



# Mentor

*The Newsletter of Arisia, Incorporated—Number 202—NOVEMBER 2012*

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## Notices

The next meeting of Arisia, Inc will be held on Sunday, November 18 at 2pm at MIT building 66. The quorum for the November meeting is 12 based on 51% of the average attendance of the last three meetings (26, 29, 14).

## September 2012 Meeting Minutes

**Date, Time, and Place:** Meeting called to order by Rick Kovalcik at 2:17pm on September 23 at MIT building 66.

**Present (29 members):** Dale Curley, Kenneth Davis (new member), Samantha Dings, Mary Dumas, Donald Eastlake, Jaime Garmendia, Lisa Hertel, Crystal Huff, Steve Huff, Fred Isaacs (new member), Ray Isaacs (new member), Suli Isaacs (new member), Rachel Kadel-Garcia, Rick Kovalcik, Ben Levy, Ken London, Alan McAvinney, Glenn MacWilliams, Tom Murphy, James Pinkerton, Noel Rosenberg, Sharon Sbarsky, Nicholas Sheckman, Rachel Silber, Kris Snyder, Mike Sprague, LuAnn Vitalis (new member), Tanya Washburn, and Sandry Wilkie.

**Proxies:** Andrea Carney to Steve Huff, Lisa Holsberg to James Pinkerton, Terry Holt to Nicholas Sheckman, Zanne Labonville to Donald Eastlake III, Alex Latzko to Donald Eastlake III, Carol London to Ken London, Skip Morris to Tom Murphy, Lia Olsborg to Rick Kovalcik, Karen Purcell to Sharon Sbarsky, Danielle Reese to Ben Levy, Kim Riek to Rachel Silber, Julia Suggs to Crystal Huff, Pete Thomas to Tom Murphy, Persis Thorndike to Rick Kovalcik, and Conor Walsh to Rachel Silber.

**Corrections to the minutes:** none.

**Eboard report (Rick Kovalcik):** The eboard has gotten some input from people interested in the Smofcon scholarship. The deadline is September 30 for people to make their requests. The eboard has not yet received requests for training money. The eboard approved the purchase for \$300 of a PHP integrated development environment for Zambia.

**President (Rick Kovalcik):** I have appointed Carsten Turner to run the Student Art Contest for 2013.

**Vice President (Crystal Huff):** I functioned in my ambassadorial role at Worldcon, a lot. It was a little overwhelming, but productive.

**Treasurer (Ben Levy):** We have money. We have not yet been paid by A12 for rent and such. Without that we would run out of unallocated money by the end of the year.

**Clerk:** no report.

**A13 (Rachel Silber):** Lots of things are going on for A13. We had a concomm meeting on September 9 with 60 people in attendance. Lots of good work got done. Hotel is opening for reservations on September 27. Art Show reservations are opening momentarily. This is much earlier than last year. Program participants are signing up for panels. Masquerade info is ready to get put on the web site and online registration will be happening this year. A progress report will be emailed out tomorrow. Every division is moving along. We still have some staffing challenges but we are on or close to schedule across the con. Thanks to everyone who has been working really hard. If you spend money, please send an expense form in sooner rather than later; it helps us stay on top of things.

**A14 (Lisa Hertel):** We have guests. My Writer Guest is Tanya Huff, my Artist Guest is Lubov, and my Fan Guest is James Nicoll, a critic, usenet gadfly, and former game emporium owner, a man of wide ranging knowledge, talents, and survival skills.

**CIC (Rick Kovalcik):** The radios were fedexed to Intervention in Maryland and should be coming back in the next couple of weeks. The stuff returned from Worldcon, with assistance from Lia, phi, Merv, Skip, and Tim Szczesuil, we got the stuff back from YRC and got it back to Arisia and NESFA. There is still some sorting to be done. There was some damage; Merv sent a detailed report. Some minor stuff went missing. We sent 298 pieces of peg and not all came back; some was damaged. We need to buy about 50 pieces of peg. Some ratchet straps were damaged. Put straps on the tops of pallets and not the sides. Straps have all been replaced by Chicon. Two light bulbs need to be replaced. Some extra extension cords and pegboard hooks are being considered donations. Some stuff needs to go back to NESFA. One of the pipe carts was damaged. It will need a new wheel and probably some welding. A bunch of stuff in transit from Chicago to Texas is sitting in Arisia storage because it's actually the cheapest way to get it there. Some other small stuff got donated to us from Chicago as well.

**Grants (Crystal Huff):** We have received a request from Robin Brenner at the Brookline Public Library to bolster their teen oriented SF collection. The Grant Committee has not finished discussing this and we will transition it to the new grant committee. The Grant Committee is requested to include the grant history for this recipient when they make a recommendation.

**Honors:** No report.

**Hotel Search (Kris Snyder):** We have been working on our 2014-15 contract. We were hoping to have it signed by the end of the month but it looks like it might get pushed back a little.

I am pretty confident we will have a signed contract by the middle of October.

**IT (Noel Rosenberg):** We are considering enabling a content delivery service that Dreamhost provides with our account.

**LRP:** No report.

**Relaxacon (Rick Kovalcik):** I talked to Abby Noyce and she is still interested. If you're interested in helping out, it would be the first weekend in June at the same place as last year.

**Student Art Contest:** Carsten has now been appointed to run this.

**A12 Treasury (Alan McAvinney):** I'm sorry that I have been so far behind. I have entered all the paper receipts and will be putting those where people can see them within this week. I will also get working on the things where people did not give me an actual expense report.

**A13 Treasury (Rachel Kadel-Garcia):** The account has a little over \$7000 in it. We need to get the year-aheads transferred over, which is another \$12,000. We should be good for the next few expenses.

**Old business:** Mary reminds us that we have an outstanding authorization to purchase equipment for Anime and Video. The new eboard will talk to Peter O about getting this done.

#### **Elections:**

*For President: Rick Kovalcik 31, Tom Murphy 5, abstentions 1* (note that this adds up to one fewer ballot than was distributed)

*For Vice President: Conor Walsh 28, Noel Rosenberg 11* (one voting member arrived just in time for this vote)

Mary Dumas nominates Noel Rosenberg for Treasurer, but he declines.

*For Treasurer: Ben Levy 34, no confidence 3, abstentions 2.*

*For Clerk: Nicholas Shectman is elected by acclamation (with three abstentions).*

If you are interested in serving on a committee, please send Rick email, even if you also speak with him in person. Rick describes the responsibilities of each of the committees.

#### **New Business:**

At least 4 of the Art Show totes are damaged due to no fault of Chicon 7. Rick authorizes Merv to spend up to \$80 on new totes.

The October corporate meeting is Thursday October 18 at 7:30 pm with no location set. *The location of the October meeting is set by acclamation to Rick Kovalcik's house.*

The November meeting is Sunday, Nov. 18 at 2pm at MIT.

*MSP (chorus) to set the December corporate meeting to Sunday December 9 at 2pm, location TBD.*

*MSP (Murphy, Dumas) 18-11 to assign to Long Range Planning the consideration of Arisia buying either a tractor-trailer's trailer or a box truck.*

*MSPU (Shectman, Rosenberg) to set the default date for Corporate meetings to the third Sunday of the month, at 2pm, at MIT building 66.*

#### **Announcements:**

There will be a concom meeting on October 2 7:30pm at NESFA. We plan to end promptly at 9:30. Someone will be there by 7:00 if people want to have one-on-one discussions beforehand.

Teresa Dick, Philip K Dick's widow, is in danger of losing her house to property taxes in California. She is selling things on ebay as busby777 and accepting Paypal donations. For more details see Rick.

If you would like to be on the grants committee please contact Conor. If a committee has a head, Rick is reticent to appoint people to the committee who the head does not feel would contribute.

The (free) Massachusetts Independent Comics Expo is on Saturday, September 29, sponsored by Lesley University and the Boston Comics Roundtable. BCR is a great sister group and we should help them out. Relatedly there is an art opening tonight at Lesley.

October 27 is the Boston Book Festival, also free.

Boston Festival of Independent Gaming is happening today until 10pm in the Stata Center.

*Meeting adjourned at 3:59 pm.*

## **October 2012 Meeting Minutes**

**Date, time and place:** Meeting called to order at 8:00 on October 18 by Rick Kovalcik at his home. This meeting did not reach quorum.

**Present (14 members):** Rick Kovalcik, Lisa Hertel, Terry Holt (late), Ben Levy, Ken London, Dale Meyer-Curley, Skip Morris, Tom Murphy, Lia Olsborg, Danielle Reese, Rachel Silber, Kris Snyder, Persis Thorndike, and Conor Walsh.

**Proxies:** Alex Latzko to Lia Olsborg, Kim Riek to Rachel Silber, Jaime Garmendia to Rachel Silber, Carol London to Ken London, James Pinkerton to Ben Levy, Rachel Kadel-Garcia to Conor Walsh, Mike Sprague to Kris Snyder, Dr. Karen Purcell to Ben Levy, Noel Rosenberg to Conor Walsh, Crystal Huff to Danielle Reese, Alan McAvinney to Kris Snyder. Two proxies could not be held.

**Corrections to the minutes:** None, but the November meeting may wish to make some when they have quorum.

**EBoard (Kovalcik):** The EBoard voted in favor of funding Skip's request for \$200 for an InDesign class out of the training fund. Bill Todd applied for a \$250 Smofcon scholarship, Eboard approved it. No other applicants, EBoard encourages interested parties to email. Voted to approve Janet Stickle's request for pipe-and-drape for use at Andover Montessori School on Friday 25 October. We are currently unwilling to lend Philcon our credit card boxes, but they can use Lunacon's / Skip's. Eboard voted to allocate \$1750-\$2000 from Capital Equipment Fund for a new sound system for Anime / Video, directed by Dan Noe and Peter Olszowka. The EBoard suggests a committee for dealing with storage issues, since we

find ourselves thinking about it precisely when we can't do anything about it, and the Chair will entertain motions to that effect during New Business.

**President (Kovalcik):** I am not ready to appoint new committees yet.

**Vice President (Walsh):** I'm very excited about starting a Student Writing Contest for Arisia, similar to the Student Art Contest. There will be a motion to this effect in New Business. Many Arisians, Corporate and otherwise, have mentioned to me that they wish we were all more friendly to each other in meetings. I'll do what I can to encourage this, but it starts with you.

**Treasurer (Levy):** We have money. A12 paid their annual "rent" to the Corporation.

**Clerk:** No report.

**A12:** No report.

**A13 (Silber):** It's 90 days 'til Con. There are two motions sent to the list, one about the cap, one about rewording the cap policies. There is a new website with new navigation, Registration has moved to the next rate, hotel reservations opened and were filled, programming is doing panel assignments, events is working on room assignments. Many people are assembling many pieces, we are doing reasonably well on staffing. There are gaps, but nothing that I'm panicking about. We plan to bring a budget amendment.

**A13 Treasury (Silber):** There will be a new expense form.

**A14 (Hertel):** Not much has happened yet. I may retain Rachel KG as Treasurer if she doesn't melt from A13. Some planning has occurred, most is on hold until after A13.

**CIC (Kovalcik):** We're working on getting Chicon damage repaired. Merv has been painting, things need to be purchased. Some pipes have been purchased and cut. Moving back from A12, or possibly moving upstairs, the plastic shelves were thrown out. We will reimburse Skip for his shelves. If we need more in the future, we will borrow them from NESFA or purchase new ones. Shelves should be strapped or taped in both directions in the future, or boxes should be reinforced with duct tape.

**Grants Committee (Walsh):** There will be a Grants Committee.

**Honors (Kovalcik):** Jasra had her gall bladder removed and is recovering in the hospital. Send her good wishes.

**Hotel (Snyder):** No report.

**Relaxacon (Kovalcik):** We need to confirm with Abby.

**Student Art:** No report.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:**

*MS (Walsh, chorus) that Arisia allocate \$1000 for prizes and mailings for a student writing contest.* Conor has volunteers: Nuance Bryant, Amanda Salem and Kat Dutton (teacher). Conor reads off his thoughts on requirements, which are subject to change:

\* Entrants must be between 14 and 18 years of age, and enrolled in high school in New England (CT, MA, ME, NH, RI, VT). Winners will be required to prove age and enrollment.

\* Submissions must be 3,000 words or less, and in the field of Science Fiction/Fantasy.

\* Submissions must be emailed to studentwritingcontest@arisia.org by 20 December.

\* Submissions must be previously unpublished.

\* The judges panel reserves the right to ask an entrant to submit in a different file format.

\* From year to year, the Author Guest of Honor of that year's Arisia Convention may set a theme for the writing contest. The judges panel will look favorably on entries that use the theme.

\* There is no limit on the number of submissions from any single school or student, but each submission must stand as its own work.

Prizes:

\* First place: \$100 each to student and student's school

\* Second place: \$75 each to student and student's school

\* Third place: \$50 each to student and student's school

\* Honorable mentions will receive no prize money, but will be mentioned honorably.

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Discussion ensues. Persis points out the requirements block out home-schooled students; she suggests changing "and enrolled" to "or enrolled." Conor is amenable to this amendment. Skip says that we should model it like the student art contest: don't specify the prizes, except possibly first prize. Danielle asks why we are not including people out of New England; Conor says that we are supporting our region. (Balticon's is Maryland only). She also suggests Vivian Abraham. Conor will reach out to her, and adds that Walter Hunt (A09 WGoH) is on board. Ben asks about a minimum wordage; Amanda suggested 1500 to Conor and this may be implemented. Merv has reservations with the structure: he suggests we accept college students, and out-of-region students also, so our guidelines match the student art contest for a uniform public presentation. Conor is thinking it may be expanded for the future, but he needs limited parameters for this year. Mary (via email/Skype) worries about the upper age limit excluding graduating seniors; Conor says that by changing the "and" to "or" as Persis suggested, it addresses this. Skip says we've never had college art students, though we did have a Canadian in grade 13. Merv suggests 14-19, to cover other possibilities; Persis says there are people who turn 19 before Arisia. Conor clarifies that the age range is meant to be inclusive.

No vote is taken on the motion due to lack of quorum, but the amount is within the eboard spending limit, and Conor needs it now to get this off the ground ASAP for A13. RKOV asks for a non-binding show of hands, and everyone unanimously supports the contest and the eboard has guidance in the matter. The eboard will meet after the meeting (with Phi by phone).

*MS (Silber, many) to approve Rachel's motions from email:*

1) Move to set the registration cap for Arisia 2013 to 3450, with provision for increasing the cap as in corporate policies section IVa.

2) Move to replace Section IV(a) of Arisia policies, relevant to the registration cap, with the following text:

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Each convention will set a cap on the number of members on site at a single point in the convention, known as the "registration cap".

1) Registration shall keep records such that the registration cap can be calculated and the Convention Chair can be kept informed of the number

2) The calculation used to measure the registration cap is:

Total full weekend registrations (sold and comps) + one-day comps and paid one-day memberships for that day.

3) The Convention Chairman will be allowed to increase the registration cap by 200 memberships before convening the Executive Board of Arisia, Incorporated, in order to increase the limit further.

4) The Convention Chairman shall consult, if possible, with division heads and with the head of Security before raising the cap.

5) If no action is taken, the registration cap will default to the number established for the previous convention.

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Motion tabled due to lack of quorum.

#### Upcoming meetings:

Corporate meeting Sunday 2pm at MIT.

Sunday December 9 2pm, then Concom at 3.

Sunday January 6 is Concom, place TBD.

Sunday January 20 is Corporate during Arisia.

#### Announcements:

Kris says if you or someone you know is throwing a party or otherwise want a suite at A13, the party host deadline is passed, so do it NOW. Special requests for hotel, please get them in ASAP.

Point of Order: Danielle asks, can a new member without voting rights hold a proxy from a member with voting rights? Conor says he has researched this recently and the answer is yes.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:50pm.

## Detailed Treasurer's Reports

The negative number for "unallocated funds" is correct. A'12 hasn't yet reimbursed Arisia Corporate for the rent (about 90% of Arisia Corporate's budgeted income comes from the Convention). Once that money gets transferred, the unallocated funds will be non-negative.

July 31 <sup>st</sup>		Change vs last month
Even Year - A12	\$50,978.88	\$0.00
Odd Year - A13	\$1,974.90	-\$212.50
<b>Reserved</b>		
2+ years expenses	\$35,518.87	\$7.48
Grant Fund	\$1,550.00	\$0.00
Readercon CCs	\$3,913.61	\$0.00
Capital Equipment	\$4,245.04	\$0.00
Training Fund	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
Voted Expenses (excludes budget)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Unspent Budget	\$16,190.79	\$14,744.99
<b>Total Reserved</b>	<b>\$63,418.31</b>	<b>\$17,839.96</b>
<b>Unallocated</b>	<b>-\$2,838.65</b>	<b>-\$18,237.40</b>
<b>Total Corp Funds</b>	<b>\$60,579.66</b>	<b>-\$397.44</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$113,533.44</b>	<b>-\$609.94</b>

Aug. 31 <sup>st</sup>		Change vs last month
Even Year - A12	\$47,965.74	-\$3,013.14
Odd Year - A13	\$1,988.43	\$13.53
<b>Reserved</b>		
2+ years expenses	\$35,526.61	\$7.74
Grant Fund	\$1,550.00	\$0.00
Readercon CCs	\$3,913.61	\$0.00
Pi-Con CCs	\$1,726.02	\$1,726.02
Capital Equipment	\$4,245.04	\$0.00
Training Fund	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
Voted Expenses (excludes budget)	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Unspent Budget	\$14,290.79	-\$1,900.00
<b>Total Reserved</b>	<b>\$64,252.07</b>	<b>\$833.76</b>
<b>Unallocated</b>	<b>-\$4,247.44</b>	<b>-\$1,408.79</b>
<b>Total Corp Funds</b>	<b>\$60,004.63</b>	<b>-\$575.03</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$109,958.80</b>	<b>-\$3,574.64</b>

Sept. 30 <sup>th</sup>		Change vs last month
Even Year - A12	\$24,689.26	-\$23,276.48
Odd Year - A13	\$39,036.01	\$37,047.58
<b>Reserved</b>		
2+ years expenses	\$35,534.36	\$7.75
Grant Fund	\$1,550.00	\$0.00
Readercon CCs	\$3,913.61	\$0.00
Pi-Con CCs	\$0.00	-\$1,726.02
Capital Equipment	\$4,245.04	\$0.00
Training Fund	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
Voted Expenses (excludes budget)	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
Unspent Budget	\$13,390.79	-\$900.00
<b>Total Reserved</b>	<b>\$61,633.80</b>	<b>-\$2,618.27</b>
<b>Unallocated</b>	<b>\$9,207.05</b>	<b>\$13,454.49</b>
<b>Total Corp Funds</b>	<b>\$70,840.85</b>	<b>\$10,836.22</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$134,566.12</b>	<b>\$24,607.32</b>

## Membership List (as of 5/8/2011)

<i>Rob Bazemore</i>	Ray Isaacs	James Pinkerton
Melissa Beetham	Suli Isaacs	Karen Purcell
Bridget Boyle	Rachel Kadel-Garcia	Danielle Reese
Anna Bradley	Jeanne Kahn	Kim Riek
Andrea Carney	Walter Kahn	<i>Mary Robison</i>
<i>Brian Cooper</i>	Allan Kent	Noel Rosenberg
Dale Curley	Rick Kovalcik	Sharon Sbarsky
David D'Antonio	Kathryn Kun	Nicholas Sheckman
Kenneth Davis	Zanne Labonville	Cara Lee Shockley
Samantha Dings	Alex Latzko	<i>Cris Shuldiner</i>
Mary Dumas	Paul Letersky	Rachel Silber
Don Eastlake	Michael Leuchtenberg	Kristen Snyder
Jill Eastlake	Benjamin Levy	Mike Sprague
<i>Tom Fish</i>	Carol London	Janet Stickle
John Francini	Ken London	Julia Suggs
Jaime Garmendia	Glenn MacWilliams	Pete Thomas
Joel Herda	Alan McAvinney	Persis Thorndike
Brendan Hertel	Skip Morris	Pat Vandenberg
Lisa Hertel	Tom Murphy	LuAnn Vitalis
Lisa Holsberg	Pam Ochs	Al Walker
Crystal Huff	Lia Olsborg	Conor Walsh
Steve Huff	Peter Olszowka	Tanya Washburn
Fred Isaacs	Sheila Oranch	Alexandra Wilkie

## Mentor Subscription Information

Subscription to *Mentor of Arisia* is included with Corporate Membership to Arisia, Incorporated. Membership runs from September 1st to August 31st and costs \$24. Dues are pro-rated on a monthly basis for members joining during the year.

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

## Upcoming Events and Meetings

**Sunday, November 18** at 2pm: Corporate meeting at MIT building 66

**November 30-December 2:** Smofcon in Philadelphia, PA

**Sunday, December 9** at 2pm: Corporate meeting at MIT building 66. Concom meeting to follow at 3pm.

**Sunday, January 6, 2013** at 3pm: Concom meeting at MIT building 66

**January 18-21, 2013:** ARISIA at the Westin Waterfront

**Sunday, January 20, 2013:** Corporate meeting at the Westin Waterfront

**February 15-17, 2013:** Boskone at the Westin Waterfront

## Key List

If you do not have a key and need to get into storage, email keys@arisia.org and all keyholders will get your request.

Key	Holder	Key	Holder
1	Landlord	10	Rick Kovalcik
2	Noel Rosenberg	11	Crystal Huff
3	Skip Morris	12	MERV
4	Persis Thorndike	13	Rachel Silber
5	Dave Shevett	14	Lisa Hertel
6	Phi	15	Ben Levy
7	Dan Noe	16	Lia Olsborg
8	Michael Trachtenberg	17	Lisa Holsberg
9	Hobbit	18	Peter Olszowka

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