At least two of the three have worked at a staff level or higher for every Arisia since its conception.

Scott Cobb, Kyle Hollingsworth and Tim Mooney have worked together for over a decade and in that time have been accused more than once of being telepathic. Their teamwork and cooperation has and will bring a more balanced and reasonable view point to the Convention. Responsible for creating "The Security Protocols" - procedures that revitalized an inbred and stagnant department, and in two years greatly increased the volunteer base. Bringing professionalism and respect to a group usually described as "Con Nazi's."

We wish to reach out to the fans as a base to draw staff from, to make them feel more like it is their convention. We have strayed from the idea that the convention is for the fans. It is a return to the "Team Arisia" spirit of old that we strive for. A style

whereby gophers at their first convention feel as important as the Convention chairman himself ...Because They Are.

We thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Scott Cobb, Kyle Hollingsworth, Timothy. Mooney

For a full version of this text, check out the Tangent BBS or Email Triumverate@vader.com

[Text was not edited by the Clerk, but the version submitted here was submitted by the Triumverate in order to save space]

Calendar of Events

Thursday, July 17, 1997 at 7:00 pm - **Arisia 1998 Convention Committee Meeting** - Howard Johnson's in Burlington, located across from the Burlington Mall next to the Burlington 10 (movie theatre). From Route 95/Burlington area, Exit 32B. Turn right at end of ramp. Hotel on left-hand side.

Sunday, July 27, 1997, at 2:00 pm - **Arisia Corporate Meeting** - MIT Cambridge, Building 66.

Tuesday, August 19, 1997, at 7:00 pm - **Arisia Corporate Meeting** - Umass Boston Campus, 4th Floor, Wheatly Hall.

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Committee Members & Corporate Appointed Officers

Budget Committee: Marshall Ellis, Chair

Long Range Planning: Ed Dooley, Chair
Brendan Quinn
Cris Shuldiner
Christine Carpenito
Tim Roberge
Michael Sprague
Walter Kahn
Bill Mickle

Awards Committee: *vacant*

Grant Committee: Joel Herda, Chair

Corporate Sales Officer
Marshall Ellis

Corporate Inventory Control Officer
Ken Elwell

Corporate Systems Administrator
vacant

Arisia Audit Fund: Ben Levy

Membership Roster

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| Agassi, Aaron (Red Shirt) | Atwood, Ted |
| Bazemore, Rob | Brown, Jeremy |
| Campanella, Scott | Cantor, Dave A. |
| Carpenito, Christine | Chinsen-Lee, Tsuilian |
| Chused, Amy | Cobb, Scott |
| Cohen, Randal | Cooper, Brian |
| Dooley, Ed | Ellis, Marshall |
| Elwell, Kenneth | Fallon, Kevin |
| Flynn, George | |
| Fish, Tom | Genest, Jeremiah |
| Goodman, Beth | Goodwin, Glen |
| Gratun, Adam | Haag, Hal |
| Herda, Joel | Hertel, Mark |
| Hollingsworth, Kyle | Ivey, Kim (Red Shirt) |
| Jordan, Jeff | Kahn, Walter |
| Kent, Allan | Labonville, Zanne |
| Levy, Benjamin | McCormack, Patrick |
| Menkes, Elka Tovah | Mickle, William |
| Morris, Skip | Orlandella, Antony |
| Preston, John | Quinn, Brendan |
| Roberge, Tim | Robison, Mary |
| Rosenberg, Noel | Rosenburg, Diane |
| Salemi, Carolyn | Saroff, Matthew |
| Selkirk, Paul | Shuldiner, Cris |
| Smith, Jeanie | Sprague, Michael |
| Turner, Carsten | Van Auken, Kimberley |
| 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.

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| September | \$24 | March | \$12 |
| October | \$22 | April | \$10 |
| November | \$20 | May | \$08 |
| December | \$18 | June | \$06 |
| January | \$16 | July | \$04 |
| February | \$14 | August | \$02 |

SAMPLE SURVEY

Dear Arisia Member,

We need your help. In the last several years Arisia has grown to the point where it's now time to make decisions as to what we want Arisia to look like in the future.

Increasingly it has started to become difficult for us to find a hotel that will provide us with the services we need at a price we want to pay. One result of our emphasis on trying to obtain rock-bottom pricing for hotel rooms is that hotels skimp on other areas. (ie, Witness the lack of restaurants at the most recent Arisia, or all the problems dealing with arrangements for Dealer's Row.) Additionally, many hotels aren't interested in hosting a Science Fiction convention.

This problem is exacerbated by the fact that Arisia is now so large that it will only fit in a few hotels in the greater Boston area.

What we would like for you is for you to tell us YOUR opinions, YOUR ideas, and what things YOU find important in Arisia. This is YOUR con, and what YOU think about it is important to us.

Please fill out the below survey and send it back to us within the next few days. We must choose a location for next year's con by March.

ARISIA SURVEY - Part 1, Please answer the below questions as to how important the below features/ideas of Arisia are to you. Answer each question with a number from 1 to 5, where 1 means (not important to me, I don't like this, I strongly disagree with this); a 3 means (I don't care about this); and a 5 means (very important to me, I like this a lot, I strongly agree with this).

- 1. Arisia should be a large diverse Science Fiction con. X
- 2. Arisia should limit activities to those central to the con. X
- 3. Arisia should limit attendance. X
- 4. Arisia should all be within a single hotel. X
- 5. Arisia activities should be in the same building as sleeping rooms. X
- 6. Arisia should keep the lowest possible room rates. X
- 7. Arisia should be EASILY accessable to the T. X
- 8. Arisia should be accessable to a major airport. X
- 9. Arisia should be accessable to the Amtrak. X
- 10. Arisia should be in downtown Boston. X
- 11. Arisia should be within the route 128 area. X

OR provide?

ARISIA Survey - Part II. Below are possible senareos for what the future direction of Arisia could be. Please rate each senareo from 1 to 5 as to how much you dislike (1) to like (5) each possibility.

- A. Arisia stays in the Park Plaza. Room rates go up \$10-\$20. We limit attendance and turn away people to prevent overcrowding. Most everything else stays the same. _____

- B. Same as above option, but room rates go up \$20-\$30/night. X
- C. Arisia stays in the Park Plaza. Room rates go up. We allow the convention to continue to grow and hold main activities (ie, Masquerade, All night ballroom party, etc, in the castle across the street). Nearby hotels are used for room overflow. X
- D. Arisia moves to a larger hotel in Boston (ie, Marriott, Sheraton, Weston) and stays all in one building. We allow the convention to continue to grow. Room rates go up \$20-30. X
- E. Same as above option, but room rates go up \$30-40/night. X
- F. Arisia moves to a suburban hotel west of Boston (Waltham Weston/Vista). Room rates go down \$20-40/night. We severely limit attendance and activities to fit in a single hotel. (ie, turn away one-out-of-three people who attended the last Arisia.) The con is still "T" accessible by bus. X
- G. Arisia moves to a "set" of suburban hotels west of Boston (Weston/Vista along 128 and several nearby hotels within 1 mile of each other). Activities are separated among the different hotels with a shuttle bus service used to get from one hotel to another. Room rates go down \$20-40/night. The con size is limited to current attendance. X
- H. Same as above option, but in Cambridge (Royal Sonesta, Hayatt, ...). The maximum distance between hotels is 3 miles. Room rates go down \$10-30 per night. X
- I. Arisia moves to a primary suburban hotel outside 128. (ie, Framingham Sheraton, Danvers Radisson). The con is NOT T accessible. Attendance is frozen at current levels. Room rates go down \$20-40/night. Activities are located mostly in one single hotel, but attendees stay in several nearby hotels. A car would be needed to do anything nearby (shopping, eating). X
- J. Arisia moves to a primary hotel downtown Worcester. The con is NOT easily accessible to the T??? Activities are located all in one single hotel, but attendees stay in in several nearby hotels. Shopping and restaurants would be locally accessible. Room rates might go down slightly. The con is allowed to grow slightly and noone would be turned away. A medium sized airport with major airlines is located nearby. X
- K. Arisia moves to Springfield (Sheraton/Marriott). The con is held in two main hotels across the street from one another. The con is allowed to continue to grow. Shopping/restaurants are locally accessible. The con is NOT easily accessible to public transportation???. Room rates stay about the same. A major airport is a 20 minute cab ride away. X
- L. The con is held in a convention center during the day and evening. At night attendees drift off to individual hotels when there would be no nighttime parties, video, etc. X

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