



# Mentor

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## Minutes of E-Board Meeting

**Time:** March 5, 1996 @ 8:00 pm

**Location:** Goemon Japanese Noodle Restaurant, Brookline, MA.

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

- Informal discussion was held as to the recent situation arising from the lack of activity on the part of the Arisia 96 Treasurer. Several solutions were recommended to the Arisia 96 Conchair who will enact them.
- The Eboard moved to terminate the Arisia 96 Treasurer. Motion was passed.
- The Eboard moved to create a policy that designates an Assistant to the Convention Treasurer to prevent future problems with Convention Treasury.
- It was moved that a formal bylaws ammendment be drafted and brought before the corporation regarding the wording of the Convention Treasurer's function.
- The eboard discusses the status of the Park West bank account. It was decided that Phi would transfer the money out of this account, leaving only enough to cover expenses.
- On a related issue it was decided to close out the Citizen Bank account. Phi reported that Citizen Bank required to of the authorized signators to close the account. Pat McCormack spoke up for himself and Jeff Jordan (both signators) stating that they would be happy to take care of this.
- Once again the eboard took up discussion as

to the Arisia 97 Treasurer. This issue was tabled for further thought.

- The eboard then fell into conjecture over a proposal submitted by Jeremy Brown regarding the purchasing of several items for the convention. This issue was tabled until Corporate Inventory could further comment and until Arisia 97 felt it was a relevant issue.
- Discussion then moved to the Clerk's proposal to purchase a laptop computer for the corporation to compliment the corporate printer. Discussion was tabled for future consideration.
- Finally, the eboard talked about suggested revisions to the Arisia 97 hotel contract. Several suggestions were made based upon comparison of the 97 contract to the 96 contract and upon various points of the contract. The revisions were left with the president for submission to the hotel liason.

Meeting adjourned 9:15 pm

## Minutes of the March Corporate Meeting

**Time:** Sunday, March 10, 1996 @ 2:39 pm

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

**In attendance:** Randall Cohen, Ed Dooley, Glen Goodwin, Hal Haag, Jeff Jordan, Walter Kahn, William Mickle (Red Shirt), Tim Roberge, Nicholas Shectman, Jim Stevenson (Non-member)

**In the absence of the president the meeting was chair by the Vice President, Walter Kahn.**

- Corrections to the Minutes

Ed Dooley pointed out that the Clerk was

**Instructed, not Admonished.**

- Proxies

Christine Ivey to Ed Dooley

Ted Atwood to Hal Haag

Marshal Ellis to Jeff Jordan.

- There were no transfers of membership. It was moved that Paul Selkirk and Bill Mickle be moved to General Membership. This was seconded and tabled as per the Arisia Bylaws.

- No president's report was given.

- Vice President's Report:

The Scum check has been mailed out. One of the members inquired of the VP about MITSFS.

Grant Committee:

One grant was received by the committee. After reviewal by the committee it was recommended by the committee that the e-board not approve this request because the submitting agency was an individual rather than an organization. The eboard concurred with the recommendation of the Grant Committee and also pointed out that the amount of the grant seemed a little too high as well.

Walter provided the aforementioned grant request to the clerk for inclusion in the newsletter. It is the opinion of the clerk that the general bulk of the materials is too significant for inclusion. However, a copy of the materials will be provided to any member requesting such. E-mail or call the clerk to arrange this.

- Treasurer's Report:

Randall spoke briefly about the status of the accounts. Jeff Jordan asked Randall how many bank accounts we had. Randall stated that the corporation had 2 accounts with Bank of Boston, and 1 Account with Park West.

Some discussion was had as to the recent check bouncing problem of Arisia 96. Randall assured the membership that the

eboard has taken steps to correct the current problem, and is looking into correcting this problem in the future.

Finally Randall stated that to date about \$2500.00 has been spent on the trial.

- Clerk's Report:

The clerk stated that he is about halfway through sorting the records which appear to be in fairly decent state.

Also, the clerk has completed an edit and review of the Bylaws and Articles. Final drafts of these documents along with the corporate policies will be made available to the membership shortly.

The clerk reminded the membership to sign in.

Fees for membership were set at \$12.00 prior to the corporate meeting and \$10.00 after.

Finally, the clerk stated that a complimentary mentor will be available to all non-members present at the meeting.

- Arisia 96 Report:

I met with Dave Corriveau yesterday and informed him of the executive board's decision to fire him. I have retrived most of his records and will meet with him later this week to do signature cards and get the rest of the records.

If you submitted expenses at or since the convention, or if you ctracted with a vendor, PLEASE LET ME KNOW so I can maes sure you or they get paid.

If you did not submit a time sheet TO ANDY [Kaufman] OR MYSELF, then you are not on the comps list and you should get in touch with me so that your membership to next year will be in order.

Phi was questioned as to wheter or not Patti Silver was paid. He said no, but he would take care of it.

- Arisia 97 Report:

**In Pat's absence Ed Dooley spoke:**

Things are progressing. People are still needed to work. Suggestions/Volunteers

for various positions are welcome. Finally, flyers are available. Contact Hal Haag if needed.

- Audit Fund: No Report.

- Long Range Planning:

Jeff Jordan reported on the President's Charge that LRP define and create a statement of Values for Arisia. [Statement located later in this Mentor.] Jeff is looking for comments from the general membership on this statement.

Also, LRP is planning on holding another meeting as soon as there is no snow.

- Corporate Inventory Control:

We still have stuff, we just dont know what it is. Thus it is recommended that inventory start on either on May 4th or May 11th. Both days are SATURDAYS, and to my knowledge, are not opposite anything. Please get back to me or the E-Board with your input.

NOTE: THE MORE PEOPLE WE GET FOR INVENTORY, THE FASTER IT GET DONE!

- System Administrator:

Phi stated that a donation of a 1.2 gigabyte drive was received and that the corporate mailing list is almost ready. [As of the Mentor Press the Corporate Mailing List is complete. Anyone not currently on the mailing list please send e-mail to the Clerk.]

- Old Business:

A may meeting is needed so that we can begin thinking about an Arisia 98 conchair.

- New Business:

The may meeting will be held on Sunday, May 19th at 2:00 pm. The location for this meeting will be UMass Boston, 4th floor Wheatley Hall.

The june meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 19th at 7:30 pm. The location for this meeting will be UMass Boston, 4th floor Wheatley Hall.

The eboard proposed an ammendment proposal to the bylaw to correct some minor

problems concerning the convection treasurer.

**Add the following to bylaw section**

**6.6a:** An assistant to the convention treasurer will also be appointed by the E-board with the advice of the convention chairman. The assistant treasurer shall have the duty of reporting, independently of the convention treasurer, to the E-board on the status of the con expenses and books. The assistant convention treasurer shall also assist the convention treasurer in all aspects of the convention treasurers duties.

**Add the following to section 6.6b:**

Maintaining of records and depository accounts shall not include the opening or closing of accounts, and does not necessarily include signatory powers on any Arisia account. The corp. treasurer will have oversight authority over the convention treasurer.

Bylaw was tabled as per the bylaws. Some question was raised as to who was submitting the bylaw ammendment as the bylaws require that five general members submit bylaw changes. Five members were found to submit the ammendment.

Meeting adjourned at 3:26 pm.

## **Arisia 97 Announcement & Report**

Submitted by Pat to the Concom Mailing List.

- We'll be having the first full concom meeting for Arisia '97 on Sunday, April 14th at 5PM. The meeting will be in the 4th floor meeting room of Wheatly Hall at UMass Boston.
- On other fronts, we now have a convention treasurer. Tim Roberge has volunteered to do this heavy task. Expect to see procedures for expense reporting and budgetting to be coming out within the next month or so.
- The final Division Head slot to be filled is Member Services. If you're interested, or would like more information on what I'll be expecting from Member Services, please drop me a line.

## Long Range Planning Draft

Arisia was intended from it's inception to stand for certain ideals and values. Perhaps it is naught but a foolish conceit, or perhaps it is the most important thing about the organization.

Regardless, it has become apparent that part of the "drift" or "loss of vision" that members from the founding years complain about is due simply to the fact that these core values have never been enumerated.

- I) THERE IS ROOM IN FANDOM FOR EVERYONE WHO LEAVES ROOM FOR OTHERS.

Fandom has many diverse interests and activities, and not all fans are interested in all aspects. Arisia as an organization must support and encourage ALL aspects of fandom, without judgement or preference. Practical considerations are going to force us to make choices, but those choices should be guided not by our own preferences, but by the principles of fairness and diversity.

- II) ARISIA MUST OPERATE HONORABLY.

(from the Webster Handy College Dictionary, 1981)

*hon'or n. 1, high esteem; deferential admiration. 2, high reputation; credit for honesty, etc. 3, fidelity to principles or obligations; fairness in dealing; conformance with high standards of behaviour. 4, high rank, achievement, or distinction. [...]*

As we see from the definition, honor covers a lot of ground - honesty, integrity, fairness, responsibility.

- III) ARISIA SHALL ALWAYS WORK TO CULTIVATE NEW IDEAS.

The world is changing at an ever accelerating pace. New ideas and new ways of accomplishing old tasks evolve constantly. We must never get stuck in the rut of doing something because "that's the way it's always been done".

- IV) ARISIA IS S.O.F.T, NOT S.M.O.F.

For those of you who don't know, SMOF

means "Secret Masters Of Fandom". An acronym going back many years for those fans who supposedly secretly pull the strings. SOFT is a new term we coined which more accurately describes the role Arisia should perform: Stewards of Fannish Tradition. We don't own fandom, we don't own the convention - we simply hold it in trust for future fans. We are stewards of our time in Arisia, putting back into fandom some of what it has given us - hopefully MORE than it gave us.

## Arisia 96 Comp List

What follows is the list that Phi sent to the mailing list of Arisia 96 Volunteers who submitted a timesheet. Contact Phi if you are missing.

Robert Acres	Christopher Amshey
Kriss Barnhart	Aaron Block
Bryttan Bradley	Jeremy Brown
Zachary Brown	Tina Butler
Scott Campanella	Benjamin Cline
Art Coleman	David Corriveau
Ed Council	Adria Crum
Michael Ellis	Marshall Ellis
Shanti Fader	Fran Felix
Charles Gallella	Megan Gentry
Beth Goodman	Marc Gordon
Rich Hamel	Joanne Handwerker
Andrew Harasty	Eugene Heller
Joel Herda	Evan Jamieson
Jeffrey Jordan	Walter Kahn
Sheri Kaplowitz	Andrew Kaufman
Hans Kernast	Paul Kraus
Gale Latzko	Alex Latzko
Jacob Lefton	Ben Levy
Edward MacGregor	Sally Martin
Michael McAfee	Craig McDonough
Denise McMahon	John McMahon
Patrick McCormack	Elka Tovah Menkes
Skip Morris	Tom Murphy
Mark Murray	William Powers
Kevin Price	Scott Robinson
Susanne Schroeder	Paul Selkirk
Jude Shabry	Nick Sheckman
Cris Shuldiner	David Silber
Patty Silva	Rochelle Smith
Mark Eric Stein	Allon Stern
Jessica Stitson	Charles Sumner
Nora Temkin	Rorie Valdez
Pat Vandenberg	Walter Von Bosau
Al Walker	Mark Weaver
Brian Youmans	Anna Young
Carl Zwanzig	

## Mailing Lists

Arisia currently maintains a handful of mailing lists. The following is a list of these lists. If you wish to be included on a list, send email to Phi. Also, a number of these lists are mirrored at Tangent and can be read there.

- [info@arisia.org](mailto:info@arisia.org) or [arisia-info@arisia.org](mailto:arisia-info@arisia.org) or [arisia@arisia.org](mailto:arisia@arisia.org)

These address are used by non-arisia members to request information about Arisia.

- [staff@arisia.org](mailto:staff@arisia.org) or [arisia-staff@arisia.org](mailto:arisia-staff@arisia.org)

Used for general convention staff discussion.

- [fops@arisia.org](mailto:fops@arisia.org) and [crackpots@arisia.org](mailto:crackpots@arisia.org) and [fans@arisia.org](mailto:fans@arisia.org)

General discussion groups, low traffic.

- [announce@arisia.org](mailto:announce@arisia.org) or [concom-news@arisia.org](mailto:concom-news@arisia.org) or [arisia-announce@arisia.org](mailto:arisia-announce@arisia.org)

Members of this list receive Arisia announcements such as convention flyers and notices. This is not a discussion group.

- [answers@arisia.org](mailto:answers@arisia.org) or [arisia-answers@arisia.org](mailto:arisia-answers@arisia.org) or [info-answers@arisia.org](mailto:info-answers@arisia.org) or [arisia-info-answers@arisia.org](mailto:arisia-info-answers@arisia.org)

For submitting specific questions regarding Arisia. Members of this list are those people most helpful in solving various problems.

- [corp@arisia.org](mailto:corp@arisia.org) or [arisia-corp@arisia.org](mailto:arisia-corp@arisia.org)

The corporate mailing list. Only corporate members may be members of this list.

- [eboard@arisia.org](mailto:eboard@arisia.org)

Eboard discussion group. Only Eboard members may belong to this list.

- [artshow@arisia.org](mailto:artshow@arisia.org) or [arisia-artshow@arisia.org](mailto:arisia-artshow@arisia.org) or [info-artshow@arisia.org](mailto:info-artshow@arisia.org) or [artshow-info@arisia.org](mailto:artshow-info@arisia.org) or [arisia-info-artshow@arisia.org](mailto:arisia-info-artshow@arisia.org) or [arisia-artshow-info@arisia.org](mailto:arisia-artshow-info@arisia.org)

A response list handled by the Artshow staff. Members on this list are those most capable to handle question concerning the Arisia art show.

- [artshow-staff](mailto:artshow-staff)

General discussion group for Art Show Staff.

## Announcements

The corporate mailing list has officially been reinstated. If you have email and did not receive a message telling you that you are on the corporate list, please send email to the clerk or phi.

## Calendar of Event

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, FKG OH Frank Hayes, 1995 Compton Crook Award Winner Doranna Durgin. Baltimore, MD.

Tuesday, April 9, 1996, 7:30 pm - **E-Board Meeting** - Mandarin Restaurant, 332 Mass Ave. Cambridge. [Email Phi for directions if necessary.]

Sunday, April 14, 1996, 5:00 pm - **Arisia 97 Concom Meeting** - Umass Boston, 4th floor, Wheatley Hall.

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** - Umass Boston, 4th Floor, Wheatley Hall.

Wednesday, June 19, 1996, 7:30 pm - **Corporate Meeting** - Umass Boston, 4th Floor, Wheatley Hall.

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

Weekend of Septebmer 13, 1996 - **Kaleidoscope IV** - WGOH Christine Golden, AGOH Lew Hartman, FGOH Linda Neighbors, FKG OH 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  
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Tim Roberge

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

**Awards Committee:** Pat McCormack, Chair

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

**Corporate Sales Officer**  
Marshal Ellis

**Corporate Inventory Control Officer**  
Tim Roberge

**Corporate Systems Administrator**  
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## Membership Roster

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Ivey, Christine	Jordan, Jeff
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Labonville, Zanne	Levy, Benjamin
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Roberge, Tim	Robinson, Mary
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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