



# Mentor

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## Minutes of E-Board Meeting

**Time:** Feb. 13, 1996 @ 6:45 pm.

**Location:** UMass - Wheatly Hall

**In Attendance:** Cris Shuldiner, Walter Kahn, Glen R. Goodwin, Pat McCormack, Nicholas "Phi" Shectman

- The president (Cris Shuldiner) queried the Arisia 97 Chair (Pat McCormack) regarding the status of the Arisia 97 Treasurer. Pat returned the question to the president as it is the responsibility of the E-board to recommend a Treasurer. Some discussion was had as to possible candidates. Pat stated that only Dale Farmer had expressed any inkling of interest. The decision of the E-board was to approve Dale as Treasurer, pending acceptance.
- The E-Board instructed the Arisia 97 Chair that the Hotel Division reports to the E-board with regards to the contracts.
- The Grant Committee was in need of appointments. Ed Dooley and Bill Mickle were both appointed.
- The president informed the E-board as to the status of the lawsuit. It would seem that Massachusetts Superior Court has returned the case to the Boston Municipal Court. It was the lawyer's opinion that this was done because Superior Court felt the valuation of the case was too small.
- It was decided that the corporation required a System Administrator position. The president will formally submit a job description to the E-board. The E-board appointed Nicholas "Phi" Shectman to the position.
- The Vice-President (Walter Kahn) presented

the possibility of giving a key to the mailbox to the Arisia 97 Clerk (Nicholas "Phi" Shectman, whom had requested said key) for the purposes of mailroom. This action was approved.

- The Clerk (Glen R. Goodwin) submitted several designs for the corporate stationary. The designs were discussed and tabled pending further submissions from the clerk.
- The time of the next E-board meeting was set for March 5, 1996 at 7:00 pm. The meeting will take place at Goemon Japanese Noodle Restaurant (738 Commonwealth Ave, Brookline).
- The Arisia 96 Chair (Nicholas "Phi" Shectman) stated that the recommended lifetime membership for John (???) was not desired. The President then recommended some other sort of honor that could be presented. The idea was tabled for reflection.
- The Arisia 96 Chair also stated that he would be purchasing a new hard drive for arisia.org as well as upgrading the OS. Phi mentioned something about passing the hat.
- The president presented the idea of moving the corporate meeting date to a better time. The idea was table for further thought.

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm.

## Minutes of the February Corporate Meeting

**Time:** February 13, 1996 at 7:59 pm.

**Location:** UMass Boston, 4th Floor, Wheatly Hall

**In Attendance:** Jeremy Brown, Edward Dooley,

Marshall Ellis, George Flynn, Glen R. Goodwin, Joel Herda, Christine Ivey, Walter Kahn, Benjamin Levy, Pat McCormack, Tim Roberge, Nicholas "Phi" Shectman, Cris Shuldiner, Bill Mickle (non-member), Paul Selkirk (non-member)

- Corrections to the Minutes

An 'S' is needed in the word Minutes.

- No proxies were presented.

- President's Report:

The president reported receiving the hotel contract (first revision) for 1997. The contract was under consideration.

Cris reported that a policy regarding mailing lists was before the e-board. Said policy would make specific individuals responsible for monitoring and moderation of the two mailing list (Corporate and Staff). The specific individuals would be the President (for the corporate list) and the Conchair (for the staff list).

Cris also informed the membership of the lawsuit status. (See E-Board Minutes.)

Cris presented the E-board appointments for the Grant Committee which were unopposed.

Finally Cris presented the position of System Administrator before the members and the appointment of Nicholas "Phi" Shectman. The appointment was also unopposed.

- Vice-president's Report:

The Vice-President told the membership that he was currently trying to determine the status of the MITSF grant. Some discussion was held on this and the issue was referred to the treasurer.

The Grant committee will meet briefly after the corporate meeting to setup a meeting time.

- Treasurer's Report:

*(Report read by the President in the Treasurer's absence).*

We have about 26K in the bank. If Phi got it transferred, then it is all in Bank of Boston, otherwise 20K is still in West Bank.

I haven't received any information from the Arisia 96 con treasurer, and I hope that the Arisia 96 Conchair might be able to give the membership some idea of how the con books look. I apologize that I am not there today, I got stuck in Florida and believe it or not, being stuck in Jacksonville is worse than an Arisia meeting.

- Clerk's Report:

The Corporate Member list is in something of a state of disrepair, but coming under control. I intend to talk with Randall to determine everyone's status shortly.

Also, as promised on the mail list the clerk intends to see the corporate list cleaned up with the System Administrator's assistance.

*(The Clerk finished his report, and was then admonished by the membership for forgetting certain duties).*

Everyone Must sign in (everyone already had).

Fees prior to corporate meeting were \$14. Fees after the meeting until the next corporate meeting are set at \$12.

All attending non-members will receive a complimentary copy of Mentor. (This was done prior to the meeting.)

The next Mentor will go to press February 20, 1996 (Mardi Gras).

- Arisia 96 Report:

I am preparing a final report, due at the end of march.

I want to close my books by the next meeting at the very latest. If you still have outstanding expenses please submit them now. If you do not have receipts yet, submit anyway so we can figure out the numbers, and then get the receipts in as soon as possible.

The preliminary budget figures show a net profit of about \$2500.

- Arisia 97 Report:

I've been letting people relax a little for the past month. We've had a few discussion on the mailing lists, but that's about it. I'll be getting things under steam now. My

biggest immediate concerns are getting a Treasurer, Member Services Division Head, and someone who wants to coordinate parties at other conventions.

I'm looking for a few things from everyone who ran a department last year. I need reports on what people spent money and how the budget for their department actually met its needs. I also need copies of any and all records various departments kept.

From the people who are going to be running departments next year, I'm looking for a written concept of what the department head thinks their going to be doing and a budget request on what it will take to do it, including some detail beyond a bottom line. I'm also requesting timelines on future work goals.

I'll be having a couple of meetings in the coming month with the Division Heads to start hashing out the budget and finalizing appointments. In the meantime, I'm going to need an interim budget to cover flyers, parties at other cons, and initial response mailings.

**MOVED:** that the sum of \$500 be approved to cover those expenses until such time as the final con budget has been approved.

**PASSED** unopposed.

- **Audit Fund Report:**

There's not enough money in the audit fund.

- **Corporate Inventory Report:**

Due to technical difficulties, I did not have the Prepacks prepared for logistics until after they had picked up what they believed was everything. After that was straightened out (sorry Cris). I went to and rather enjoyed the convention. Sunday, I came to the hotel after dropping of a friend, and was met by Cris (Operations Division Head), Who promptly cornered me and handed me the KEYS to the rental van, saying "I have to go be 'Corporate President'!", and proceeded to run off to take care of pressing matters.

It's COLD out, and I went through a change

of vehicles (alas my pickup has died and doesn't look like it will be up for a long time, if ever), so I haven't been to storage. I think that we still have stuff. If you have suggestions for dates, please get them to me soon as I will be announcing the inventory schedule in MARCH.

- **Corporate Sales:**

Marshal informed the corporation of the t-shirt counts from Arisia 96, and that there were still some available to the membership. An expanded report was promised to the clerk via E-mail, but none was forthcoming by press time.

- **System Administrator:**

This weekend Jude Shabry, Mark Weaver and I will be upgrading arisia.org's hard disk, operating system, web server, and mailing list software. I am soliciting donations for the disk drive. Any suggestions for software upgrades will be taken into consideration.

- **Old Business:**

No old Business.

- **New Business:**

The election for Clerk was held. Glen R. Goodwin nominated himself. No other nominations were made. The clerk was elected 12 **FOR** and 1 **AGAINST**.

The April corporate meeting was set for April 16, 1996, at 7:30 pm. The location was set for UMass Boston, 4th Floor of Wheatley Hall.

The May corporate meeting was set for May 19, 1996, at 2:00 pm. The location is TBA. However, it was decided that this meeting may be unnecessary and that during the March meeting it may be canceled.

**MOVED:** (by Joel Herda) That that Arisia corporation give two Arisia 1996 Sales shirts to Lory Davis of the Boston Park Plaza Hotel in appreciation of her service and assistance above and beyond the call of duty. The motion was **PASSED** unopposed.

- **Announcements:**

Joel Herda asked whether anyone had the Arisia Lens in scanned format. The answer was yes, and arrangements were made to transfer said picture to Joel.

Pat McCormack announced that the LA X flyers arrived for the 96 convention and offered them to anyone who would like one.

Meeting adjourned at 8:53 pm.

## Announcements

The clerk would like to thank everyone for his recently election and wishes to insure all the concerned parties that his Sailor Moon viewing shall continue uninterrupted.

Also, members submitting information to the clerk for Mentor should do so in electric format (ANY word processor type is acceptable) as this is the preferred method. E-mail to [arei@slaw.neu.edu](mailto:arei@slaw.neu.edu) is VERY effective.

Finally, Mentor deadlines WILL be firm. If you cannot provided me with a promised copy of something in time for my press deadline, too bad.

## Calendar of Event

Weekend of March 1, 1996 - **Astronomicon 5** - WGOH Robert Sawyer, AGOH Tom Kidd, FGOH Bjo Trimble. Rochester NY.

Weekend of March 1, 1996 - **InterCon XI** - Timonium, MD.

Weekend of March 1, 1996 - **5 Con** - CGOH Roberta Gregory. Northhampton, MA.

Weekend of March 1, 1996 - **Genericon IX** - GOH Christopher Golden. Troy NY

Tuesday, March 5, 1996, 7:00 pm - **E-Board Meeting** - Goemon Japanese Noodle, 738 Commonwealth Ave, Brookline.

Sunday, March 10, 1996, 2:00 pm - **Corporate Meeting** - Umass Boston, 4th floor, Wheatly Hall.

Weekend of March 15, 1996 - **Lunacon '95** - WGOH Terry Pratchett, WGOH Ester Friesner, VHGOH Phil Foglio, FGOH Bruce Pelz, Special Oragami Guest Mark Kennedy. Rye NY.

Weekend of March 22, 1996 - **Concept '96** - WGOH Terry Pratchett, AGOH Bob Eggleton, FGOH Hal Clement. Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

Weekend of April 5, 1996 - **Balticon XXX** - WGOH Robert Jordan, AGOH Lubov, FGOH Marty Gear, FKGHOH Frank Hayes, 1995 Compton Crook Award Winner Doranna Durgin. Baltimore, MD.

Tuesday, April 16, 1996, 7:30 pm - **Corporate Meeting** - Umass Boston, 4th floor, Wheatley Hall.

Weekend of May 16, 1996 - **Conversion** - WGOH Nick Pollotta, AGOH Reed Waller. Deerfield, IL

Sunday, May 19, 1996, 2:00 pm - **Corporate Meeting** - Location TBA

Weekend of Jul 5, 1996 - **Rebelcon** - Taunton, MA.

Weekend of Septebmer 13, 1996 - **Kaleidoscope IV** - WGOH Christine Golden, AGOH Lew Hartman, FGOH Linda Neighbors, FKGHOH Time Lines. Madison Heights, VA.

Weekend of October 11, 1996 - **Albacon '96** - WGOH Nancy Kress, AGOH Jill Bauman, FGOH Shirley Maiewski. Albany, NY.

Weekend of November 8, 1996 - **Notjustanothercon12** - GOH Allen Stelle. Amherst, MA.

Weekend of January 10, 1997 - **Arisia '97** - WGOH R.A. Salvatore, AGOH Bob Eggleton, FGOHs Brian Cooper, Tom Fish, Mary Robinson, Matt Saroff, Cris Shuldiner. Boston, MA.

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Ed Dooley  
Dave Corriveau  
Jeremy Brown  
Tim Roberge

**Long Range Planning:** Jeff Jordan, Chair  
Cris Shuldiner  
Pat McCormack

**Awards Committee:** Pat McCormack, Chair

**Grant Committee:** Walter Kahn, Chair  
Bill Mickie  
Edward Dooley

**Corporate Sales Officer**  
Marshal Ellis

**Corporate Inventory Control Officer**  
Tim Roberge

**Corporate Systems Administrator**  
Nicholas "Phi" Sheckman

### Membership Roster

Agassi, Aaron (Red Shirt)  
Atwood, Ted  
Brown, Jeremy  
Cohen, Randall  
Cooper, Brian  
Corriveau, David  
Dooley, Ed  
Ellis, Marshall  
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Farmer, Dale  
Fish, Tom  
Flynn, George  
Goodwin, Glen  
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Herda, Joel  
Hertel, Mark  
Ivey, Christine  
Jordan, Jeff  
Kahn, Walter  
Kent, Allan  
Labonville, Zanne  
Levy, Benjamin  
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Mickle, William (Red Shirt)  
Oranch, Sheila  
Preston, John  
Roberge, Tim  
Robinson, Mary  
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Ross, A. Joseph  
Saroff, Matthew  
Selkirk, Paul (Red Shirt)  
Sheckman, Nicholas  
Shuldiner, Cris  
Sprague, Michael  
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### Membership/Subscription Info

Subscriptions to Mentor of Arisia are included in Corporate membership to Arisia, Incorporated. Membership runs from September 1st to August 31st and costs \$24.00. 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	\$08
December	\$18	June	\$06
January	\$16	July	\$04
February	\$14	August	\$02