



MENTOR of ARISIA #20



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EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING 12 APRIL 1992

The meeting was called to order at the MIT Student Center at 2:45 PM by President Patrick McCormack. Present: P. McCormack, J. Jordan, J. Ross, K. VanAuken, R. Bazemore.

President: No report

Vice President: Jeff reported on videotape sales. After discussion, it was on motion

VOTED: To sell the Arisia 92 program video at \$24.95.

Clerk: Reported on a letter received from John Noun relative to a photocopy machine damaged at Arisia 92. It was agreed to refer this to the hotel liaison.

The Board next considered the proposed amendment to the Bylaws introduced at the last meeting. After discussion, it was on motions

VOTED: To approve a recommended re-draft to put the proposal into proper form.
(For draft text, see Notice of Bylaw Amendment elsewhere in this Mentor)

VOTED: To recommend to the Membership that the proposed amendment not pass.

The Board next discussed the question of applying for an affiliate membership in NESFA, based on an exchange of publications. It was agreed that Arisia will apply for an affiliate membership in NESFA.

The Board next discussed dates for future meetings. It was agreed to recommend to the Membership the following dates and times:

14 June 1:00 P.M.
19 July
16 August
20 September (Annual Meeting)

All meetings to be held on Sundays at MIT, no other location having been found as yet. The starting times of the meetings after June to be set later, after we have some experience with 1:00 P.M. meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 3:20 P.M.

A. Joseph Ross
Clerk

CORPORATE MEETING 12 APRIL 1992

The meeting was called to order at the MIT Student Center at 3:21 PM by President Patrick McCormack. The minutes were accepted as submitted. Proxies: Matthew Saroff to Cris Shuldiner; Kim VanAuken to Jeff Jordan.

Reports

President -- Jim Belfiore has volunteered to be 1994 con chair. The Exec. Board will make a decision at the next meeting. If you want to volunteer, get your name in.

Vice President -- The videotape of the 92 ballroom program will be ready for sale at Balticon.

Clerk -- Please remember to sign the attendance sheet.

Treasurer -- Not here.

Grant Committee -- Will meet at 11:30 A.M. before the next corporate meeting.

Merchandising -- Sold stuff at Lunacon and took in about \$1300.00. Will sell at Balticon as well. Would like authority to set rates on old T-shirts for quick sale. At this point, sales of T-shirts is pure profit. After discussion, it was on motion

VOTED: To authorize the Merchandising Committee to set rates for old T-Shirts.

Speakers to Consortium -- Submitted proposal for participation in the Mailing List Consortium. It was moved to accept the Mailing List Consortium proposal. It was then VOTED: To table the proposal until the next meeting.

Concomm 93 -- There will be a Concomm meeting on Saturday, 2 May, at 1:00 PM at the Vandenberg/Kent residence.

Budget information is needed by the Concomm meeting.

With a mass mailing coming out soon, rates for after July will be proposed next month, probably an increase.

Other Committees -- Not here.

Unfinished business

A motion made at the last meeting was taken from the table concerning the sales of the convention video. After discussion, it was on motion

VOTED: to require that all copies of the Arisia 92 convention video be sold at the list price, except where any group discounts or complimentary distribution of tapes is pre-approved by the general Membership at a business meeting.

The Executive Board has prepared a re-draft of the proposed amendment to the Bylaws moved at the last meeting. Since there are not enough members present at this meeting to vote on it, the amendment was tabled to the next meeting.

New Business

It was moved to transfer Kevin Fallon to General Membership. As required by the Bylaws, the motion was tabled until the next meeting.

The Membership next discussed the setting of meeting dates. After discussion, it was on motion

VOTED: To set the following dates and times for Corporate meetings:

14 June 1:00 P.M.
19 July
16 August
20 September (Annual Meeting)

All meetings to be held on Sundays at MIT. The starting times of the meetings after June to be set later.

The Membership discussed the vote at the last meeting concerning holding of corporate meetings outside of Boston. After discussion, it was on motion

VOTED: To reconsider the following vote passed at the March meeting:

VOTED: To require that the February, June, and October business meetings be held at least 10 miles, as the crow flies, from the State House, if space is available for \$20.00 or less.

Reconsideration having passed, the motion was again before the Membership, as if it had not passed. It was then VOTED: To table the motion to the next meeting.

The Membership next discussed benefits for corporate membership. It was moved to create the position of corporate benefits coordinator. It was then VOTED: To table the motion to the next meeting.

Announcements

An announcement was made of United Fan Con, 23 May 1992 at the Boston University George Sherman Union, 775 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston. The clerk has the flyer.

The meeting adjourned at 4:02 PM.

A. Joseph Ross
Clerk

Meeting Attendance

The following persons are recorded as having attended the meeting (*=Non-member):

Robert Bazemore, *Christopher Donovan, Ed Dooley, Donna Dube, Mark Dulcey, David Fassett, Jeff Jordan, Patrick McCormack, *David Meyer, Chris Palmer, *Rickland Powell, Tim Roberge, Joseph Ross, Cris Shuldiner, Deb Smith

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NOTICE OF MEMBERSHIP TRANSFERS

The following General Members will automatically be transferred to Red Shirt if they do not attend the next corporate meeting: Heather Coon, Marshall Ellis, Sheila Oranch, Paul Selkirk. In accordance with Section 1.2 of the Bylaws, an automatic transfer may be waived by the Membership for cause, which cause must be stated in the minutes.

It is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to check your name off on the attendance list in order to be counted as attending a meeting.

The following transfer from Red Shirt to General will be voted on at the next meeting: Kevin Fallon.

Back issues of Mentor are available from the Clerk. At present, most back issues are available since issue #1.

TABLED AGENDA

The following items were tabled to the next meeting:

Membership transfer from Red Shirt to General (See above)
Proposed Bylaw Amendment (See notice next page)
Mailing List Consortium
Reconsidered motion re meetings outside Boston
Proposed post of corporate benefits coordinator

Mailing List Consortium Proposal

Arisia and SCUM are involved in sharing a common SF mailing list. The following is a proposal to set up standards and policies to extend this consortium to involve other groups as a part of a regular scheduled activity.

1. Basic Principles.

That the data is held in common with each member of the consortium and that each member has an equal stake and an equal voice in the use and disposition of the data.

2. Database structure.

The following is list of field names, lengths, orders and described for extending the consortium. This does not dictate the structure of the database to be used by any particular group. This is merely the format for the exchange of data. At this time ASCII delimited and DBASE format files can be used for this exchange.

Firstname and Lastname: firstname is first names for individuals, and contains articles, like "A" or "The", for business names, lastname contains all other data.

Careof serves as a listing of secondary address information. This includes a "care of" listing for people and for dormitory address information for colleges, which screws up the post office 9-digit zip coding programs.

Address contains primary street address information. City, State, Zipcode, and Country contain information on city, state zip and country.

(*Change Note*): Two fields on the current list, Mailflag, and Carrrtsort will be deleted. Mailflag is a space for useless error codes from the post office 9-digit zip program, and Carrrtsort holds carrier routes for sorting.

Artist, Author, Group, Magazine, Publisher, and Vendor are 1 character descriptive fields. The default is "N", if a record is any of the above, it is marked to a "Y".

Updatedon is a listing of when the record was last updated. For ease of use by a computer, in YYMMDD format.

Telephone is a spot for the telephone number.

Dontsendto (*Change Note*) is a new field. It is left blank until someone on the list requests that be removed, then an "X" is entered, and they shall receive no mail.

Arisia and NJAC are two character fields that list the last two digits of the year in which someone has attended a particular convention. New groups joining the consortium will be given equivalent fields. mailing effectiveness. If a group wants to exclude a specific individual from their mailings, they may place "XX" in this field.

Notes is a 65 character field for notes about someone.

3. Sharing of the data.

The data shall be distributed on a quarterly basis, with member organizations sending in new data for collation as of January 1, April 1, July 1, and October 1, and the consortium coordinator and an updated list shall be sent out to member groups

by the 15th day of the month following.

4. Screening Bad Addresses

All bulk mailings by groups shall be sent out with address correction requested, and all returns and address corrections shall be sent to the consortium coordinator with the next scheduled data collection.

5. Postage and Handling

Member groups are responsible for their costs for maintaining the mailing list. With each data collection a member shall send appropriate mailing packages and postage for return mail.

6. Dropping Old Names

All names that are more than 5 years old as of January 1 of the new year shall be dropped from the list.

7. The consortium coordinator

The consortium coordinator is the individual responsible for maintaining the mailing list. Their duties include: collecting and distributing the mailing list on a timely basis, processing requests to be removed from the list or to have the distribution of the names limited, providing a central location for communications between members of the consortium, making reasonable efforts to insure all members of the consortium observe the rules and regulations of the consortium, and recommending and evaluate changes to facilitate use of the list by consortium members. The coordinator shall be elected by the consortium members annually. Nominations are submitted with the October 1 data collection. Votes shall be collated by the current consortium coordinator and the results, along with copies of all ballots, shall be distributed with the November 15 mailing list update.

8. Request to limit distribution of specific names.

All requests to limit name distribution shall be processed by the consortium coordinator. All requests will be made in writing by the individual and a copy of this request must be sent to the consortium coordinator at the time of the next regular distribution time.

Requests to be dropped from the list shall be processed as follows:

The Dontsendto field shall be flagged to "X". The record will remain on the database for unaltered for 5 years to prevent re-adding the name from another source.

Requests to have the name limited to only group: Other blank convention fields for that record shall be flagged with "X#", where # is the last digit of the year of the request, shall be placed in all blank convention attendance fields. The X# block shall be retained for 5 years. Should any group receive the name from another source, the X# shall be dropped from their convention field.

No group shall send correspondence to an record with the Dontsendto field flagged or where their convention field has "X#" in it.

9. Notice of sharing of data.

All flyers and mailers shall contain the notice "This group is a member of the SF mailing list consortium, and we share our list with other groups for non-profit

purposes. If you do not to receive mailings from other groups, please notify our organization." This notice must be at least 8 point on any publication except for post cards where it must be at least 6 point.

10. Leaving the Consortium.

Should any group choose to leave the consortium, they will be allowed to retain data on all people listed as having attended their conference and an additional 50 names of their choice. They shall make no effort to exchange or sell mailing list data for a period of at least 1 year following their separating from the consortium.

11. Balloting

Balloting is done through the mails. In general, ballots are sent out with the regularly updated mailing list information, and they are to be returned with the new data for collation. Should a party want a more timely response, they may do so by covering all postage and envelope charges, in which case responses must be made within one month of the ballots being sent out.

The consortium coordinator shall be responsible for sending out all ballots. Copies of all ballots shall be sent to member organizations.

12. Uses for the data.

The data may be used for SF and Fantasy related non-profit purposes. These are, advertising SF conventions, colloquia, fanzines, film festivals, speaker lectures, and other non-profit purposes by the approval of the consortium by a majority vote. Data is owned by the consortium and may not be sold by any individual member.

13. Admitting new members.

New members shall be admitted to the consortium by a vote of the membership. A negative vote by more than half of all members shall result in a group being refused membership.

Petitioners must submit a list of their articles of incorporation and by-laws along with a statement of their tax status, including the IRS determinations letter or a copy of their tax exemption application if it is pending.

Organizations that are a part of a college or university must submit proof of tax exemption of their school, such as a tax exempt number.

14. Expulsion of members

Members may be expelled for violating the regulations of the consortium. A member is expelled by a 2/3 vote of all members.

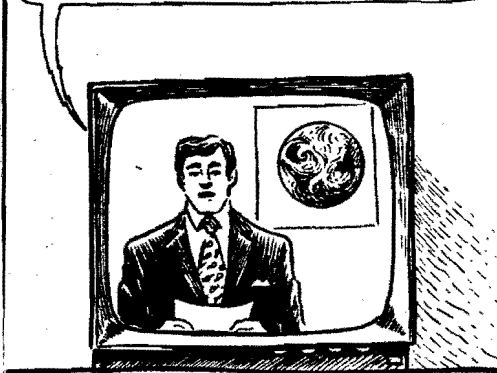
15. Changes to these regulations

Changes to these regulations may be made by a an affirmative vote of 2/3 of all consortium members. Changes may be proposed by any member of the consortium or by the coordinator

BIZARRO

By DAN PIRARO

U.N. OFFICIALS ANNOUNCED THAT PLANET EARTH WAS SOLD TODAY TO AN IMPOSSIBLY HUGE BEING FROM ANOTHER GALAXY FOR AN UNDISCLOSED AMOUNT. THE PURCHASER HAS PLANS TO USE THE BLUISH SPHERE AS AN ORNAMENT ON ITS KEYCHAIN.



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PIRARO

THE FAR SIDE

By GARY LARSON



Interplanetary luggage mix-ups

Upcoming Events

17 May Sunday -- 1:00 PM Corporate Meeting at MIT Student Center.
Executive Board will meet at noon. Grant Committee will meet at 11:30 AM.

23 May Saturday -- United Fan Con at Boston University Sherman Union, 775 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston. For information: United Fandom Associates, PO Box 3006, Peabody, MA 01960. 617/325-6461

14 June Sunday -- 1:00 PM Corporate Meeting at MIT Student Center.
Executive Board will meet at noon.

19 July Sunday -- Corporate Meeting at MIT Student Center. Time to be announced. Executive Board will meet one hour before Corporate meeting.

16 August Sunday -- Corporate Meeting at MIT Student Center. Time to be announced. Executive Board will meet one hour before Corporate meeting.

20 September Sunday -- Corporate Annual Meeting at MIT Student Center. Time to be announced. Executive Board will meet one hour before Corporate meeting.

For Up-To-Date Information by computer/modem, call the Arisia BBS: 617/364-1576.

Please notify the Clerk of upcoming events to go into this calendar.

Notice of Proposed Bylaws Amendment

The following proposal to amend the bylaws was introduced at the March meeting. As provided in the bylaws, the E-Board has reviewed the proposal as to form and has recommended a re-draft. (However, the E-Board recommends against adoption of the amendment.) It is scheduled to be voted on at the May meeting.

Original

Moved to amend the bylaws to provide that a person who grossly violates the rules of the convention or Arisia's bylaws and/or is a clear and present danger legally or physically to the organization or a member thereof may be ejected from membership by the con chair (con membership at con only) or majority E-Board vote (either type membership) subject to general membership vote not more than 45 days after said action. Failure to do so shall be considered a rejection vote by General Members.

(Proposed Redraft next page)

Bylaws Amendment Proposed Redraft

- 6.7 (a) If the Executive Board determines that any person attending an Arisia convention has violated the rules of the convention or constitutes a clear and present danger, legally or physically, to the convention or to any member of the convention, it may eject such person from the convention, revoke such person's convention membership with or without refund, bar such person from future conventions, or take any combination of the foregoing actions.
- (b) A decision pursuant to (a) shall be made by vote of a majority of all Officers, on recommendation of the convention chairperson. Any such decision shall be reported to the Membership at the next corporate meeting and may be overruled or modified by vote of the Membership within 45 days after such report.
- (c) A vote by the Membership to overrule or modify a decision by the Executive Board under this section does not affect the validity of any action already taken, but may refund fees paid or modify or cancel any future effects of the decision.

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