



Mentor

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ANNOUNCEMENT - EMERGENCY CORPORATE MEETING TO BE HELD

There will be an Emergency Corporate Meeting held on Sunday, March 2, 1997 at 1:30 PM. The meeting will be held in Lowell, Massachusetts at the Sheraton Hotel. Directions are located elsewhere in this Mentor. **The meeting will start PROMPTLY at 1:30pm, so PLEASE plan accordingly. Tardiness is not an excuse.**

The purpose of this meeting will be the result of a motion passed by the corporation during the February Corporate meeting, which reads: *MOVED that the corporation investigate the events culminating Sunday afternoon of the convention involving the Arisia 1998 Conchair, Randall Cohen, and the Department Head of Security, Scott Cobb.*

The executive board of Arisia, Incorporated is asking that all persons having relevant information to this investigation please prepare a written statement. Written statements will be submitted to the Executive Board for review no later than February 18, 1997. A week before the meeting the Executive Board will release a compilation of all relevant compiled materials (via e-mail. Please make arrangements with the Clerk to get a copy via mail/fax if necessary). This is to allow interested parties an opportunity to prepare rebuttals for the emergency meeting.

The meeting will proceed as follows:

- The published statements will be read at the beginning of the meeting. There will be an opportunity to rebut the published statements at that time. Anyone making a rebuttal will have 5 minutes to do so.
- The floor will open for additional statements

and rebuttals. Each one will be limited to 5 minutes.

- The floor will then open for discussion only of motions relating to the matter at hand.
- No Other Business Will Be Transacted.

The following rules will be in effect and strictly enforced during the meeting:

- Only one person speaks at a time.
- Anyone who wants to speak may only do so when recognized by the chair.
- Anyone who breaks a rule will be warned the first time and asked to leave the second time. The meeting will continue after they have left.
- Anyone who yells or shouts will be warned and then asked to leave the meeting.
- Members asked to leave will not be readmitted.

Directions to the Sheraton Lowell

From Route 495 South (IE: East of Route 93):

Take exit 39 (Route 133) Take a right off the ramp onto Route 133 West and follow 133 for about 3 miles. Turn right onto George Street. You will see the hotel after making the turn.

From Boston:

Follow route 93 North to exit 44 (495 South). Follow directions for Route 495 South.

From New Hampshire (off route 93):

Follow route 93 South to exit 44 (495 South).

From Route 495 North (IE: West of Lowell):

Follow Route 495 North to exit 35C (Lowell Connector). Follow Lowell Connector Directions.

From Route 128 (Waltham area):

Exit at Route 3 North to exit 30 (Lowell Connector).
Follow Lowell connector directions.

From New Hampshire (off route 3):

Take Route 3 South to exit 30N (Lowell Connector). Follow Lowell connector directions.

From Lowell Connector:

Follow the Lowell Connector to the end. At lights take a left and proceed to the 3rd set of lights. Bear right at the light onto Route 110 East and take your first left onto George Street (across from Central Plaza). You will see the hotel straight ahead.

Via Commuter Rail:

From NORTH STATION to LOWELL. Train leaving 12 Noon and arriving in Lowell at approximately 12:45 pm. There is a short taxicab ride to the hotel. The train will cost \$3.50 on way.

February Corporate Meeting

Time: February 6, 1997 at 7:30 pm

Location: Umass Boston, Boston, MA, 4th Floor, Wheatley Hall

In Attendance: Ted Atwood, Drea Brandford (Non-Member), Jeremy Brown, Dave Cantor (Red Shirt), Christine Carpenito, Amy Chused (Red Shirt post meeting), Scott Cobb (Red Shirt), Randall Cohen, Ed Dooley, Marshall Ellis, Jeremiah Genest (Red Shirt), Glen R. Goodwin, Adam Gratun (Red Shirt), Kyle Hollingsworth (Red Shirt), Jeff Jordan, Walter Kahn, Benjamin Levy, Pat McCormack, Elka Tovah Menkes (Non-Member), Tim "T.J." Mooney (Red Shirt), Skip Morris (Red Shirt), Brendan Quinn, Tim Roberge, Paul Selkirk, Cris Shuldiner, Michael Sprague, Carsten Turner (Red Shirt)

- Proxies

Hal Haag to Ted Atwood

Mark Hertel to Ed Dooley

Zanne Labonville to Ted Atwood

- President's Report

The Eboard has decided to relocate storage to a cheaper, more manageable facility in Chelmsford. Details of the move are being

left to the New Corporate inventory Control Officer.

Ken Elwell has ben appointed the new Corporate Inventory Control officer. (This appointment was later confirmed by the corporation).

The suit by Aaron Agassi is officially over. The suit was voluntarily dismissed by Aaron with no possibility of appeal. There was some discussion on this matter and a press release by the eboard was suggeted and taken under advisment.

- Treasurer's Report

I have a little more to report than last time. For the record, my last report was "not much to report," and I gave the clerk a floppy and told him it contained the merchandise report.

I want to report for the record that the replacement grant check to MITSFS has cleared our account.

We have received \$500 from L.A. Con for use of art show equipment.

Our lawyer has been paid for the bill covering everything through 11/15/96 and we still aren't broke yet, though I'm juggling money between accounts to be more appropriately positioned. Once the dust settles on transfers and getting artists paid, I'll be segregating enough to cover special fund balances into our commercial savings, which earns a tad higher interest.

We still need people to serve on budget committee. I intend to ask Patrick to take as much of the lead in this as he is willing, and even though Tim is outgoing, I plan to ask that he stay on the committee. Run it by one of us if you're interested. Things will be up in the air until we have a hotel, but then we'll want to move the process right along.

I received more stuff from my predecessor at the last e-board meeting, but as far as I know there's more.

I spoke with Erik Bunce at the con. He reported to me that he turned over everything he had to Randall, including the

registration number for Peachtree (not that I plan to use it). He also reported that he had done some extensive work on books on computer, but everything was lost to a crash and an equally bad backup. Then he left office. He offered heartfelt condolences on my election to treasurer.

I transferred most of the money out of the lesser Westbank account and will look into closing it in the near future.

- Clerk's Report

The usual announcements were made.

Due to a mistake on behalf of the clerk, some members were only charged \$12.00 as Corporate Membership Fees instead of the necessary \$14. It was decided that mistakes happen and that this would be overlooked.

- Arisia 1997 Conchair

[Due electronically but not received in time for this Mentor due to the rush required. Essentially Pat announced that he had a con, pointed out some of his mistakes from the con, and some of his successes.]

- Arisia 1998 Conchair

Randall announced that he is changing his proposed con structure to give more divisions.

A98 is waiting for a finalized hotel contract.

MOVED to grant A98 an advance of \$1000 for marketing purposes. Motion PASSED with 1 abstention.

The Guest of Honor is James Hogan. An Artist GOH and Fan GOH are still being considered.

MOVED to extend the prereg rate of \$25 through LunaCon.

MOVED to append motion to read "through Balticon" Motion FAILED.

Original motion PASSES.

Randall closed his report by suggesting that the Eboard begin conducting its search for the A99 Conchair immediately.

- Arisia 1997 Treasury

Bills are being wrapped up and about to be paid off.

Only a handful of big bills remain.

The Artist checks were issued.

- Arisia Audit Fund

Cris announced that due to lack of interest and funds he

MOVED to disband the Arisia Audit Fund and Transfer monies to the Grant Fund in accordance with the Audit Fund policy.

Motion FAILED.

- Long Range Planning committee.

Several individuals were appointed to the Long Range Planning Committee which is chaired by Ed Dooley. These individuals were Brendan Quinn, Cris Shuldiner, Christine Carpenito, Tim Roberge, Michael Sprague, Walter Kahn, Bill Mickle

- Corporate Sales

New shirts sold well, but were impacted by the liquidation. Liquidation went well. The shirts packed for charity and placed into Ops had a retail value of \$1062.00 at full price. New shirts sold a bit better in the dark color, and that seems to be a rule of thumb we can bear in mind.

Bob Eggleton liked the shirts; we gave him two sweatshirts.

Massive thanks once again to my brother Wayne for painstakingly making them look far better than they would have as one color, his flexibility, his helpfulness, and everything. He also deserves credit for choosing the shirt and ink colors for Team Arisia, and going to extra expense and care - despite the last minute crunch - to ensure Kim's great art retained as much detail as possible in translation to the shirts.

Also massive thanks to my brother Michael (especially), Rockie Smith, and for the little time she was there what with Logan being closed twice and her flights being sent back to New York, Adria Crum. I had a major lack of help due to various people not being at the con, and they suffered for it. The hours for which Sales was opened suffered

for it as well. That didn't prevent us from selling 141 memberships to 1998 with no hotel or date announced.

As many of you know, I am looking into current cost of reordering the Lens patches as a possibility to have in stock again starting in time for Arisia '98. I also plan to look into mugs and have at least one or the other next year. If people know of good mug sources I'd be interested in the contact info.

- **Corporate System Administrator**

Some discussion was held on the need for a corporate system administrator and the location/housing of the website. The matter was referred to committee (Long Range Planning).

- **Old Business**

The March meeting location was set for MIT, Building 66.

- **New Business**

April Meeting set for Thursday, April 10, 1997, at 7:30 pm. The meeting will be held at UMass Boston, 4th Floor, Wheatley Hall.

MOVED to transfer all current Red Shirt members to General Membership. Motion TABLED.

MOVED to transfer \$2000 to the Snow Fund. Motion TABLED.

MOVED that the corporation in the interest of fiscal responsibility appropriate the sum of \$1500 to the Arisia Audit Fund so that a proper professional audit of the books of Arisia, Incorporated be performed. Motion PASSES.

Ben Levy volunteered and was appointed to the Arisia Audit Fund.

MOVED to form a three person committee to find an office space/storage location. Motion PASSES. Appointed to this committee, hereafter called the Housing Committee was Randal Cohen (Chair), Skip Morris, and Jeremy Brown.

Some discussion was held as to the Hotel Search. Currently the Westin and the Park

Plaza are the only hotels being considered.

MOVED to direct the Arisia 1997 Conchair to explore the cost of throwing a thank you part for those individuals who worked enough hours to earn a t-shirt at the convention. The intention is to have a social event in approximately april or may to both thank these individuals and allows recruiting and input from our hard-working fans. Motion PASSES.

MOVED that the corporation investigate the events culminating Sunday afternoon of the convention involving the Arisia 1998 Conchair, Randall Cohen, and the Department Head of Security, Scott Cobb. Motion PASSES 7 for, 4 against, 2 abstentions.

Discussion was held at great length concerning the above matter.

Investigation was TABLED to the Emergency Meeting (see related section).

Meeting Adjourned at 10:45 pm.

Eboard meeting, During Con

Time: January 11, 1997 at 2:43 pm

Location: Park Plaza Hotel, Boston, Dartmouth/Exeter Room

In Attendance: Cris Shuldiner, Marshall Ellis, Glen R. Goodwin, Pat McCormack

The Arisia 1998 Conchair sought permission of the Eboard to increase several Food Line Items by \$100 each. Approval was granted.

Eboard meeting, During Con

Time: January 12, 1997 at 5 pm approximately.

Location: Park Plaza Hotel, Boston, Dartmouth/Exeter Room

In Attendance: Cris Shuldiner, Marshall Ellis, Glen R. Goodwin, Pat McCormack, Joel Herda

Minutes from this meeting were sealed due to the nature and subject of discussion.

February Eboard meeting

Time: January 27, 1997 at 7:00 PM

Location: Gnomeon Noodle, Comm Ave, Boston

In Attendance: Cris Shuldiner, Tim Roberge, Marshall Ellis, Glen R. Goodwin, Pat McCormack, Joel Herda, Randall Cohen.

- MOVED to pay collection agency \$584 owed to Mobile Media. Approved.
- Marshall reported that Jim Stevenson's membership dues bounced. Jim was dropped from the membership roster.
- Storage move to Chelmsford was approved.
- It was decided that the soda currently being stored in Ken Elwell's basement be brought to arisia functions/meeting for general consumption and that the Corporate Inventory Control person do this.
- The Arisia 1998 Treasurer asked the Eboard to instruct the Arisia 1998 Conchair to change his division structure so that more division heads and less fiscal bunching under one div head.
- General discussion about Arisia 1998.
- General discussion about the hotel contracts/search.
- Decided to create a hotel contract boiler plate for Arisia to give to hotels. Also that the Park Plaza be given a contract. Also, that the contracts be reviewed by the lawyer and also Marty Gear.

The meeting adjourned and the bill settled.

Calendar of Event

March 2, 1997 @ 1:30 pm - **EMERGENCY CORPORATE MEETING** - Sheraton Hotel Lowell, MA

March 16, 1997 @ 2:00 pm - **Arisia Corporate Meeting** - Location TBA.

April 10, 1997, @ 7:30 pm - **Arisia Corporate Meeting** - Umass Boston, 4th Floor, Wheatley Hall.

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 Sprague, Michael
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Rosenburg, Diane
 Saroff, Matthew
 Smith, Jeanie (Red Shirt)
 Turner, Carsten (Red Shirt)
 Vandenberg, Pat

Committee Members & Corporate Appointed Officers

Budget Committee: Marshall Ellis, Chair

Long Range Planning: Ed Dooley, Chair

Brendan Quinn

Cris Shuldiner

Christine Carpenito

Tim Roberge

Michael Sprague

Walter Kahn

Bill Mickle

Awards Committee: *vacant*

Grant Committee: Joel Herda, Chair

Corporate Sales Officer

Marshall Ellis

Corporate Inventory Control Officer

Ken Elwell

Corporate Systems Administrator

vacant

Housing Committee: Randall Cohen, Chair

Jeremy Brown

Skip Morris

Arisia Audit Fund: Ben Levy

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

Membership Roster

Agassi, Aaron (Red Shirt)	Atwood, Ted
Bazemore, Rob	Brown, Jeremy
Cantor, Dave A. (Red Shirt)	Carpenito, Christine
Chinsen-Lee, Tsuilian (Red Shirt)	Chused, Amy (Red Shirt)
Cobb, Scott (Red Shirt)	Cohen, Randal
Cooper, Brian	Dooley, Ed
Ellis, Marshall	Elwell, Kenneth
Fallon, Kevin (Red Shirt)	Fish, Tom
Genest, Jeremiah (Red Shirt)	Goodman, Beth
Goodwin, Glen	Gratun, Adam (Red Shirt)
Haag, Hall	Herda, Joel
Hertel, Mark	Hollingsworth, Kyle (Red Shirt)
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Kahn, Walter	Kent, Allan
Labonville, Zanne	Levy, Benjamin
McCormack, Patrick	Mickle, William
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Quinn, Brendan	
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