



# Mentor

The Newsletter of Arisia, Incorporated — Number 111, October 2001

## Minutes of the Eboard Meeting

The Executive Board met on October 2, 2001, at the Tufts University Arena Annex.

- **The MIT Thing**

We have enough money in the general fund – \$2500 will not affect our ability to conduct our business. We haven't written a check yet. The change in sponsoring organization (from Media in Transition to Lecture Series Committee) doesn't change our willingness to sponsor it.

- **Paperwork**

We dealt with the signature card paperwork.

Colette will take care of the state filing.

- **Storage**

Carsten looked into storage in Burlington, Chelmsford, and Dracut. He found real warehouse space in Dracut for about the same \$\$ as we're paying now. We are 60-day tenants-at-will in our current space. Our plan is to tell the landlord we're staying at least 2 months, and work on getting the space in Dracut. We would move my loading into the con from Somerville, and loading out of the con to Dracut, then renting a truck the next weekend to get the rest of the stuff from Somerville.

There was a general discussion of what we need. There are 2 kinds of storage - archival (records, T-shirts, etc), and stuff we actually use at the cons. Meeting/work space is also good to have.

There was tangential discussion of the film equipment, and storage and repair thereof.

- **Hotel Search**

We got a contract proposal from the Marriott, but it's unacceptable. We are continuing to talk to the Sheraton and the Marriott about what it would take to get us away from the Park Plaza. Cris and Buzz will try to get the rate down first, then talk about the gory details. The Marriott has our date for '03, but not '04 or '05. The Sheraton has our date for '04 and '05. We don't have to have a multi-year contract, but could bounce around some more if necessary.

The Park Plaza has offered the current contract, with the '02 rates locked in for 3 years. We should add to the contract some of the things we've gotten in the resume (e.g. the Presidential Suite, the \$200 unlimited ice).

Brendan feels we must express our dismay/concern with Philcon regarding their date change for '03. Skip explained that Philcon doesn't have a signed contract yet, but called to inform us that this was their only currently viable option.

There was a freewheeling discussion of growth – whether, why, and how much we want to grow. Noel wants to bring in more college students, because they are potential future staff. Also, more attendees means more \$\$ for special projects (e.g. battle-bots) and special guests (e.g. foreign guests, filk guests, science guests).

- **Mail**

Phil works in the same building as our MailBoxes Etc location. He is willing to pick up and remail non-reg mail. He will talk to Bryt, and coordinate this.

- **'03 Guests of Honor**

Skip has invited a Writer GoH, and is looking for contact info for his preferred Artist GoH.

- **Scheduling Future Eboard Meetings**

The next eboard meeting will be on Tuesday, November 13, at the Ground Round in Chelmsford. The meeting will follow some indeterminate amount of drinking, eating, and smoffing. More precise space/time coordinates will follow.

## Minutes of the Corporate Meeting

- **Date, Time and Place**

Sunday, October 21, 2001. MIT building 66, room 168 (the Usual Place). Called to order at 2:20pm.

- **In Attendance**

Brendan Quinn, Nicholas Sheckman, Paul Selkirk, Walter Kahn, Drea Brandford, Cris Shuldiner, Traci Fogarty, Rachel Silber, Lisa Hertel, Michael McAfee, Noel Rosenberg, Pat McCormack.

- **Proxies**

Tom Murphy to Nicholas Sheckman, Skip Morris to Nicholas Sheckman.

- **President's Report** (Brendan Quinn)

The President read out the minutes of the last Eboard meeting.

- **Vice President's Report** (Colette Fozard)

I have obtained from the Commonwealth's web site the form to change the officers of the corporation as filed with them. I have prepared this form and mailed it to the Clerk for his signature and he has an envelope ready to go to mail it in from there. Simple corporate procedure.

- **Grant Committee Report** (Colette Fozard)

I am working on filling a vacancy on the Grant Committee, but will charge through with reviewing at the three pending grant proposals while I find someone. I will likely be making a motion at the next business meeting to allocate more money to the grant fund, as these pending proposals, if approved, will be

ready by then. The information on these proposals will be in the next Mentor.

- **Treasurer's Report** (Nicholas Sheckman)

I have collected checkbooks and some documentation from Skip. There is a sizable to-do list and much additional background documentation to sort through before I can present accurate books. However, the following numbers represent a good approximation of the current financial state of the corporation:

- Arisia '01: \$11,017.42. This does not represent a profit statement for Arisia '01.
- Arisia '02: \$2,605.88.
- Grant Fund: \$2,446.39, which does not reflect the grant voted at the September meeting
- Snow Fund: \$15,000, which is the fully funded Snow Fund amount
- General Fund: \$16,668.54 in several bank accounts, which includes an unknown amount of money for the Audit Fund, does not reflect the sponsorship voted at the September meeting, and may contain funds due to the convention accounts.
- Grand total: \$47,738.23

There are probably outstanding transactions on several of these funds, and these numbers should not be taken as authoritative, but they do reflect the overall fiscal health of the organization with some accuracy.

- **Budget Committee Report** (Nicholas Sheckman)

No Report.

- **Clerk's Report** (Paul Selkirk)

Although members are usually admonished to sign in, the Clerk exercised his prerogative to simply note members present. All reports and motions should be submitted in writing or suffer the possibility of gross transcription errors. Major items of new business should be presented to the Eboard for consideration before presentation to the Membership. Dues for joining the Corporation are \$22 at the beginning of this meeting and \$20 after.

The Clerk was reminded to update the corporate meeting calendar on the Arisia web site.

- **Arisia '01 Report** (Elka Tovah Menkes)

No Report.

- **Arisia '01 Treasury Report** (Woody Bernardi)

No Report.

- **Arisia '02 Report** (Noel Rosenberg)

There is a concom meeting today at 4:00, and all are invited to attend.

- **Arisia '02 Treasury Report** (Chris Amshey)

No Report.

- **Arisia '03** (Skip Morris)

No Report.

- **Gaming Convention Exploratory Committee**

(vacant)

No Report.

- **Corporate Inventory Control** (Carsten Turner)

No Report.

- **Corporate Systems Administrator** (Cris Shuldiner)

No Report.

- **Long Range Planning Committee** (Brendan Quinn)

No Report.

- **Corporate Sales** (Nicholas Sheckman)

No Report.

- **Survey Committee** (Ben Levy)

No Report.

- **Hotel Search Committee** (Cris Shuldiner)

As reported in the minutes of the Eboard meeting.

- **Technical Equipment Committee** (Joell Herda)

No Report.

- **Database Exploratory Committee** (Rachel Silber)

No Report.

- **Audit Committee** (Lisa Hertel)

The audit fund is currently depleted. Lisa and Skip have been dealing with auditor, but Lisa doesn't know exactly where things stand.

- **Old Business**

None that anyone could recall.

- **New Business**

The following meeting dates were set by consensus:

- 11/18, 2pm, MIT
- 12/16, 2pm, MIT
- 1/20, at con, time/room to be set by programming

- **Announcements**

The next MCFI meeting will be Wednesday 11/7 at 7:30 at the NESFA clubhouse. See [www.mcfi.org](http://www.mcfi.org) or [www.nesfa.org](http://www.nesfa.org) for more information.

**Meeting adjourned** at 2:45pm.

## Membership/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 \$24.00. Dues are prorated on a monthly basis for members joining during the year.

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|-----------------|-------------|--------|------|
| 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 |

## Executive Board

|   |   |
|---|---|
| <b>President</b><br>Brendan Quinn<br>309 Lake Street<br>Waltham MA 02451<br>President@arisia.org            | <b>Arisia 2002 ConChair</b><br>Noel Rosenberg<br>PO Box 464<br>Chelmsford MA 01824-0464<br>conchair@arisia.org      |
| <b>Vice President</b><br>Colette Fozard<br>360 Walker Street<br>Lowell MA 01851-1729<br>vp@arisia.org       | <b>Arisia 2002 Treasurer</b><br>Chris Amshey<br>42 Boston Avenue<br>Somerville MA 02144<br>con-treasurer@arisia.org |
| <b>Treasurer</b><br>Nicholas Sheckman<br>75 Lexington Avenue<br>Somerville MA 02144<br>Treasurer@arisia.org | <b>Arisia 2003 ConChair</b><br>Skip Morris<br>PO Box 542<br>Merrymack, NH 03054-0542<br>morris@mv.mv.com            |
| <b>Clerk</b><br>Paul Selkirk<br>112A Marblehead St<br>N Reading MA 01864-1526<br>Clerk@arisia.org           | <b>Arisia 2003 ConTreasurer</b><br>Vacant   |

## Committee Members & Corporate Appointed Officers

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| <b>Grant Committee</b><br>Colette Fozard (chair)<br>Cris Shuldiner<br>Walter Kahn<br>Krista Ernewein                           | <b>Hotel Search Committee</b><br>Cris Shuldiner (chair)<br>Skip Morris<br>Buzz Harris<br>Brendan Quinn                     |
| <b>Budget Committee</b><br>Nicholas Sheckman (chair)<br>Woody Bernardi<br>Derek Lichter<br>Elka Tovah Menkes<br>Noel Rosenberg | <b>Long Range Planning Committee</b><br>Brendan Quinn<br>Cris Shuldiner<br>Walter Kahn<br>Sheeri Kritzer<br>Noel Rosenberg |
| <b>Corporate Inventory Control</b><br>Carsten Turner   | <b>Corporate Sales Officer</b><br>Nicholas Sheckman  |
| <b>Corporate Systems Administrator</b><br>Cris Shuldiner   | <b>Survey Committee</b><br>Ben Levy  |
| <b>Gaming Convention Exploratory Committee</b><br>(vacant)   | <b>Technical Equipment Committee</b><br>Joell Herda (chair)  |

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| <b>DataBase Exploratory Committee</b><br>Rachel Silber, Chair<br>Traci Fogarty<br>Michelle McGuire<br>Tom Murphy<br>Paul Selkirk<br>Cris Shuldiner | <b>Official Mermaid</b><br>The Manatee |
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## Storage Facility Key Holders

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|-------------------|
| Brendan Quinn     |
| Colette Fozard    |
| Nicholas Sheckman |
| Paul Selkirk      |
| Elka Tovah Menkes |
| Noel Rosenberg    |
| Skip Morris       |
| Carsten Turner    |
| Linda Nee         |
| Cris Shuldiner    |
| Bryt Bradley      |

## Membership Roster

|                     |                   |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| Chris Amshey        | Patrick McCormack |
| Rob Bazemore        | Michelle McGuire  |
| Drea Brandford      | Skip Morris       |
| Brian Cooper        | Tom "Merv" Murphy |
| Tom Fish            | Brendan Quinn     |
| George Flynn        | Matthew F. Ringel |
| Traci Fogarty       | Mary Robison      |
| Colette Fozard      | Noel Rosenberg    |
| Joel Herda          | Matthew Saroff    |
| Brendan Hertel      | Paul Selkirk      |
| Lisa Hertel         | Nicholas Sheckman |
| Walter Kahn         | Cris Shuldiner    |
| Allan Kent          | Rachel Silber     |
| Sheeri Kritzer      | Rachel Silverman  |
| Ben Levy            | Pat Vandenberg    |
| Claudia Mastroianni |                   |

## Calendar of Events

November 01-04, 2001

### **World Fantasy Convention**

Montreal, Quebec, Canada

November 18, 2001, 2:00 PM

### **Arisia Corporate Meeting**

MIT 66-168, Cambridge MA. Stick around afterwards for...

November 18, 2001, 4:00 PM

### **Arisia '02 ConCom Meeting**

MIT Building 66 at MIT in Cambridge, MA

November 20, 2001, 7:00 PM

### **Arisia '02 DivHead Meeting**

Tufts University Arena Annex, Somerville, MA.

December 16, 2001, 2:00 PM

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December 16, 2001, 4:00 PM

### **Arisia '02 ConCom Meeting**

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December 18, 2001, 7:00 PM

### **Arisia '02 DivHead Meeting**

Tufts University Arena Annex, Somerville, MA.

December 28-30, 2001

### **EveCon**

Sheraton, Reston VA

January 6, 2001, 4:00 PM

### **Arisia '02 ConCom Meeting**

MIT Building 66 at MIT in Cambridge, MA

January 8, 2001, 7:00 PM

### **Arisia '02 DivHead Meeting**

Tufts University Arena Annex, Somerville, MA.

January 18-20, 2001

### **Arisia '02**

Park Plaza Hotel, Boston MA

January 20, 2001, time TBA

### **Arisia Corporate Meeting**

Park Plaza Hotel, Boston MA

January 25-27, 2001

### **VeriCon**

Sever Hall, Harvard University, Cambridge MA

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