



Mentor

The Newsletter of Arisia, Incorporated—Number 132, June/July 2004

Notice

All general (non-honorary) corporate memberships expire at the end of August. Dues in the amount of \$24 must be paid (or a request for waiver of dues must be submitted to the Executive Board) by the start of the Annual Meeting in order to retain voting rights, or to run for office.

Minutes of the June/July Meeting

The March meeting was called to order at the residence of Skip Morris at 8:40 PM on 29 June 2004.

In the Clerk's absence Skip took minutes.

In attendance were: Lisa Hertel, Tom Murphy, Joel Herda, Cris Shuldiner, Nicholas "Phi" Shectman, Carsten Turner, Rachel Silber, Rick Kovalick, and Skip Morris.

Proxies: Alex Latzko to Phi, Ben Levy to Cris Shuldiner.

The meetings was run under the more or less standing agenda:

Reports:

Executive Board Report:

The EBoard met. The hotel has informed us that they held the wrong dates for Arisia '05. The dates they are holding are January 21-23 instead of January 14-16. The EBoard has appointed Skip to negotiate with the hotel over this issue. Skip has been authorized to consult with an attorney. Phi has sent a retainer check to said attorney. In other business Cris Shuldiner was appointed as Convention Treasurer for Arisia '05.

President (Joel):

Nothing additional. The EBoard did not have time to conduct ConChair interviews for Arisia '06, too much other business.

Vice President (Noel): Not present, no report.

Treasurer (Phi): I'm in the process of closing the Fleet Bank accounts and opening Wainwright Accounts.

Chair '03 (Skip): Nothing to report.

Treasury '03 (Alex): Not present, no report.

Chair '04 (Carsten): Still ya-da ya-da ya-da. (Ed note: Chair '04 report is verbatim.)

Treasury '04 (Pat Mck): Not present, no report. (Ed note: The substitute clerk was directed to note the Treasury '04 report as "Ibid".)

Chair '05 (Buzz): ConComm meeting yesterday (28 June 04). Events DivHead is now Pat Vandenberg. We now have all DivHeads, but we need lots of Department Heads. We're planning a large party at WorldCon Saturday night, talk to Phi for details or to volunteer to help. We'll have a large room with corkage waiver in the Sheraton. The party theme is a "Mini-Arisia" where we'll try and duplicate many parts of Arisia on a miniature basis (eg, Registration, Art Show, Films, etc, etc.) There's also an Arisia activity on Thursday night as part of the WorldCon "First Night" carnival thing. It was noted that the Thursday night event is a Corporate event, the Saturday night party is a Convention event.thing to report.

Treasury '05 (Cris): Deferred 'till later since there are a number of motions.

Individual reports;

Database Committee (Merv): I've been lame; we need to have a meeting to talk about Congo.

Honors Committee (Joel): Have not met, no report.

Hotel Search Committee (Tom C): Not present; it was noted that Hotel Search is on hold until Park Plaza dates issue resolved.

Long Range Planning (Bridget): Has not met; the members present requested that the pending Bylaw Amendment be published before the next meeting.

Timeline Committee (Skip): Have had one preliminary meeting; next meeting scheduled for July 6th. Elaine Brennan and Rachel Silber have agreed to join the committee.

Corporate Inventory Control (Skip): Is planning on holding a sorting session in the next two weeks. Contact Skip if you can help. Also, Skip measured storage, as best as he can tell Storage is 1026 square feet, +/- about 3-4 inches in both directions. Skip also has bought a new lock and keys. The lock is a Chinese knockoff of a Schlage lock. They core and keys are Medeco. Keys have serial numbers, protected by patent, and cannot be duplicated easily. Keys were handed out to keyholders present. Some silliness occurred when people decided they didn't like the numbers they were given and proceeded to trade keys. When the dust settled the following people had been given or assigned the following keys: 1=Joel, 2=Rick, 3=Skip, 4=Carsten, 5=Buzz, 6=Phi, 7=Alex, 8=Lisa, 9=Noel. Alex, Noel and Buzz will have their keys mailed to them. The lock will be changed before Skip goes back down to Houston. [Ed Note: I fully expect Noel to demand key number 2 from Rick, then for Rick, Lisa and Alex to start trading...]

Grant Committee (Noel): Not present, no report.

Budget Committee (Phi): No report.

Corporate Sales (Vacant): No report.

Corporate SysAdmin (Cris): [Reported verbatim]
The site's up... oops let me check... yeah the sites up...

Survey Committee (Claudia M): Not present, no report.

Tech Equipment Committee (Joel): No report.

I-Don't-Know-Committee (ie, just randomly reported): There is a web log at blog.arisia.org, it only has a couple entries.

Treasury '05 (Cris): [Note: Full report promised in EMail.] Putting a budget together. Passed around for comment, have got a fair amount of comment back.

Motion 1/Adopted: It's been 10 years since Arisia changed dealer rates; we have a waiting list. Moved to: **Increase dealer's rate from \$60 to \$100.**

Amendment (Lisa)/Failed Many-to-1: **Have a \$40 discount for used book dealers.**

Amendment (Skip)/Failed 7/3: **Have three tier structure for dealer's row \$75/\$100/\$125 where the less desirable space gets the cheapest rate, average space the middle rate, and the most desirable space the highest rate, with Chair / Con-Comm defining layout of space and prices thereof.**

Main motion passed, rates raised to \$100.

Motion 2/Passed 6-4: **To stop covering the cost of returning artwork to artists, keep the Mail-In fee to \$15 and define it just as an Administrative Fee.**

Motion 3/Passed as modified below: To continue the \$30 Convention Advance Registration rate thru 11/30/04, raise to \$50 thereafter. The meeting moved to a Committee-Of-The-Whole to discuss rates and dates. The final result approved was: **Set the current rate of \$30 thru August 31; raise to \$40 on September 1st thru November 30th; raise to \$50 December 1st & thereafter. A \$10 discount is authorized for marketing specials.**

Motion 4/Tabled: **Lower the Student Rate from \$40 to \$30.** The meeting moved to a Committee-Of-The-Whole to discuss student rates. The issue was eventually tabled until info from last year's student registration numbers available.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Motion (Merv)/Failed Many-to-none: [Text of motion not available, promised in Email. Effect was to set current informal practice of handing out keys (detailed in motion) as official Corporate Policy.]

Motion (Rick)/Passed 5-4: **To set the At-Con Day Rate to \$25/\$35/\$20 (ie, raise Friday rate from \$20 to \$25).**

Announcements:

Merv: Announced he will run for Corporate Treasurer, then Clerk.

Carsten: Traveling Renfare show-The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly. Currently doing stint at Vermont Fair. Approximately \$4K of Arms & Armory stolen; including swords, chain mail, etc. Go to "gbuonline.com" for more info, there is a link to list of stuff lost. Please notify Carsten if you hear of anything.

Meeting Schedule:

Motion (Rick)/Adopted: **Hold the Annual Meeting on Sunday September 19th at 2 PM at MIT in the Usual Place, and hold the October Corporate Meeting at 2 PM on October 17th at MIT.** Motion carried with no objections.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:24 PM.

Notices:

Notice is given of a vote for a pending By-Law amendment. Text is printed below. Vote will take place at first meeting where twenty-five percent of Corporate Membership is present in person or by proxy.

Moved: To modify the Arisia ByLaws as follows:

Change the text of section 2.1 to read: "2.1 Regular meetings shall be held by default on the third Sunday of each month, unless the Membership or Executive Board sets a different date or cancels the meeting."

Add a new section 2.1a: "2.1a Meetings shall be held at a default time and location unless otherwise specified. The default time and location will be re-examined at the Annual Meeting, any changes will take effect once published with proper notice."

Change section 2.4: "2.4 All members shall be given notice of the date, time and location of each meeting at least twelve days in advance. Meetings scheduled for the default date, time and location do not require notice. The meeting notice, or separate notice given within the same time limit, shall contain specific notice of any of the following events to take place at the meeting:"

Pre-pend to the existing wording of section 2.5: "Any meeting may be rescheduled, changed or moved by the Membership or Executive Board provided proper notice may be met."

Add a new section after 2.9 before Article III: "2.10 Every Regular Meeting shall consider the meeting schedule for the following three calendar months before adjourning."

Effect of changes:

1. We're encouraged (but not required) to schedule meetings three months in advance by adding a required agenda item.
2. Default time/location added to default date of meeting.
3. We meeting is at default date/time/place we can still have a meeting even if notice was never sent.
4. We're not forced to have a meeting on a bad or inconvenient date. Date can be changed by vote as long as notice can be met. [Minor technical changes.]
5. The EBoard is allowed to schedule meetings (EBoard has always assumed it could, but turns out the bylaws only allow the membership to set a meeting).
6. Notice now required to include date of meeting as well as time and location.

[Current wording of relevant sections of the Arisia Bylaws]

2.1 Regular meetings shall be held each month on the third Sunday of the month unless the Membership votes to set a different date. The date of eachvregular meeting shall be fixed at least forty-five (45) days in advance.

2.4 All members shall be given notice of the time and place of each meeting at least twelve days in advance. The meeting notice, or separate notice given within the same time limit, shall contain specific notice of any of the following events to take place at the meeting:

2.5 If, after a meeting notice has been given, circumstances require a change in the location or the hour of the meeting, the meeting is valid if notice of the change is given to each General member in a time and manner reasonably calculated to enable the member to attend the meeting.

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. Dues are pro-rated on a monthly basis for members joining during the year.

July	\$04
August	\$02
September	\$24
October	\$22

Executive Board

President Joel Herda 17 Heath St, Apt 3 Somerville MA 02145 president@arisia.org	Arisia 2003 Treasurer Alex Latzko 82 Cliff Rd Milton MA 02186 treasury@arisia.org
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Arisia 2003 Conchair Skip Morris PO Box 542 Merrymack, NH 03054-0542 morris@skip.net	Arisia 2004 Treasurer Cris Shuldiner

Budget Committee Nicholas Shectman (chair) Alex Latzko	Long Range Planning Committee Bridget Boyle (chair) Lisa Hertel Rick Kovalcik Skip Morris 'Zanne Labonville?'
Corporate Inventory Control Skip Morris	Corporate Sales Officer (vacant)
Corporate Systems Administrator Cris Shuldiner	Survey Committee Claudia Mastroianni
Gaming Convention Exploratory Committee (vacant)	Technical Equipment Committee Joel Herda (chair) Liz Orenstein
Hotel Search Committee Tom Coveney (chair) Ben Levy Skip Morris others...?	Timeline Committee Skip Morris (chair) Nicholas Shectman Lisa Hertel Rachel Silber Elaine Brennan

Storage Facility Key Holders

#1 Joel Herda
#2 Rick Kovalcik
#3 Skip Morris
#4 Carsten Turner
#5 Buzz Harris
#6 Nicholas "Phi" Shectdman
#7 Alex Latzko
#8 Lisa Hertel
#9 Noel Rosenberg
#10 *hobbit*
#11 Landlord

Committee Members & Corporate Appointed Officers

Grant Committee Noel Rosenberg (chair) Claudia Mastroianni Walter Kahn	Database Committee Tom Murphy (chair) Michelle McGuire Tom Murphy Paul Selkirk Cris Shuldiner
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Times & Places:

August Corporate Meeting: 1 August 2004 at 14:00 at the Lazy-Booklet Inn.

Noreascon Four - The 62nd World Science Fiction Convention, 2-6 September 2004 at the Hynes Convention Center, Sheraton Boston Hotel, Marriott Hotel Copley Place, Boston MA. www.noreascon.org

Annual Corporate Meeting, 19 June 2004 at 14:00 at the "Usual Place" (MIT Building 66).

Albacon 2004: 8-10 October 2004 at the Albany Crowne Plaza, Albany, NY. www.albacon.org

Capclave 2004: 15-17 October 2004 at the Tysons Corner Marriott, Vienna, VA. www.wsfa.org

October Corporate Meeting, 17 October 2004 at 14:00 at MIT Building 66.

Philcon 2004: 10-12 December 2004 at the Marriott Center City Philadelphia. www.philcon.org

Arisia '05: January 2005, at the Park Plaza Hotel, Boston , MA.

Boskone 42: 18-20 February 2005 at the Sheraton Boston Hotel, Boston, MA. www.nesfa.org/boskone/

Lunacon 2005: 18-20 March 2005 at the Sheraton Meadowlands, NJ. www.lunacon.org

CostumeCon 23: 29 April-2 May 2005 at the Ogden Marriott Hotel, Ogden, UT. www.crossroadsutah.org

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