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Announcements:

The next Corporate Meeting will be on Sunday July 23rd at 2 PM at the Rick Kovalcik's home in Newton Centre. The annual Arisia Summer Cookout will follow. The quorum for this meeting is 10 based on 51% of the average of the last three meetings $((27+17+13)/3 * .51 = 9.69)$. We will NOT be voting on the Arisia 2018 Convention Budget at this meeting. We plan to vote on it at the August Meeting, 7:30 PM Tuesday 24 August, at the NESFA Clubhouse.

This Mentor includes the minutes from the June 2017 meeting. Thanks to Lisa Hertel for taking those minutes.

Minutes of the Arisia Meeting of 18 June 2017:

In attendance (13): Ken London, Abby Noyce, Jaime Garmendia, Kris Pelletier, Elliot Mitchell, Anna Bradley, Cody Lazri, Kris Nchanter Snyder, Ben Levy, Lisa Hertel, Kelly Fabijanic, Kevin Schendell, Tom Traina, and a baby (not a member, does not count for quorum).

Called to order 2:19pm, in the Faneuil Room, Westin Waterfront Hotel, Boston, MA by Kris Snyder

Proxies (16):

Terry Holt to Anna Bradley
Sharon Sbarsky to Anna Bradley
Diana Hsu to Kelly Fabijanic
Persis Thorndike to Kelly Fabijanic
Daniel Eareckson to Jaime Garmendia
Michael Sprague to Jaime Garmendia
Karen Purcell to Lisa Hertel, directed
~~Rick Katze to Michael Kerpan, Noel or Conor, directed~~ (none present, other named peoples are full up on proxies, so invalidated)
Jaelen Hartwin to Cody Lazri
Taylor Hartwin to Cody Lazri
David D'Antonio to Ben Levy, semi-directed
B. Diane Martin to Ben Levy
Carol London to Ken London
Rick Kovalcik to Abby Noyce, semi-directed
Ellie Younger to Abby Noyce
Dale Meyer-Curley to Kris Pelletier
Erik J. Meyer-Curley to Kris Pelletier

Corrections to the minutes: None.

Eboard (Nchanter): The Eboard renewed with the Corsair & Crossrip for Relaxacon 2018 (same rates) and signed the overflow Aloft contract (slight rate increase, some more rooms).

President (Nchanter): I signed a contract.

VP (Cody): I brought fidget toys to keep people awake.

Treasurer (Ben): The usual. We have money, if you have questions, ask me or see Mentor.

Clerk (Lisa for Rick): I'm just the temp, don't blame me, I don't know anything. Rick did not send a report.

At Large: No report (Abby).

A16 (Nchanter): No report.

A16 Treasurer: No report.

A17 (Anna): No report.

A17 Treasurer (Tom): As far as Tom is aware, he has a single outstanding reimbursement. Anna knows of two people who have not submitted for reimbursement. One more surprise pops up. Tom is encouraged to close the books, he thinks maybe a month.

A18 (Jaime): We had our first all-day DH meeting last weekend. He has a new guest, Shannon Waters, who runs the imprint Boom Box and co-creator of Comic Janes. We are moving and so are a little distracted. Our party at WisCon did really well, our fan GoH Mikki Kendall did a reading and packed the house. There is a program brainstorm at the Westin in 1 week. He has two new assistant DH: Beth Kay (Events) and Buzz Harris (GoH).

A18 Treasurer (Ellie Younger): We spent money on an all day div head meeting and the last of the charges came in for the WisCon party. We discussed a budget at the Div head meeting and will have something concrete to propose for the next corp meeting. Aside: Niagara Falls is pretty. I recommend it.

A19 (Daniel Eareckson): Daniel is excited to be starting to plan a convention! He is currently looking for artist and fan guest suggestions. If anyone comes to mind please email him at daniel@arisia.org with who and why. Thank you very much!

Budget (Ben): Last minute amendment: we got a bill from GoToMeeting, so add \$250 for remote meeting software (new expense line). New items include sales shirts, the Smofcon scholarship fund (one-time), and Dreamhost. There are questions and explanations about the Capital Equipment Fund, which is not a budget item; we approve items as needed, and currently has \$600 unallocated (\$1,500 total). Total income on the budget is \$22,510; total expenses (with GTM, above) is \$40,200. Note, however, that the Grant Fund is now a part of the budget. The current Grant Fund monies go into the general funds, and then the money gets reallocated. [Benjamin Levy added that the Grant Fund became part of the budget last year (2016/12017).] It is requested that future budgets include the set aside funds [such as Capital Equipment Fund] that are not part of the budget, to prevent confusion, as part of the budget report. Kris P notes the Student Art and Writing Contests been combined (saving money on mailing), and has added a college-aged student writing contest; these should be reflected in the budget. (Add \$1000 more money for prizes and mailers.) **Motion to amend: Kris P asks for \$3,300 for mailing** (one admin line item, add \$1,100), **and add \$1000 for student contest prizes for a college writing contest** (Nchanter seconds). The colleges do not get a matching prize. Abby is concerned about how much we are in the red; Ben says we have sufficient funds. Amendment **passes** unanimously. This makes expenses \$42,300 (\$19,790 in the red). Ben moves to **add \$250 for the Go to Meeting software; MSPU**. We now vote on the amended budget: **MSPU**. Ben thanks us.

CIC: We have a new space now.

Grants (Cody): Starting next month, they have \$5,000 in the fund. Please promote the Grant Fund.

Honors (Anna): No report.

Hotel Search: No report.

IT (Peter O): Here is my report to the corporation on the malware which infected the Virtual Machine on which Arisia runs Convention Master (CM). I was not directly involved in either the diagnosis or the resolutions of the problem. Arisia IT received an email from the host about unusual activity on the server. Ben Levy investigated and

collected some details. Dave Shevett diagnosed the problem as malware. I then asked Matt Barr, the CM sysadmin, to look into the issue. He corrected the problem and restored CM (I don't have any details on exactly what he did). He and Noel came to the conclusion the security problem was related to SAMBA, a program we run on that server to connect it to Windows machines to deal with badge printing. (SAMBA unexpectedly talks to the Internet.) Matt and Noel have plans to tighten the security around SAMBA, but I don't know if it's implemented, yet. In summary, the malware is no longer running; CM is up and running again with no loss of data; there are plans to close the security holes.

Matt Barr adds that CM was never down, and the only impact was system load, and did a full security update. SAMBA is off the machine, and IT will fix the interface, and will back up and patch regularly as needed. CM is now on version 9.2; Reg will learn and test it.

Logo: No report.

Long Range Planning: No report.

Kevin and Anna ask what the process is for changing the committee chair; they are referred to the bylaws. The Eboard can do it.

Relaxacon (Ellie Younger, Johnny Healey): We had a lot of fun organizing this and want to thank everyone who volunteered. We had 62 registrations with income \$1462.50 and spent \$999 on expenses, mostly food (\$463.50 net). This isn't a profit making endeavor, but it was important to us to stay in budget. It's our goal to document what we did on the staff wiki and we will update the corporation when that documentation has been done. The exec board approved staying in the same location for next year. If people want to propose venues for Relaxacon 2019, do so now. **Ben moves to thank the Relaxacon committee for their hard work; MSPU.**

Student Art/Writing (Kris P): We now have the budget to do a college writing contest! Thank you! We will be sending out letters in early September. We are looking for readers (Nov/Dec) and people to judge art; you do not have to be a writer or artist. Kelly notes that her kids' art teacher didn't know about it; Anna suggests making the letter available so people can give it to art teachers. Kevin suggests adding the school superintendents to the list as well (this is public information).

Welcoming Committee (Daniel Eareckson): Welcome anyone who is new or even newish! He is sorry he is not there in person today. The corporate website has a bunch of useful guides and info. If you have any questions feel free to email the welcome committee, which may not have a direct email, or daniel@arisia.org, and he'll try to answer any questions about how the upcoming meeting is confusing! For everyone not new, please consider giving a brief explanation of what, why and how you are saying, interjecting and moving what you do.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Abby notes that putting meetings on Mother's Day and Father's Day is a Bad Thing.

Future Meeting Dates: Sun July 23, 2pm, Chez Wood; picnic to follow. August 24, 7:30pm, NESFA. September 17, 4pm, Westin (room TBD; preceded by ConCom at 1pm).

Next week, in the Stone room, at 2pm-4pm, there will be a program brainstorm thing.

On July 2, 11am-4pm, there will be an Arisia Social Event at the Somerville Armory; there will be games and such.

Announcements: On July 28, there is a Nexus Elements Fantasy Gaming July Event; see nexuselements.com. Also, crawling babies are cute.

Adjourned 3:23pm

Treasurer's Report – June 2017:

May 31, 2017			Change vs last month
Odd Year - A17		\$31,402.62	-\$2,521.07
Even Year - A16		\$33,936.37	-\$50.00
Corporate			
Reserved/Unspent			
Two years expenses (CDs)	\$41,677.00		\$1.35
Grant Fund Available	\$4,020.09		-\$2,800.00
Grant Fund Allocated	\$0.00		\$0.00
Capital Equipment Unallocated	\$619.24		\$0.00
Capital Equipment Allocated	\$1,500.00		\$0.00
MCFI/CostumeCon	\$982.01		\$0.00
Training Fund	\$1,657.00		\$0.00
GOH Book	\$2,092.69		\$0.00
Relaxacon	\$1,402.67		\$743.35
Scholarship(?) Fund	\$0.00		\$0.00
Voted Expenses (excludes budget)	\$945.00		\$0.00
Unspent Budget	\$5,905.26		-\$2,345.46
Total Reserved		\$60,800.96	-\$4,400.76
Unallocated Funds		\$26,390.12	\$4,529.89
Total Corporate Funds		\$87,191.08	\$129.13
Total Assets		\$152,530.07	-\$2,441.94
Total Corporate Income		\$19.32	-\$987.77
Total Corporate Expenses		-\$1,434.95	\$379.43

Committees:

Committees remain as appointed until the new president appoints new committees.

Budget: Benjamin Levy (chair), Rachel Kadel-Garcia, Alex Latzko, Tom Traina, Ellie Younger
Corporate Inventory Control: Rick Kovalcik (chair), Jaelen Hartwin, Angela Morley, Peter Olszowka
Corporate Welcoming: Daniel Eareckson (Chair), Anna Bradley, Rick Katze, Abby Noyce, Tom Traina.
Grants: Cody Lazri (chair), Anna Bradley, David D'Antonio, Rick Katze, Noel Rosenberg
Honors: Anna Bradley (chair), Fred Isaacs, Mike Sprague
Hotel Search: Kris "Nchanter" Snyder (chair), Joel Herda, Benjamin Levy, B. Diane Martin, Ellie Younger
IT: Peter Olszowka (chair), Rick Kovalcik, Benjamin Levy, Cody Lazri, Abby Noyce, Noel Rosenberg, Sharon Sbarsky
Logo: Conor Walsh (chair), Anna Bradley, David D'Antonio, Sharon Sbarsky
Long Range Planning: Conor Walsh (chair), Anna Bradley, Mink Rosequist
Relaxacon: Ellie Younger and Johnny Healey (chairs)
Student Contests: Kris Pelletier (chair), Jaelen Hartwin (Student Art Contest Chair), Terry Holt (Student Writing Contest Chair) Anna Bradley, Johnny Healey, Allison Holt, Fred Isaacs, Skip Morris, Abby Noyce, Mike Sprague, Carolyn VanEselstine, Conor Walsh

Membership List:

This membership list is as of 7/1/2017.

Names in Italics are non-voting honorary members.

Dawn Ash	Suli Isaacs	Sheila Oranch
<i>Rob Bazemore</i>	Rachel Kadel-Garcia	Kris Pelletier
Melissa Beetham	Jeanne Kahn	Karen Purcell
Bridget Boyle	Walter Kahn	Danielle Reese
Anna Bradley	Terry Karney	Mark Richards
Andrea Carney	Rick Katze	Nicole Robinson
Mieke Citroen	Jeff Keller	Noel Rosenberg
Adam Cohn	Allan Kent	Andy Rosequist
Emily Coombs	Michael J Kerpan	Mink Rosequist
<i>Brian Cooper</i>	Rick Kovalcik	<i>Joe Ross</i>
Todd Cooper	Paul Kraus	Sharon Sbarsky
Tom Coveney	Suzanne Labonville	Kevin Robbins Schendell
Elizabeth Crefin	Alex Latzko	Richard Schmeidler
Mary Catelynn Cunningham	Cody Lazri	Jason Schneiderman
David D'Antonio	Paul "PJ" Letersky	Kristin Seibert
Elka Tovah Davidoff	Benjamin Levy	Jude Shabry
Jaquelin Davison	Carol London	David Shaw
Daniel Eareckson	Ken London	Nicholas Sheckman
Don Eastlake	Glenn MacWilliams	Dave Shevett
Jill Eastlake	B. Diane Martin	<i>Cris Shuldiner</i>
Angela Ercolini	Alan McAvinney	Rachel Silber
Arthur Ercolini	Craig McDonough	Kris Snyder
Maria Eskinazi	Felicia McGinty	Mike Sprague
Kelly Fabijanac	James Meickle	Persis Thorndike
John Francini	Jason Melchert	Tom Traina
Jaime Garmendia	Dale Meyer-Curley	Pat Vandenberg
Jaelen Hartwin	Erik Meyer-Curley	Kiran Wagle
Taylor Hartwin	Elliott Mitchell	Mark Waks
Joel Herda	Angela Morley	Al *Hobbit* Walker
Lisa Hertel	Skip Morris	Conor Walsh
Terry Holt	Dan Noé	Tanya Washburn
Diana Hsu	Abby Noyce	Jacqueline Wolpoe
Crystal Huff	Lia Olsborg	Ian Waters
Fred Isaacs	Mary Olszowka	Ellie Younger
Ray Isaacs	Peter Olszowka	

Executive Board (Eboard):

President	Kris “Nchanter” Snyder	president@arisia.org
Vice President	Cody Lazri	vicepresident@arisia.org
Corporate Treasurer	Benjamin Levy	treasurer@arisia.org
Clerk	Rick Kovalcik	clerk@arisia.org
Members-At-Large	Diana Hsu	dromeda@arisia.org
	Abby Noyce	abby@arisia.org
	Peter Olszowka	petero@arisia.org
Arisia '16 Conchair	Kris Snyder	nchanter@arisia.org
Arisia '16 Treasurer	Rick Kovalcik	con-treasurer@arisia.org
Arisia '17 Conchair	Anna Bradley	conchair@arisia.org
Arisia '17 Treasurer	Tom Traina	con-treasurer@arisia.org
Arisia '18 Conchair	Jaime Garmendia	conchair@arisia.org
Arisia '18 Treasurer	Ellie Younger	con-treasurer@arisia.org
Arisia '19 Conchair	Daniel Eareckson	conchair@arisia.org
Arisia '19 Treasurer	TBD	con-treasurer@arisia.org

Storage Key List:

If you need access to Arisia storage and do not have a key, email keys@arisia.org and all key holders will receive your request.

Key#	Holder	Key#	Holder	Key#	Holder
1	Landlord	14	Janet Stickle	27	Benjamin Levy
2	Noel Rosenberg	15	Mike Sprague	28	Angela Morley
3	Skip Morris	16	Lia Olsborg	29	David Silber
4	Craig McDonough	17	Anna Bradley	30	Jaime Garmendia
5	Dave Shevett	18	Peter Olszowka	31	Rick Katze
6	Phi Shectman	19	Alex Latzko	32	Landlord
7	Dan Noé	20	David Shaw	33	Daniel Eareckson
8	Mike Trachtenberg	21	Tom Traina	34	Diane Martin
9	*hobbit*	22	Sharon Sbarsky	35	Lisa Hertel
10	Rick Kovalcik	23	Lucky	36	Kim Van-Auken
11	Crystal Huff	24	Pat Vandenberg	37	Nchanter
12	Persis Thorndike	25	Kristin Seibert	38	Jaelen Hartwin
13	Rachel Silber	26	Thumper		

Mentor Subscription Information:

Subscription to Mentor of Arisia is included with Corporate Membership. 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	December	\$18	March	\$12	June	\$6
October	\$22	January	\$16	April	\$10	July	\$4
November	\$20	February	\$14	May	\$8	August	\$2

Calendar:

Sunday, July 23rd, 2:00 PM: Arisia Corporate Meeting, Cookout to Follow – Rick Kovalcik’s Home, Newton, MA

Thursday, 24 August, 7:30 PM: Arisia Corporate Meeting – NESFA Clubhouse, 504 Medford St., Somerville, MA

Sunday, 17 September, 4:00 PM: Arisia Corporate Meeting (Preceded by ConCom at 1:00 PM) – Westin Boston Waterfront, Boston, MA