

MENTOR

THE NEWSLETTER OF ARISIA, INCORPORATED

This Mentor was prepared by the Arisia Executive Board in the absence of Clerk Rick Katze, who is unavailable for medical reasons.

Notices and Forthcoming Meetings

The March corporate meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 15, at 7:30 pm, at MIT 32-124 (that's the Stata Center, 32 Vassar St., Cambridge).

At the March meeting:

- The EBoard will report on a decision to ban someone from attending Arisia events for life in response to multiple incidents of harassment.
- We will be voting on two recommendations from the Grants Committee (see below).
- We will be electing a Clerk, as Rick Katze is resigning.

The April corporate meeting will be held on Thursday, April 7, at 7:30 pm, at NESFA (504 Medford St., Somerville).

The May corporate meeting will be held on Sunday, May 22, at 2pm, at MIT 66-144 (Cambridge).

Preliminary Minutes from January 17, 2016

Formal minutes of the January, December, and October meetings are presently unavailable; we hope to include them in a later Mentor.

Twenty-three members attended the January meeting.

Five new members paid dues and attended the meeting: Maria Crefin, Mary Catelynn Cunningham, Maria Eskinazi, Elliott Mitchell, and Mark Richards.

At the meeting, the corporate membership voted to commend Nchanter for her excellent work as Arisia '16 Convention Chair, and to add \$5,000 to the Capital Equipment Fund.

Minutes from February 23, 2016

Date, time, and place: The meeting was called to order by Conor Walsh at 7:33pm at the NESFA clubhouse, Somerville MA. Notes were taken by Lisa Hertel, substituting for Clerk Rick Katze.

In attendance (24 of 86 voting members): Anna Bradley, Daniel Eareckson, Jaime Garmendia, Joel Herda, Liana Hertel (**non-member**), Lisa Hertel, Diana Hsu, Fred Isaacs, Suli Isaacs, Rick Kovalcik, Benjamin Levy, Suford Lewis (**non-member**), James Meickle, Jason Melchert, Elliah Mitchell, Abby Noyce, Kris Pelletier, Jaelen Rachlin, Sharon Sbarsky, Kevin Schendell, Kris "Nchanter" Snyder, J. Michael Spencer (**new member**), Mike Sprague, Tom Traina, Al "Hobbit" Walker, Conor Walsh, Ellie Younger.

Proxies (14 valid proxies):

Undirected:

Alex Latzko to Rick Kovalcik
 Andy Rosequist to Kris "Nchanter" Snyder
 Mink Rose to Kris "Nchanter" Snyder
 Skip Morris to Lisa Hertel
 Dale Meyer-Curley to Kris Pelletier
 Erik J. Meyer-Curley to Kris Pelletier
 Paul Kraus to Rick Kovalcik

Rick Katze to Sharon Sbarsky
 David D'Antonio to Jaime Garmendia
 Michael Leuchtenburg to Abby Noyce
 Noel Rosenberg to Benjamin Levy
 Lia Olsborg to *hobbit*
 Terry Holt to Anna Bradley

Directed:

Jill Eastlake to Benjamin Levy
 Dr. Karen Purcell to Jaime Garmendia

Officer reports

EBoard report (Conor Walsh): Albacon asked us for some money by submitting a grant; however, they need it sooner than our grants process is able to act. The request was forwarded to corp and will likely be brought up in new business. We are also loaning them stuff: microphones, projectors and a sound system.

We have been processing incident reports, but are still following up with gathering information and talking to people. We expect to have some cases to discuss at the March meeting.

We had a handful of new members join in January.

Our clerk will be resigning; the election will be held at the March corporate meeting. Candidates may submit a statement of up to 100 words 18 days before the election for inclusion in Mentor. The bylaws require the president to appoint an interim clerk. There is debate as to whether this person is an EBoard member; the bylaws seem to indicate so. We think we can wait, so long as Mentor happens.

There is a "get well" card for Rick Katze, please sign it.

The EBoard allocated \$1000 to buy ALCs (attached lid crates--the blue flip-top totes). We spent \$972.

President's report (Conor Walsh): When we finished elections last September, and changed

over the membership of the EBoard mailing list, we noticed one of the former EBoard members was still on the list. It was an unintentional oversight, and the former member has kept things confidential. He was removed when it was noticed. We should be more careful in the future. Rick Katze will be removed from the list when his resignation takes effect.

Vice-President (Jaime Garmendia): He is running for the 2018 conchair. There is a grant request from Albacon

Treasurer (Benjamin Levy): We have money. If you have questions, please ask me or see Mentor for details.

Clerk (Rick Katze): Rick is stepping down due to health issues; there will be an election at the March corporate meeting. He has returned the two credit card machines and the mailbox key to Rick Kovalcik, and is keeping a Storage key for the time being.

Rick Katze says:

When I ran for Clerk, my health was improving and I felt that I would be able to give the job the time that it deserved.

Unfortunately, when I changed from hemo dialysis to peritoneal dialysis which is much easier on the body, complications arose. I caught something (bronchitis?) at Arisia which eventually forced me into the hospital and left me in a very weakened state where I just could not do much of anything. Other complications arose and I spent more time in the hospital when I went into a-fib, fortunately at my doctor's office. Unfortunately, this process of getting better is going to take some time.

As a result, I have effectively stopped all activity in both Arisia and NESFA, including missing Boskone after attending it continuously from 1976. Tentatively this will be a pause for at least

two months but could be longer. My health has to be my sole priority.

This has not been an easy decision but I do not feel comfortable holding on to a title when I cannot do the work.

Thanks to everyone who helped me.

Members-at-Large (Daniel Eareckson, Abby Noyce, Jaelin Rachlin): No reports.

Convention Reports

A'16 Chair (Kris Snyder): We had a con (YAY). We had about the same number of attendees as last year. Other than registration, we had a lot of positive feedback, and even the reg feedback was constructive. Thank you all for trusting in me to do this thing.

A'16 Treasurer (Rick Kovalcik): We still have \$90,000 in the bank, but there are some large outstanding expense reports. Please submit your expense reports *now*. We want to give you money!

A'17 Chair (Anna Bradley): Hey, we're gonna have a con. We had a party at Boskone. We had cookies, and people gave Conor money, so we have more members for A'17. The org chart thus far is online. I am still searching for a div head for Food, and am in negotiations with a div head for Ops.

There are bookmarks in Anna's car. They are thinking about the website; there is a stub one now. Lee Moyer might do some web design for us. The main website is still the A'16 website. Lisa asks that the link to corp return.

A'17 Treasurer (Tom Traina): We have money. If you are spending A'17 money, submit an expense report and get reimbursed.

Committee Reports

Budget (Benjamin Levy): No report.

CIC (Rick Kovalcik): Some stuff went to Boskone. Most of the stuff is back in storage. Requesting help after the meeting sorting through the speaker stands to find broken ones.

Grants Committee (Jaime Garmendia): There will be two grants up for discussion at the March meeting. We returned a third to the requestor for more information. Current balance of the Grants fund is about \$6700. The forthcoming recommendations are for \$2500 and for \$3000 (of a \$10,000 request); we have also approved but not disbursed the \$2500 Locus grant. We currently have a bit under \$60,000 in unallocated funds. **MSPU** (Garmendia, Noyce) to add \$5000 from unallocated corporate funds to the Grants fund.

Honors (Fred Isaacs): There is a thank you card for Hobbit for going through the tech gear. Please sign it.

Hotel Search (Kris "Nchanter" Snyder): No report.

IT (Abby Noyce): Some of the lists are on Joel Lord's server; we will move the rest. There were weird problems, but they were solved.

Logo (Anna Bradley): There was this con... At the Dead Dog, Conor talked to Lee Moyer. He is willing to work for us and with us; perhaps some sort of barter exchange. He is invested in our community, which is important.

Long Range Planning (Conor Walsh): We did a survey, many people filled it out. We are awaiting statistical analysis. Many things were a joy to read. It is waiting on the people getting together.

Relaxacon (none): We still need a chair? Rick Kovalcik and Nchanter offer to co-chair. Email relaxacon@arisia.org if you need something. Buy your membership, get a room--the rates go up March 31st, so do it now. Yes, you need to call (M-F,

9-5). We reserved the rooms around one pool so we can keep it open later. Visit relaxacon.org to join. It's the first weekend in June. Kris Pelletier will help with food.

Student Art & Student Writing: They happened, we gave stuff out. Some checks are pending because we didn't have an address.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Albacon Souvenir Book: MS (Noyce, ?) to allot up to \$1000 to Albacon to cover their expanded program book; **Motion to amend** (Kovalcik) to \$1500. **PU**.

Albacon thanks us!

Covering ongoing Congo expenses: We are still using Congo as well as Convention Master; there is still data in Congo, which is costing Dave Shevett \$80/month. **MSPU** (Kovalcik, ?) to allocate \$1280 (\$80/month February 2015 through May 2016) to pay Dave for ongoing Congo support, if and only if Dave gives us an invoice. Confirmed that we have backups of the data in Congo, as well as it being transferred to Convention Master.

For next meeting: Rick Kovalcik plans to move next meeting that past con chairs should get a lifetime comp. Nchanter wonders if past/appointed chairs should recuse themselves? Conor thinks it is not formally required. We'll check the bylaws. Joel Herda says if you are becoming conchair for the free membership, you're doing it wrong. Rick's thought is that most of them end up working, anyway.

A18 Chair deadline: Moved to set the application deadline to March 31st, 2016. **MSPU**.

Set future meetings:

Tuesday, March 15th, 7:30pm, MIT
 Thursday, March 31st, last day to apply to be Arisia 2018 conchair
 Thursday, April 7th, 7:30pm, NESFA?
 Sunday, May 22nd, 2pm, MIT
 Relaxacon Friday June 3rd to Sunday June 5th, Dennisport MA; see relaxacon.org
 Sunday, June 19th, 2pm (Default, Father's Day)

Adjourned: 8:50pm

Announcements:

Nexus Fantasy Gaming (LARP) is open for registration, see www.nexuselements.com

Boskone memberships are still \$40 until the end of February. There are flyers here at NESFA. It will be back to President's Day weekend next year.

Joel is looking to donate some packing crates to Arisia. Rick Kovalcik will take them.

Sign the cards for Rick Katze & Hobbit.

Abby will take Arisia stuff to Spark, which is a middle school version of Splash, a weekend MIT seminar for nerdy kids.

James does DevOps Days; it will be at the Park Plaza in August, see devopsdays.org for info. They are looking for people to submit talks.

Recommendations of the Grants Committee

The Grants Committee considered 3 applications and recommends funding 2 of them:

- (1) Friends of the Brea Library, to expand the Brea Library's science fiction collection. Requesting \$2,500. (Full details appended to this Mentor.) **Recommend a grant of \$2,500.** The EBoard supported passing this recommendation to the corporate membership.

- (2) Balticon, to sponsor former Guests of Honor to return for Balticon 50. Requesting \$10,000. (Full details appended to this Mentor.) **Recommend a grant of \$3,000.** The EBoard supported passing this recommendation to the corporate membership.

These recommendations will be voted on at the March corporate meeting.

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
November	\$20	May	\$8
December	\$18	June	\$6
January	\$16	July	\$4
February	\$14	August	\$2

Executive Board (EBoard) 2015-2016

President	Conor Walsh	president@arisia.org
Vice President	Jaime Garmendia	vicepresident@arisia.org
Corporate Treasurer	Benjamin Levy	treasurer@arisia.org
Clerk	Rick Katze	clerk@arisia.org
Members-At-Large	Daniel Eareckson Abby Noyce Jaelen Rachlin	daniel@arisia.org abby@arisia.org jaelen@arisia.org
Arisia '16 Chair	Kris "Nchanter" Snyder	conchair@arisia.org

Arisia '16 Treasurer	Rick Kovalcik	con-treasurer@arisia.org
Arisia '17 Chair	Anna Bradley	conchair@arisia.org
Arisia '17 Treasurer	Tom Traina	tntraina@arisia.org

Committee Lists 2015-2016

Budget Committee: Benjamin Levy (chair), Rachel Kadel-Garcia, Rick Kovalcik, Alex Latzko, Tom Traina	IT Committee: Abby Noyce (chair), Rick Kovalcik, Benjamin Levy, Peter Olszowka, Noel Rosenberg, Sharon Sbarsky
Comps Committee: Michael Sprague (chair), David D'Antonio, Kathryn Kun, Danielle Reese, Skip Morris, Jaime Garmendia	Logo Committee: Anna Bradley (chair), Abby Noyce, Lia Olsborg, Sharon Sbarsky, Kevin Schendell, Persis Thorndike, Tom Traina
Grants Committee: Jaime Garmendia (chair), David D'Antonio, Diana Hsu, Fred Isaacs	Long Range Planning: Conor Walsh
Honors Committee: Fred Isaacs (chair), Anna Bradley, Mike Sprague	Relaxacon Committee: Rick Kovalcik
Hotel Search Committee: Phi (chair), Emily Coombs, Paul Kraus, Kris "Nchanter" Snyder, Ellie Younger	Student Art Contest: Jacob Lefton
Inventory Control Committee: Rick Kovalcik (chair), Lisa Hertel, Benjamin Levy, Skip Morris, Lia Olsborg, *hobbit*	Student Writing Contest: Terry Holt (chair), Abby Noyce, Lia Olsborg, Kevin Schendell, Persis Thorndike, Tom Traina

Treasurer's Report, February 2016

January 31, 2016			Change vs last month
Odd Year - A17		\$19,732.69	\$16,732.69
Even Year - A16		\$123,792.87	\$29,294.74

Corporate			
Reserved/Unspent			
Two years expenses (CDs)	\$41,658.61		\$0.95
Grant Fund	\$6,700.00		\$0.00
Capital Eq Unallocated	\$5,373.79		\$4,719.73
Capital Equipment Allocated	\$3,827.37		\$0.00
Training Fund	\$1,029.00		\$0.00
Scholarship(?) Fund	\$0.00		\$0.00
Voted Expenses (excludes budget)	\$6,780.00		\$0.00
Unspent Budget	\$6,829.12		-\$4,133.60
Total Reserved		\$72,197.89	\$587.08
Unallocated Funds		\$59,269.57	-\$5,814.29
Total Corporate Funds		\$131,467.46	-\$5,227.21
Total Assets		\$274,993.02	\$40,800.22
Total Corporate Income			
		\$3.24	-\$48.25
Total Corporate Expenses			
		-\$3,978.56	\$54.14

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
1	Landlord	17	Anna Bradley
2	Noel Rosenberg	18	Peter Olszowka
3	Skip Morris	19	Alex Latzko
4	Craig McDonough	20	David Shaw
5	Dave Shevett	21	Tom Traina
6	Phi	22	Sharon Sbarsky
7	Dan Noé	23	Lucky
8	Michael Trachtenberg	24	Pat Vandenberg
9	*hobbit*	25	Lisa Hertel
10	Rick Kovalcik	26	Arthur Ercolini
11	Crystal Huff	27	Benjamin Levy
12	Persis Thorndike	28	Angela Morley
13	Rachel Silber	29	David Silber
14	Janet Stickle	30	Jaime Garmendia
15	Mike Sprage	31	Rick Katze
16	Lia Olsborg		

Membership List (as of November 2015)

Dawn Ash	Allan Kent	<i>Joe Ross</i>
<i>Rob Bazemore</i>	Rick Kovalcik	Sharon Sbarsky
Melissa Beetham	Paul Kraus	Kevin Schendell
Bridget Boyle	Alex Latzko	Jude Shabry
Anna Bradley	Paul "PJ" Letersky	Nicholas "phi" Sheckman
<i>Brian Cooper</i>	Michael Leuchtenberg	<i>Cris Shuldiner</i>
Tom Coveney	Benjamin Levy	David Silber
Elizabeth Crefin	Carol London	Rachel Silber
Mary Catelynn Cunningham	Ken London	Kris "Nchanter" Snyder
David D'Antonio	Glenn MacWilliams	J. Michael Spencer
Jaquelin Davison	Alan McAvinney	Mike Sprague
Daniel Eareckson	Craig McDonough	Persis Thorndike
Don Eastlake	Amos Meeks	Tom Traina
Jill Eastlake	James Meickle	Amol Vaidya
Arthur Ercolini	Dale Meyer-Curley	Pat Vandenberg
Anna Erishkigal	Erik Meyer-Curley	Al *hobbit* Walker
Maria Eskinazi	Elliot Mitchell	Conor Walsh
Patrick Flaherty	Skip Morris	Tanya Washburn
John Francini	Dan Noé	Ian Waters
Jaime Garmendia	Abby Noyce	Ellie Younger
Joel Herda	Lia Olsborg	
Lisa Hertel	Mary Olszowka	
Terry Holt	Peter Olszowka	
Diana Hsu	Sheila Oranch	
Crystal Huff	Kris Pelletier	
Fred Isaacs	Karen Purcell	
Ray Isaacs	Jaelen Rachlin	
Suli Isaacs	Danielle Reese	
Rachel Kadel-Garcia	Mark Richards	
Jeanne Kahn	Nicole Robinson	
Walter Kahn	Noel Rosenberg	
Rick Katze	Andy Rosequist	
Jeff Keller	Mink Rosequist	

**Arisia Grant
Brea Library Science Fiction Collection
Project Description**

The Friends of the Brea Library

The Friends of the Brea Library (FoBL) is an independent, non-profit (501 c-3) organization. The FoBL are a group of people who share a common goal: lending active, as well as monetary, support to the Brea Public Library's services and programming.

The Brea Library is a small to medium sized library located in northern Orange County, California. The library is one branch of the OC Public Libraries system. The library serves its immediate community, as well as several of the nearby surrounding communities. In the last several years the library's book budget has been cut several times. Only in the coming fiscal year will the library's budget begin to return to the size it was in the years prior to the recent recession.

As one branch of a large library system, much of the library's book purchasing was done centrally by evaluators at the library's headquarters. While the professionals in charge of the purchasing have done their best to select quality titles for the library, there have been some major gaps in the variety and diversity of genre fiction titles. One of the genres to suffer was science fiction. As a whole, the entire Orange County system lacks a quality science fiction collection. Some individual branches do maintain stronger science fiction collections; however, the Brea Library is not one of these branches. The Brea Library needs to update and revamp their science fiction collection but needs support to begin this project.

Purpose and Benefit

The purpose of this project is to help develop the Brea Library's science fiction collection. In addition to purchasing science fiction books for the library, the Friends of the Brea Library would also like to use the grant monies to bring a local well-known science fiction author to the library for a speaking engagement. As all of the Brea Library's programming is free to the public, this event would be a free community event designed to showcase the science fiction genre. The Friends of the Brea Library see this grant opportunity as a means to develop a part of the library's collection that is lacking and needs a greater presence. Members of the Brea community will benefit from a more well-balanced and diverse collection.

Use of Grant Moneys

The Friends of the Brea Library requests the Arisia Inc. grant to be used for the purpose of expanding the Brea Library's paperback and hardback science fiction collection. This money will purchase books by classic and contemporary science fiction authors. The

majority of the money will be used for the purchase of books, but the library would like to use a smaller portion of the monies to host a speaking engagement or author visit by a local Southern California science fiction author. The library seeks to showcase the science fiction genre by hosting an author event that is free to the public and by increasing its science fiction holdings.

Justification/Need

Library patrons often rely on the library to supply books, computer access, and free programming otherwise unavailable to them. The Brea Library's science fiction collection is lacking in depth and breadth and it offers limited availability to the library's patrons and readers. As a genre, science fiction has a group of very dedicated fans and the library needs to be able to meet the needs of these library users. Much of the library's science fiction collection has been donation based and the purchasing of science fiction has a history of being inconsistent. This inconsistency in ordering new and replacement titles has led to major series gaps and a lack of titles by major and prolific science fiction authors. This deficiency in the collection has been noted by library patrons and has been brought to the librarians' attention on numerous occasions. The Brea Library purchases books with a limited book budget and the struggle to update the collection is a major challenge for library staff. The Brea Library can, by receiving this grant, better serve its community of science fiction readers.

Brea Library Application Meets Grant Selection Criteria

In accordance with the Arisia Inc. general conditions of approval for grant applications, the purpose of this grant is to build and expand the Brea Library's science fiction collection as one of the libraries increasingly popular literary collections. The library expresses a desire to use the grant to improve awareness of the science fiction genre and science fiction authors.

The library needs this money to provide books to members of the community. The science fiction collection is not large enough to accommodate the demand of the library's patrons. At the Brea Library, librarians frequently field patrons' inquiries about why there aren't more science fiction books. It is a constant struggle to provide the books the patrons want in a timely manner while simultaneously staying within a very tight budget.

Library Shall Advertise Increased Availability of Science Fiction Collection

The new additions to the Brea Library's collection will be advertised on the Friends of the Brea Library's social media sites and will be advertised in the library via posters and flyers inviting library patrons to browse the new books and expanded science fiction

collection. The more the public is made aware of science fiction, the more it will continue to be a successful and diverse field of writing.

Direct Expenditures and Cost Breakdown

The grant moneys will be used in two ways. First the money will be used to purchase science fiction hardback and paperback books. Secondly, the library intends to host a prominent local science fiction author event. This event will be sponsored by the Friends of the Brea Library and the FoBL will provide refreshments. The event and all refreshments will be free to the public. Approximately \$1,500 of the grant money will be used towards purchasing books; \$500 will be used to process the new books; and a targeted \$500.00 will be used as an honorarium for the author who agrees to speak at the library. The librarian at the Brea Library intends to evaluate and purchase materials with the assistance of staff at library headquarters.

Support from the Friends of the Brea Library

For many years the science fiction collection at the Brea Library was not given the attention it deserves. The library went years without a proper book budget and relied heavily on outdated donations. The Friends of the Brea library and the librarians have tried hard to build the collection and make the library a pleasant place to visit. The FoBL requests this grant as a means to better meet the needs of science fiction readers within the Brea community and as a way to better showcase the genre to the library's diverse readers and visitors.

Brea Library Science Fiction Collection Grant Application Budget

Project Revenues

Funding Source	Detail	Amount
Arisia Inc.	Grant Request (pending)	\$2,500

Applicant Organization Contributions

Funding Source	Detail	Amount
Friends of the Brea Library	The FoBL will purchase refreshments and program expenses for the Science Fiction Author/Speaker Event.	\$150

Total Revenue		\$2,650
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Project Expenses

Type of Expense	Detail	Amount
Books	Approximately 100 books ranging from \$12 - \$20 per book. A mix of hardback and paperback titles.	\$1,500
Speaker/Author Fees	An honorarium to help with travel costs for a local science fiction author (free to the public)	\$500
Materials Processing	Approximately \$5.00 per book for the cost of labeling, covering and processing each book.	\$500
Refreshments and program expenses for the speaker/author event	This expense will be funded by the FoBL and the entire event, including refreshments, will be free to the public.	\$150
Total Expenses:		\$2,650



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December 5, 2015

Arisia Grants Committee
 Via Email to: Grants@Arisia.org

Dear Arisia Grant Committee:

Balticon is approaching a milestone — our 50th Anniversary!

In celebration, we're trying something that our research reveals no other American SFF convention has ever tried. We want to bring in as Very Special Guest program participants as many of our previous guests of honor as are willing and able to attend. This is the Balticon "Bring 'Em Back" project. Twenty-two Balticon Guest of Honor Alumni have accepted our invitation, pending our success raising funds.



The goal we are striving to reach to bring all 22 Alumni to Balticon 50 is \$75,000. We began fundraising efforts in July and have currently raised 30% of our goal.

We are in a new hotel this year, the Renaissance Baltimore Harborplace Hotel. As you know from your own experience, the first year at a new venue has its own unique challenges. Some of those are, of course, financial.

We would like to request a grant of \$10,000 (or more) to help us to achieve what John Varley has called a "fantastic, not to say crazy, idea." Funds we raise in excess of our "Bring 'Em Back" goal will be applied to general Balticon 50 expenses. If we meet our goal early enough, we hope to bring back some Art GoH Alumni!

Thank you for considering our request.

Sincerely,

Jonette Butler, Administrator
 Balticon Fundraising Committee



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January 25, 2016

Arisia Grants Committee
Via Email to: Grants@Arisia.org

Dear Arisia Grant Committee:

At ChessieCon (over Thanksgiving weekend), a gentleman from Arisia sought me out and said that Arisia Corporate asked him to tell me (as Administrator of the Balticon Fundraising Committee) that "Arisia has money. Arisia has a *lot* of money. If Balticon 50 were to write and ask for a \$5,000 or even \$10,000 grant to help, you will get it." I asked him where I should write and he said to write to Grants@Arisia.org. I did that on December 5, 2015. A pdf of that letter is attached to this email along with a pdf of this content on our letterhead.

Can you tell me whether my original letter was received and what the status is of our request?

The following provides information as detailed on the Arisia Corporate webpage at <http://corp.arisia.org/grant-form>:

Original submission date: December 5, 2015

Resubmission date: January 25, 2016

Applicant name: Balticon 50

Applicant name also known as: Baltimore Science Fiction Society, Inc.

Address: Baltimore, Maryland

Mailing Address (if different): Fundraising, Balticon 50, 905 W. 7th Street, #199

City/State/Zip: Frederick, MD 21701

Chairperson (name, title): Nora Echeverria

Executive Director (name, title): NA

Project contact (name, title): Jonette Butler, Administrator, Balticon Fundraising Committee

Daytime telephone: 410-206-3117

Fax: 240-457-4346

Summarize the mission of your organization:

Our mission for Balticon 50 is to bring together people and programming from Balticon's early years with the new faces of the genre, providing a bridge between



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the science fiction and fantasy genre's history and present. We want this Balticon Golden Anniversary to celebrate the professionals, fans, and programming that have kept Balticon alive and thriving for fifty years. We want this to be a living love letter to the Guests of Honor, participants, fans, and volunteers who have made Balticon what it is.

Baltimore Science Fiction Society, Inc. (BSFS) produces Balticon. BSFS is a §501(c)(3), non-profit, charitable, literary and educational organization, dedicated to the promotion of, and an appreciation for, science fiction in all of its many forms.

Project Information

Title of project: Balticon 50 Bring 'Em Back Project

Summary of proposed project: Balticon is approaching a milestone — our 50th Anniversary! In celebration, we're trying something that our research reveals no other American SFF convention has ever tried. We want to bring in as Very Special Guests as many of our previous guests of honor as are willing and able to attend. This is the Balticon "Bring 'Em Back" project. Twenty-two Balticon Guest of Honor Alumni have accepted our invitation, pending our success raising funds.

Project start date: June 1, 2015

Project end date: May 30, 2015

Number of individuals directly participating in this project: 22

Number of individuals directly benefitting from this project:

2,500 or more Balticon 50 members and participants will benefit from having these Very Special Guests at the Balticon Golden Anniversary Celebration.

Amount Requested: \$10,000

Authorized Signature:

The signature below is that of the person authorized to testify as to the accuracy of this application:

Jonette Butler, Administrator
Balticon Fundraising Committee



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