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(AND NOW A WORD FROM OUR SPONSOR...)



EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING:

SEPTEMBER 13, 1994:

IN ATTENDANCE: A. Joseph Ross, President; Nicholas Shectman, Vice-President; Allan Kent, Treasurer; Edward Dooley, Clerk; also present: Sheila Oranch, Conchair '95

The president, A. Joseph Ross, called the meeting to order at 8:30 p.m. The clerk was late due to corporate business.

The minutes were approved as submitted.

The treasurer raised an issue concerning two of the clerk's expenses handed in at the July Corporate Meeting. Two receipts had been handed in for food. One for \$18.85 and another for \$19.69. Ed offered to immediately repay the two expenses, and noted that he had thought it strange that Allan had not mentioned anything when he gave a check to the clerk to reimburse him for his expenses after the last corporate meeting.

The treasurer appeared not to know what the clerk was talking about. The clerk made it quite clear to the E-Board that he had no problem cutting a check to the corporation for the balance. Ed stated that out of all his expenses he expected to be challenged on those two.

The clerk's explanation was simple. He had picked up the bill at Bickford's twice after two Inventory Control sessions the initial inventory, and the follow up session.

The clerk stress that due to the heat and the work that the two crews had done at the time that picking up the food tab

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was reasonable at the time. Especially as not all the crew members had stuck around immediately after the session.

The president raised the issue where the corporation should pay for food. GOH Dinners the tradition was usual that everyone pays for their own. Sheila Oranch, ConChair for A '95 pointed out that the corporation should support the need for life support if a work session was involved.

The president stated that he was not comfortable getting into the habit, nor was he comfortable with having the clerk "eat" the expense. The clerk told the president he had no problem "eating" the expense seeing as he had already "eaten" it. There were a few groans.

It was decided that a policy should be set up. The ConChair for A '95 stated that as a fragrant spend-thrift and valued the quality of life strongly that an appropriate figure might be \$20. This figure should cover items to (soda and such) at corporate work sessions.

The vice-president raised concerns oversuch as the items would not be covered in the corporate budget. Other members of the board feared that this could possibly get out of hand quickly if we began to reimburse for food. The Board's discussed that unless the session was something special, ARISTIA, Incorporated should not reimburse for food at work sessions other than at the con unless prior approval of the E-Board is given or under extenuating circumstances.

It was decided to recommend to the membership that the above be adopted as corporate policy.

It was also retroactively decided to declare Corporate Inventory an extenuating circumstance.

[EDITOR'S NOTE: ARTICLE IX, paragraph 2 -- An individual officer may approve an unbudgeted expenditure up to \$100.00. The Executive Board may approve an unbudgeted expenditure up to \$300.00. An unbudgeted expenditure greater than that amount requires approval by the membership.]

It was noted by the treasurer that the check issued to David Kyle had been returned unpaid. Certain expenses had not been included in the check. A new check was needed to be cut.

The president questioned the clerk whether a letter head had been produced yet. The clerk answered that he was still unable to print the letterhead as he had not yet received the printer the corporation had authorized purchase of. Attempts to reproduce it using the software he had available with the

printer he normally used was inadequate.

Concerning the purchase of the Inkjet printer, the vice-president stated that Computer Needs had selected a HP DeskJet 520. The clerk asked if it had been purchased. The vice-president reported no, but that it would be at the Corporate Meeting. The clerk suggested that the vice-president look in the prices at "CompUSA" as Ed had seen the model there the night before for approximately \$275 and some change. The vice-president stated that he would look into it.

Concerning the Grant Proposal for NITSFS previously published in *MENTOR* the E-Board voted to recommend its approval to the membership.

Concerning the proposed Corporate Budget, the clerk raised the issue whether the expense figure of \$55,419.05 was accurate as he had been requested to publish in the August issue of *MENTOR* the convention budget as amended at the June meeting. The total figure for expenses he had was \$52,105.07. The ConChair for A '95 stated that the 52K figure was the correct one. It was the decision of the majority of the board to recommend the budget, as corrected, to the membership.

Concerning the reports made by the Long Range Planning Committee, on insurance, it was felt that perhaps the figure should be double, but was a good start. It was decided to recommend the item to the membership.

Concerning the Long Range Planning Committee's report on the value of memberships, it was suggested that a blank space be created and take nominations on the final figure. In the past, it had always been traditional to value complementary and gift memberships at the pre-reg rate. It was felt by some that it should be the lowest pre-reg value.

It was the decision of the Board to recommend the policy to the membership without the \$8 figure and instead leave it open with an algorithm for the lowest value.

Concerning the Order Of the Lens, no one seemed to have any problem with it save that it was subject to the availability of funds subject to the corporate budget.

It was decided to recommend to the membership that the Order of the Lens be approved.

Some discussion was entertained on the matter of Sales Tax on Video Tape. The president informed the board that publications of a 501 (c) 3 are tax exempt by statute. It was recommended that perhaps a letter be sent to the Revenue Department asking for clarification on the matter.

The Chair for ARISIA '95 raised the question of the ARISIA Photo Archive. Sheila Oranch announced that she had been contacted by Sally Martin, a photographer who had photographed the previous conventions. The photo archive is always funded through the ConChair. The cost for the archive is approximately \$200 per year. It is a Corporate Archive, which copies should be made available. Presently in a slide format. It was voted to authorize \$200 under unallocated funds to fund this archive. It was also noted that Corporate Inventory Control should receive the corporation's copy of the archive.

Sheila Oranch was authorized to write a letter to John Norman to clarify a matter that Mr. Norman was interested in.

The president recommended that the board might wish to show up early before the beginning of the next corporate meeting in order to decide on waiver and deferments that might be asked for.

The meeting adjourned at 10 pm.

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People are requested to use their discretion when calling the officers listed above, especially at their places of employment.

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CONVENTION CORNER:

- 10/21/94 NOT JUST ANOTHER CON X:
GOH:
AGOH: Amherst, MA
- 10/21/94 ALBACON '94:
GOH:
AGOH: Glasgow, Scotland
- 11/11/94 ORYCON 16:
Portland, OR
- 11/18/94 PHILCON '94:
GOH: Larry Niven
AGOH: Jim Burns
Philadelphia, PA
- 11/25/94 CONTEX 12:
GOH:
AGOH: Robert Daniels
Houston, TX
- 01/06/95 TROPICON 13:
GOH: Kristine Kathryn Rusch
AGOH: Joel
West Palm Beach, FL
- 01/13/95 ARISIA '95:
GOH: C J Cherryh
AGOH: Joel
Boston, MA
- 02/17/95 BOSKONE 32:
GOH: Diana Wynne Jones
AGOH: Ruth Sanderson
Framingham, MA
- 03/05/95 ASTRONOMICON 4:
GOH: David Drake
AGOH: Robin Wood
Rochester, NY
- 03/17/95 LUNACON '95:
GOH: Paul Anderson
AGOH: Stephen Hickman
Rye Brook, NY
- 03/31/95 CONCRPT '95:
GOH: Spider & Jeanne Robinson
AGOH: Vincent DiFate
Montreal Quebec, CANADA
- 07/28/95 MYTHCON 26:
GOH: Tim Powers
GOH: Michael Collins
Berkeley, CA
- 08/20/95 NECRONOMICON 2:
GOH: Ramsey Campbell
Dartmouth, MA
- 08/24/95 INTERSECTION:
Glasgow, Scotland



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 10/11/94 **ARISIA '95 ConCom Meeting.** To be held at the home of Pat Vandenberg and Allan Kent at 7:30 pm.
- 10/19/94 **ARISIA Corporate Meeting** 7:30 pm at UMass Boston, South Boston / 4th floor lounge (NOTE: THIS IS A WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEETING)
- 10/29/94 **ARISIA '95 ConCom Meeting.** To be held at the BOSTON PARK PLAZA HOTEL at 2:00 pm. WALKTHRU
- 11/01/94 **PRESS DATE FOR MENTOR 48**
- 11/05/94 **ARISIA '95 ConCom Meeting.** To be held at the home of Pat Vandenberg and Allan Kent at 2:00 pm.
- 11/13/94 **ARISIA Corporate Meeting** BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY, Waltham. Time to be announced.
- 12/10/94 **ARISIA '95 ConCom Meeting.** To be held at the home of Pat Vandenberg and Allan Kent at 2:00 pm.
- 12/27/94 **ARISIA '95 ConCom Meeting.** To be held at the home of Pat Vandenberg and Allan Kent at 2:00 pm.

**01/06/95 ARISIA '95 ConCom
Meeting. TBD.**

Concerning CONVENTION COVER and UPCOMING EVENTS, MEMBERS are encouraged to forward information and items to the CLERK concerning items to go into either calendar area.

MEMBERS are reminded that the deadline for submission of items for publication is the THURSDAY before the press date.

[ALL MEMBERS SHOULD REMEMBER IT IS THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TO CHECK OFF THEIR NAMES ON THE ATTENDANCE LIST SO THAT IT IS RECORDED AND COUNTED IN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING. FAILURE TO DO SO WILL EFFECT THE QUORUM CALCULATION FOR THE NEXT MEETING.]

CORRECTIONS: on page 17, the president noted that the clerk should attempted to remain neutral when reporting the minutes of the meeting, and stated that he did not attempt to "bury" the issue in the E-Board.

PROXIES:

Rob Bazemore granted his proxy to the person whom the clerk feels most suited to voting his way. The president ruled that the proxy was out of order as it did not name a specific individual. It was pointed out that the proxy did conform to the sample proxy that has been printed in *MENTOR*. Joe stated that he regretted that he had not caught and corrected the error previously. A motion was made to carry on, in this instance, with the precedence previously set. The president ruled that the motion was out of order.

Donald Eastlake III granted his proxy to Al Kent

Jill Eastlake granted her proxy to Pat Vandenberg

Chris Ivey granted her proxy to James Stevenson, and then Ed Dooley until she showed up. James Stevenson exercised this proxy.

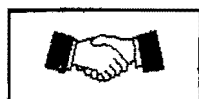
Johnna Klukas granted her proxy to James Belfiore, Jr. In the event that he could not hold it it was to pass to Sheila Oranch. James Belfiore exercised this proxy.

Holly Love granted her unrestricted proxy to Ted Atwood. In the event he was unable to hold this proxy, it was transferable to Karl Wurst and/or Amy West. Ted Atwood exercised this proxy.

William Powers granted his proxy to Sheila Oranch.

Tim Roberge granted his proxy to Robert Fairbairn IV, Robert Bazemore, Kim Van Aukun, or to whomever the clerk designated. The president stated that the proxy was out of order on the grounds the clerk could not designate. It was successfully argued, however, that Kim Van Aukun, and later Robert Fairbairn, could hold the proxy. Kim Van Aukun exercised Tim's proxy until she was forced to leave the meeting. Robert Fairbairn exercised the proxy when he arrived.

(GETTING DOWN TO BUSINESS)



**CORPORATE
MEETING
SEPTEMBER 18, 1994**

The meeting was called to order by the president, A. Joseph Ross, at 2:20 pm.

IN ATTENDANCE: Ted Atwood, Jim Belfiore, Zack Brown, Erik Bunce, Randall Cohen, Ed Dooley, Marshall Ellis, Robert Fairbairn IV, Kevin Fallon (R), George Flynn, Joel Herda, Christine Ivey, Jeff Jordan, Walter Kahn, Allan Kent, Patrick McCormack, Sheila Oranch, John Preston, Nicholas Sheckman, Michael Sprague, James Stevenson, Kim Van Aukun (R), Patricia Vandenberg, Amy West, Karl Wurst

25 Corporate Members were present, 23 General Members, at the September Corporate Meeting.

TRANSFERS:

VOTED: To transfer Robert Fairbairn IV, Eugene Heller, and Michael Sprague from **RED SHIRT** to **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP**.

MOTION: To transfer Kevin Fallon, Mark Hertel and Kim Van Auken from **Red SHIRT** to **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP**.

This motion was automatically tabled until the next meeting in accordance with the BYLAWS.

DELETED MEMBERS:

[The following members, as of October 1st, have been removed from the corporate roster for non-payment of dues:

David Cantor	David Corriveau	Heather Coon
Mike DiGenio	Donna Dube	Mark Dulcey
D. Eastlake, Jr.	Donald Eastlake IV	David Fasset
James Pountas	Eugene Heller	Sheri Kaplowitz
Benjamin Levy	Chris Palmer	Noel Rosenberg

Cris Shuldiner (Still Honorary)

It is hoped that these members will rejoin the corporation sometime in the future.]



**FROM THE DESK OF
"EL SUPREMO"...**

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

A. Joseph Ross reporting:

[No Written Report Received]

The president reported that we had seen two years of drastic improvement in the area of finances. Long Range Planning was beginning to take shape, as well as the Grant program the founders had hoped for. Joe stated that he was disappointed that there was no corporate letterhead, and had not been able to look into the matter concerning sales tax. He urged persons not to go over their budgets, and urged the

treasurers, corporate and convention, to enforce the policy of concerning the budget.

The president stated he intended to address the membership after the elections, but he was going to say, at this time, that he had noted the tendency to save discussion on an issue until just before a decision is made or afterward. If people believe a decision is bad, they should say so.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT / GRANT COMMITTEE / COMPUTER NEEDS COMMITTEE / ARISIA '96:

Nicholas Shectman Reporting:

This is my last report as Vice-President. I'd just like to say that I've learned a lot during this term, and I think I even managed to have fun doing it. I wish my successor the best during the year to come.

I have prepared a packet of material for the incoming Vice-President.

Grant Committee:

The MITSFS grant proposal has been published and is ready to vote on. I spoke with Chris Amshey, the con chair for NJAC, about finances for the convention. He says his largest problem is cash flow, and that what he needs most is cash before the convention. Because grants have to be approved by the Grant Committee and the E-Board and then published along with the recommendations of the Grant Committee, and because of mail delays, we concluded that Arisia would not be able to grant money to SCUM in time to ease the cash flow crunch, so I am personally lending SCUM \$500 instead. If NJAC loses money, SCUM will apply for a grant. I have new contact information from The Carnarilla, and will be delivering grant information to them.

This is my last day as chairman of the Grant Committee, but I am willing to serve on the committee for the next year.

Computer Needs Committee:

I have purchased an HP Deskjet 520 printer for the corporation.

I have a fair amount of computer equipment in pieces in my house, but no time to put it together. I don't think I will have time to chair the Computer Needs Committee in the coming year, but I'm willing to be a member. Maybe if the committee has more than one person on it, we can get more done.

ARISIA '96:

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Mark Hertel as treasurer for '96. I have picked who I want for guests of honor and will contact them shortly.

I would like to apologize to Tim Roberge for my comments regarding a 4-day convention. I intended to convey the fact that I now think he is correct that a 4-day convention is not a good idea for '96, and I did not mean to imply that I thought he was standing in the way of something I still wanted to do.

Discussion on Grant Proposal was entertained after the vice-president concluded his report. There were some questions concerning the hours and location of the MITSFS Library. It was mentioned that Tony Lewis, of NESPA, had expressed a concern that MITSFS might violate the restrictive covenant clause in the BYLAWS. After discussion it was pointed out that MITSFS serves the MIT Student Body and Community, and that many MITSFS members were not MIT Students. It was:

VOTED: To approve the MITSFS Grant Proposal.

TREASURER'S REPORT / BUDGET COMMITTEE:

Allan Kent Reporting:

[No Written Report Received]

The treasurer reported that the amount in the bank was in the neighborhood of \$33K. The bank that we are presently at does not pay interest. Allan advised the membership that the new treasurer may want to consider looking for a new bank as New World was merging with Citizens.

The treasurer further went on to say that three items were inadvertently left out of the corporate budget: They were the amounts for telephone, mail box expenses, and the Order of the Lens.

CLERK'S REPORT:

Edward Dooley reporting:

The clerk reminded the membership to sign in. Payment for dues would be accepted up to the start of the Annual Election. Dues up to that time were \$24. After the election dues would drop to \$22. At the start of the Annual Election no further dues would be accepted and any member paying after that would rejoin the corporation as a Red Shirt Member. Any member who did not rejoin the corporation before October 1st would be removed from the corporate roster.

[Chart of Membership Dues pro-rated:

September	\$24	March	\$12
October	\$22	April	\$10
November	\$20	May	\$ 8
December	\$18	June	\$ 6
January	\$16	July	\$ 4
February	\$14	August	\$ 2

The clerk read the following note from Robert Bazemore as part of his report:

Note to the General Public:

My convention made money not only because of the hardwork on behalf of the concon and staff, but also because everyone tried to keep the costs down which included people not asking for reimbursements on a lot of small stuff like phone calls and copying. It will be several years before we should let up on the purse strings because it will only take one bad year to ruin us financially. Thanks to all those who have helped over the years and especially those who are helping this year to keep up the tradition.

Insanity *3

The clerk also reported that he was looking into commercial software to house the database.

[NOTE 1: Special thanks to those who have taken the time to submit their reports, in accordance with Corporate Policy, in writing. A very special thanks to Nicholas Sheckman a.k.a. phi for submitting his reports in writing. It really is a big help!]

[NOTE 2: If this issue appears slightly strange it's due to a few factors. The first is that I am still experimenting with the limited number of fonts that the DeskJet Computer Needs provided. I expect that these fonts printed are the best I will be able to do. The second, as some were aware at the meeting, I was in some discomfort from stressed muscles at the Corporate Meeting, and I may have missed a few of the finer points. Please submit your corrections, in writing, to me--I am expecting some. Third and lastly (and perhaps the biggest explanation of the choppiness of this issue) I have been suffering with an ear infection which has gone into the flu since September 29th and have been averaging a temperature of 101° since Sunday October 2nd. Right now I'm at 99.6°, on amoxicillon, and writing ~~MENTOR~~. I'm not a happy camper.--Ed]

TO THOSE BEHIND THE LENS:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ConCom '94

Jim Belfiore reporting:

The Chairman for ARISIA '94 announced that the books should be closed real soon. Outstanding debts for Advertisements in the Convention's Program Book were being turned over to the Corporation for collection.

ConCom '95

Sheila Oranch reporting:

All corporate members who are members of the A'95 ConCom should review the listing of ConCom meetings listed in UpComing Events. The next walkthru of the hotel is scheduled for 10/29/94. All ConCom meetings, unless otherwise stated, will be held at the home of Pat Vandenberg and Allan Kent in Arlington.

Concerning Staff Recognition, the Chairman wished to remind her division heads and departments that for those wishing the traditional T-shirt, should get their sizes and numbers in. People wishing other forms of recognition, should get their information in asap, as orders may take 6 to 10 weeks. People should get their information to Sheila Oranch and James Fountas by October 11th.

Concerning Logistics, the team was off fixing a car or two [Actually, we were installing the transmission for the chase vehicle Ni-Sahn, six hours total for both members.] The information deadline is September 30, 1994. If you don't have your information sheet into them by that date if there is something for them to pick up, there is a good chance they may not. The information does not have to be complete at this time, serial and model numbers may come later (by December 15th for insurance purposes.), but it does have to give them a good idea of what is coming in. Whatever you do, if you think that there is a remote chance you might need something moved by Logistics, GET A FORM IN NOW! (The clerk spoke up and said he had forms with him. Several disappeared.)

Technical is up and running. While working InterOpt, in Las Vegas, Deryl interacted with quite a few new techies. Again, if you feel you need technical to help you out with your areas--contact Deryl. She we help you determine your needs. Tech has set a date of 12/1/94 as an ultimate deadline--this is when it goes to the order houses. If your want it to run, tech suggests you come to the November ConCom Meeting with your information.

On Events, Jill announced that she needs people. If she does not get people, several items in her program will not happen. Interested people who wish to help Jill out should contact her as soon as possible. Patty Silva presented a detail report of what will be showing in the Video Theatre.

On the Den, Joelll reported for JoAnne that she needs the food preferences before October 13th ConCom meeting from anyone planning on using the Staff Den. This information needs to be

passed on to the Quartermasters as soon as possible.

For Member Services, Phi reported that he needs someone to do AT-CON Fans of the Future. Phi compiled Con Suite information to provide the Quartermasters an idea of what is needed.

(The clerk stressed the importance of this information as purchase will begin shortly for durable items to take advantage of sales.)

The Hotel Liaison team was introduced. It was stressed that people who intended to cater something during the con, they should contact the team and let them know. They will need the standard information of when, where, and how much (of your budget) you can spend. Also the need for updated room setups were stressed. First pass layouts were requested for the next ConCom Meeting.

Registration put out the call for people. People wishing to work registration, should contact Ms. Vandenberg.

On Programming, Chris Ivey announced that her second mailing was going out. Filk was presenting a problem as not in keeping in touch. A request was made of the HL team that a bed may need to be removed from the Green Room Complex.

Art Show announced that they have been receiving money on a steady basis. Work sessions are planned to overhaul the existing hangings, as well as fashioning new ones. A detailed Art Show Programming Track was promised. [Considering the level of excellence the Con was treated to last year, we need not worry--Ed.]

The ConTreasurer asked people to funnel people with financial experience to him. Persons interested should contact Ken. The financial group, Ken and Mark, asked that people get their receipts in asap. Remember, ARISIA, is tax exempt.

Marketing is planning a marketing meeting. Persons interested in helping to sell Arisia should contact Jennifer Bunce.

The banquet reported that they need ideas for favors for our 4th banquet. A maximum of 110 seats are available at \$25.00 on Saturday January 14th from 6 to 8 pm.

The ConChair announced that she planned to host a party at PhilCon. This is the last con BEFORE Arisia '95, and the chair intended to blow her budget on it.

[Editor's Note: This is a brief synopsis of six page report of the September ConCom Meeting. In all likelihood, the full report will appear in the ConCom News.]

LONG RANGE PLANNING

Pat Vandenberg reporting:

The first item on the LRP's agenda was the Emergency Insurance Fund. The \$16K would cover the immediate expenses. It was questioned whether the money could be invested to build the fund faster. It was also asked whether the Corporation is bond to set aside the money if we don't have the cash flow. It was decided, as in the past with Grants, that if the Corporation was in a poor position that it would be funded when possible.

A motion made by Walter Kahn was:

VOTED: To amend the process every four years to see if the money is adequate.

The reasoning behind Walter's motion was what would happen if the Corporation does nothing. It was hoped that it would become a budget item, and that a cost of living adjustment might be needed. It was suggested that the E-Board should review. It was also asked that it be reviewed yearly. This item failed. It was requested that the word, approximate be struck from the policy and a straight 4K be allocated. This passed.

The second issue, the new membership policy, saw Elf memberships converted to Gift Memberships good only for one year. One member had problems with the conchair approval part of the policy. The question was raised what happens if a chair disappears after their con. Perhaps the appropriate area should be the E-Board. It was felt by some that the E-Board would only complicate the matter, and chairs should always be accessible. The Board could always be the second chance.

It was felt that item #7 was a good policy. It made the item more valuable, as well as a bookkeeping issue. A motion was made, name not capture (item not put into writing), to amend the policy in order to make a case by case exception by approval of the E-Board. The amendment was defeated.

On the main motion, it was voted to pass.

On the tenth item, it was recommended to leave the money figure blank using the lowest at the door. An amendment, was made that the purchase should be made at 1/3 the rate at the previous convention for the next convention rounded to the nearest dollar figure. Example: Cost of A'95 at A'94. The amendment was voted on and passed. The main question was

called and passed.

On the issue of Babysitting, the committee had been unable to meet to discuss the issue.

ORDER OF THE LENS

*Patrick McCormack
Reporting:*

Pat reported that the Budgetary concerns that were raised were not an issue, as no Order of the Lens was to be given at ARISIA '95. The question raised over whether this was just another GOH. Pat clarified that the status of the recipient of the Order would be a "special guest" of the Corporation. It would give the recipient their first taste of being on the level of a GOH, but would not have any of the responsibilities. While it was hopeful that the recipient would want to volunteer to be on program items, it was not required. In essence, they would be above our other guests, being a direct guest of ARISIA, Incorporated.

The general purpose was to bring attention to a person moving up in the field.

Further, it would be a budgeted item in the Corporation's Fiscal budgeted, funded as needed. It was voted to approve this program.

CORPORATE DEPARTMENTS:

CORPORATE BENEFITS:

Randall Cohen Reporting:

[No Written Report Received]

Randall stated that he was considering approaching the BOSTON PARK PLAZA Hotel on behalf of the Corporation and asking them if it would be possible for them to reduce the rate that Corporate Members would pay by \$10. Pat Vandenberg counted that it should be sent to the Hotel Liaison team (In the ConCom). Randall stated that he did not believe that it would be well for the HL team to approach the hotel. As this was a corporate matter, which, if accepted, would be only for the fifty or so corporate members, the hotel might say yes. Thereby giving us our first real benefit.

Randall stated that he had worked hard to find benefits for the membership, but as we are not like a true company, we did not have a strong arguing point. It was suggested that perhaps the position should be given to the next vice-president.

CORPORATE INVENTORY CONTROL:

Tim Roberge reporting:

[No Report Received]

The Corporate Inventory Control Officer (CICO) was not present. The clerk, speaking on the CICO's behalf stated that he had a previous engagement at a family member's wedding which he had to attend. The membership accepted the reason.

CORPORATE MERCHANDISING:

Jim Belfiore reporting:

[No Written Report Received]

Jim reported that he had not had time to put together a package of ideas for the Corporation. He had put together a flyer for the corporation [As yet to be submitted to the Corporation for proofing and approval].

...AND HERE BE DRAGONS

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Corporate Budget was the first issue discussed. An immediate motion was entertained to amend the budget by \$4,000 for the Snow Reserve Fund. \$189 for the Cell Phone and Electronic Mail Service. \$250 for the Photo Archive. A request was made, by the clerk, to include the mail box and storage expenses in the corporate budget on the grounds that funding had to start at some point, and ARISIA '95 occurred only three months into the fiscal year. The answer received that the next treasurer would cut the funding out of the con budget and place it in the corporation's.

It was stressed, by the president, that we were already several weeks into the fiscal year and operating without a budget. When an objection was made that the board going in should create the budget they would be working with, the response was that it has always been tradition to have the outgoing E-Board set the next year's budget. Further, the president ruled that as no motion was before the membership that the discussion should move on.

The clerk moved to refer the budget back to the E-Board. The president stated that the clerk should have raised his questions in the previous E-Board meeting. The clerk reminded the president the board was busy with another issue. Ed's main concern was how we reached certain figures, such as MENTOR. Did the figure cover postage, if so it was insufficient, or was this only for reproduction? Ed further stated that at no time had Allan asked his input. Other members raised points. The question was called and defeated.

Discussion continued on the budget. The questions were field as to why the corporation still had its funds in banks that did not give interest. Allan attempted to explain that he had been told by an official at the bank that a bank auditor had told him that they (the bank) did not have to pay interest on corporate accounts. Members urged that the funds be pulled and invested someplace that would grow the funds at hand. It was noted by Pat McCormack that postage rates were expected to go up again, and that the funding for MENTOR should be increased.

Other items would be needed shortly to cover obligations of the ARISIA Convention. Cash on hand was needed to deposit in postal accounts, and for a cash deposit for the hotel. People urged that we should immediately place \$12,000 into the snow fund. Capital equipment owned by the corporation was not listed.

A majority of the membership wished to express their thanks to Allan for the job he had done as treasurer. It was voted to increase the funding for MENTOR to \$800.

Several members argued that the budget published had changed from the version published. It was voted to pass the budget as amended with title "INTERIM BUDGET PENDING REVIEW" on a new budget copy to be provided to the membership.

Ed Dooley requested that the membership grant to Insanity '93 (a.k.a. Robert Bazemore) the status of Honorary Member. Ed's reasons were as follows:

Whereas, Robert Bazemore, also known as INSANITY, has demonstrated a drive and dedication which served to further the goals and objects of ARISIA, Incorporated, it is moved to grant honorary membership status to Mr. Bazemore as a member of ARISIA, Incorporated.

My reasons for this motion are quite simple. In my opinion, Rob is one of the few individuals presently active in the corporation who deserves this honor. During his time in the area, Rob set an example of excellence that I believe few will disagree with. During his active years, Rob has held several positions in the corporation. He has held the position of vice-president, chairman of the Grant Committee, and Chairman of ARISIA '93. He has sat in on discussions with other committees that he was not a member of, and was always ready to volunteer his opinion on a matter, even when it was not what the membership wanted to hear.

Rob, as previously stated, was chairman of the convention which paid off three years of debt. During his time as chairman of ARISIA '93, Rob was instrumental in reaching out to other local area organizations, such as NESFA and MCFI, and laid the foundation for understanding between this two organizations with ARISIA after the volatile beginning of our organization which has passed into legend. During his time as chairman, Rob worked not only on his own convention, but worked on projects for other conventions such as the "WALT WILLIS ENCHANTED MINIATURE GOLF COURSE" for Magicon. During this time Rob helped to draw other Arisian's into this project. As a result of his hard work, trustworthiness, and dedication, Rob was permitted to hold a key to the NESFA Club House in order to work on the project during his free time. Much of that time he was alone, and worked unsupervised on the Magicon project, and is probably the main reason it came in on time for that convention.

Rob continued to be active in ARISIA, Incorporated after his convention, showing up for every general meeting, and serving as an ex-officio member of the Executive Board helping to tie

up the loose ends of his convention, instead of crawling off into the hinterlands to recover his energy. He was a valued source of information, and was more than willing to aid new members with his advice.

Therefore, it is moved that Robert Bazemore be granted honorary status within the organization, and it is hoped that this motion will be granted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward Dooley, Clerk
ARISIA, Incorporated
199-1994

A member asked what was the standing of the bylaws on the matter of Honorary Membership. The president explained that the bylaws were silent on the dual status of membership, but that the level was only honorary, and did not need to be published before it could be voted on.

Jim Belfiore stated that he wished to go on record approving the motion, but blasted the clerk on his choice of words, especially when mentioning projects which belonged to other organizations. Jim felt that a written apology was due to Pat Vandenberg whose project it was for MCFI for Magicon.

Ed was stunned at the accusation, but stated that he believed that the project's completion and the quality of the project were due to the efforts of Rob. The efforts of someone who had his own convention to plan. Ed stated that it was never his intent to insult Pat Vandenberg [or any other member of the team responsible for the project, or the organizations involved], Ed also repeated this after the meeting to Pat personally. [Pat's opinion at the time was that Rob's contribution was a fair one, but there were others who did an equal amount of work.]

It was voted, unanimously to grant honorary membership to Rob Bazemore.

A request was received from David Kyle requesting a list or labels of the persons in the database that had authorized ARISIA to share their names and addresses. David's project was a newsletter he was sending out on FIRST Pandon. It was determined that this was day to day business and not required to go before the membership.

The membership decided that the October meeting (10/19) would be held at UMASS/Boston in the 4th Floor Lounge. The November meeting (11/13) would be held at Brandeis in Waltham

if space could be obtained.

The meeting recessed at 4:55 for 5 minutes.



ANNUAL ELECTION:

The meeting was called to order after requests for waivers/deferments were processed and granted. The clerk informed the president that one candidate had not paid dues or requested a deferment or waiver. As such, the name of Noel Rosenberg was removed from the list of candidates. The announcement was made during the vice-presidential selection. Certain members attempted to ask for a deferment on Noel's behalf. Unfortunately, it was determined, that only the individual could make the request. The president stated it was unfortunate.

A motion was made to separate the vote.

The motion passed.

The president allowed each candidate to speak. Each candidate restated their position either by addressing the membership, or in the case of the office for vice-president, Jim Stevenson requested that their campaign statements be read as Tim Roberge was not present. The results of the voting was:

VOTE FOR PRESIDENT:

JOEL HERDA	16	*
JEFF JORDAN	13	
ABSTENTION	1	

VOTE FOR VICE-PRESIDENT:

JIM STEVENSON	15	*
TIM ROBERGE	10	
NONE OF THE ABOVE	2	
ABSTENTION	1	

VOTE FOR TREASURER:

ERIK BUNCE	21	*
RANDALL COHEN	6	
ABSTENTION	1	

Going into the election, only one candidate had announced for clerk. Patrick McCormack announced that he was submitting his name to the membership for consideration. While Pat fully endorsed Ed (and Ed fully endorsed Pat), Pat felt that ARISIA had reached a milestone that every office was a race this year with the exception of clerk. As such, Patrick offered his considerable experience to the membership. During this time, as Walter Kahn [have to include this Walter] began to fill out his ballot and the president caught him. Both candidates shouted fixed. Slightly red faced, Walter, who had been passing out the ballots passed out the final one.

VOTE FOR CLERK:

ED DOOLEY	19	*
PAT MCCORMACK	8	
BILL THE CAT	1	
ABSTENTION	1	

The new E-Board took office at the conclusion of the meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Congratulations were given to the BCEC for the presentation at CONADIAN were they won 3 awards including a JOURNEYMAN placing for the CHARLIE ON THE UFO. New BCEC Flyers and the "CHARLIE SONG" were available. [And will be printed, hopefully in a future issue of MENTOR.]

The next meeting of the BECE will be on October 15th in Peabody.

A Costume Event will be held on October 30th at the home of Pat and Allan.

A reminder was made that the first deadline for Logistic's Forms was quickly approaching. Also, that people should get their requests for purchases to the quartermasters for ARISIA '95 as soon as possible.

A representative from ARISIA '95 Security announced that they were almost fully staffed. People needing special coverage should get their requests in. All security staff is expected to be in place before the convention. No one will be allowed to join the team at con. Don't miss the boat.

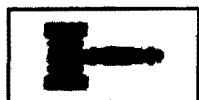
[Members are again reminded that announcements, reports, motions, and anything I left out, are suppose to be submitted in writing. Not just a good idea, but CORPORATE POLICY!-- unabashed plug.]

Joe Ross addressed the membership one final time as president: It is, Joe told the membership present, that ARISIA come together. The organization had to work together if we are going to be successful. If people have a difference of opinion, it is only that! Everyone is trying to do the right thing and have different viewpoints. A dog can distinguish over being stumbled over and over being kicked.

The new E-Board briefly addressed the membership.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm.

**AND NOW, ANOTHER WORD FROM
OUR SPONSOR....**



**EXECUTIVE BOARD
MEETING:**

SEPTEMBER 29, 1994

The president, Joel Herda, called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

IN ATTENDANCE: Joel Herda, President; Jim Stevenson, Vice-President; Erik Bunce, Treasurer; Ed Dooley, Clerk; also present: Nicholas Shectman, ConChair '96; Robert Fairbairn IV, acting parliamentarian; Sheila Oranch, ConChair '95

The clerk delivered a request from Randall Cohen that the corporation suspend the rules and procedures and give TANGENT BBS a grant as the grant had been in committee far too long.

Nicholas Shectman, past vice president 1993-1994, told the E-Board that at the time that he was chairman of the Grant Committee that he had felt that, while TANGENT, was deserving of funding, but he had explained that he did not feel it was the proper use of a grant. He felt that the money should come from the general fund. At the time TANGENT's answer was no, and Nick believed that this was no to the entire proposal, but in considering Nick granted that it might have been just using money from the general fund. A suggestion was made that perhaps the Corporation should purchase an adequate hard drive, and present it to TANGENT as a gift.

The clerk requested, in light of a personal conflict of interest, that his name be withheld from this year's program book. The clerk offered to the board the name E. Walter James (his two middle names) to replace Edward Dooley. The clerk openly admitted that he might be overreacting, however, in light of the nature of his conflict, felt he was justified. The board agreed on both points. It was the decision of the board to allow the substitution of E. Walter James for Edward Dooley in the convention program book.

When Sheila Oranch arrived, the Copier Proposal was addressed. The proposal, which was previously published, was for a highspeed copier capable of sorting up to twenty copies. The cost of the copier for a Used Konica 6090 Copier was for \$4,495 or \$150.58 a month. This price include service, parts,

labor, and drum. Tonner would cost \$60.15 and developer \$96.00.

Joel pointed out that copiers were big pieces of equipment with a limited lifetime. Where would it be stored? Sheila's answer was that it could live at her office. The building was easy to get to and open, by appointment thru Sheila, 24 hours a day. By obtaining the copier, A'95 would save close to \$1600, the figure would need to be recalculated as it was the initial calculation based on all con publication.

The clerk pointed out that for most of the year, corporate publication--MENTOR, would not justify the \$150 per month charge. The corporate newsletter only costs the corporation an average of \$37 per month depending on its size. (20 sides x 60 copies x \$.03+1.20 for stapling). Also pointed out was that a copier represented a large amount of money that would be tied up on a machine which would eventually wear out.

After some discussion, and hesitation, the following motion was made:

Whereas, there is a demonstrated need for large-volume photocopying for the business of the corporation and convention, and whereas, ARISIA, Inc. would stand to save at least one-third of the current cost of duplicating by leasing-to-own a photocopy machine as previously published in MENTOR, Resolved to enter into a lease-to-own agreement with Conway Business machines for a Konica 6090 copier with auto-collator for the amount of \$180 a month.

This motion carries the recommendation of the E-Board.

Sheila informed the Board that she had been approached by a whiskey company with corporate sponsorship. Ms. Oranch declined the sponsorship on the grounds it was inappropriate to our membership.

The ConChair for A'95 recommended that it should be Corporate Policy that nothing should go to the general public without first going before the E-Board or the ConChair, or approved proof readers for her convention.

Ed produced a plan for re-organization of the corporation to the president which would build up the practically non-existent department structure, and down play sending everything into committee. The board was thrilled with the idea, but the president asked if such action was allowed by the bylaws. Would this have to go before the membership. The clerk reminded the president that he was in charge of day-to-day business of the corporation. Therefore, if approved by the president, the matter ended there. Joel said he liked the

idea, and asked the clerk, and the board, to continue developing the plan. The first fleshed out area is ARISIA SALES, a part of the Financial Group of Arisia, Incorporated.

The treasurer moved that all line items for durable goods to be purchased by the concom be recommended to the corporate membership to be removed from the convention budget and put into the corporate budget. The ConChair for A'95 did not protest this action. It was therefore voted to recommend such action to the membership.

The question arose once more that the Corporation should buy a high end computer (486 or better). As at least one member of the board did not own a computer now was again the time to buy one. The clerk pointed out that the corporate computer should go in reverse order Clerk to President to which ever member did not have one. Further, a high end machine would provide a home for ARISIA.ORG. The Corporation, it was felt, should get a new machine with warranties and support. We should not start with a machine that is out dated.

The Clerk presented the following dates to the E-Board for potential meeting dates.

	PRIME	SECONDARY
DEC94	18TH-SUN	14TH-WED
JAN95	22ND-SUN	24TH-TUES
FEB95	12TH-SUN	23RD-THURS
MAR95	19TH-SUN	21TH-TUES
APR95	23RD-SUN	19TH-WED
MAY95	21ST-SUN	18TH-THURS
JUN95	18TH-SUN	21ST-WED
JULY95	23RD-SUN	20TH-THURS
AUG95	20TH-SUN	22ND-TUES
SEPT95	17TH-SUN	20TH-WED
OCT95	15TH-SUN	19TH-THURS
NOV95	19TH-SUN	14TH-TUES

The E-Board voted to recommend the above dates as possible dates for the corporate meeting for the next twelve months.

The vice-president presented a proposal to the board. Jim had notice for several months now, the tension in the organization. His proposal was that the corporation should throw a party for its corporate members. The time to throw this party should be sometime before the convention in December. As other corporations pick up the bill for holiday celebrations, Jim felt that ARISIA should have a celebration of its own in the same manner. A WINTER SOLSTICE PARTY to be held on the longest night of the year. Jim was authorized to look into locating space either in or near a hotel, and for obtaining prices. The entire board felt it was a long overdue

idea.

As the books for ARISIA '94 appear to be closed, it was the decision of the board to decommission the ARISIA '94 ConCom and assume any outstanding business there may yet be.

The board adjourned at 10:50 pm.

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