



Mentor

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Apology from the Clerk

Sorry. Things have been extremely hectic at both home and office for a bit and I have had less than an optimal amount of time to focus upon Arisia. So, this Mentor is way overdue. My fault entirely.

Now, that where over that...

Notes from the Emergency Meeting

Well, as Clerk I am making a descisiopn not to print the texts from the Emergecny Meeting only the motions and resulting actions. It is far to much paper to waste (about 70 pages on a quick estimate).

Suffice it to say, here it is:

Time: March 2, 1997 1:45 pm.

Location: Shereton Inn, Lowell, Massachusetts

In Attendance: Christine Carpenito, Randall Cohen, Ed Dooley, Glen Goodwin, Hal Haag, Joel Herda, Jeff Jordan, Walter Kahn, Benjamin Levy, Pat McCormack, Brendan Quinn, Tim Roberge, Noel "Da Man" Rosenberg, Diane Rosenburg, Cris Shuldiner, Pat Vandenberg, Kim Van Auken (Red Shirt), Kevin Fallon (Red Shirt), Scott Campanella (Red Shirt), Adam Gratun (Red Shirt), Scott Cobb (Red Shirt), T.J. Mooney (Red Shirt), Kyle Hollingsworth (Red Shirt), Carsten Turner (Red Shirt), Skip Morris (Red Shirt)

- Proxies

Receiver

Tim Roberge
Tim Reberge
Chris Carpenito
Randall Cohen

Member

Jeremy Brown
Zanne Labonville
Michael Sprague
Marshall Ellis

Randall Cohen
Ben Levy
Hai Haag
Hal Haag
Ed Dooley
Walter Kahn
Carsten Turner
Rosenberg

Robert Bazemore
Paul Selkirk
Ted Atwood
Mark Hertel
George Flynn
Bill Mickle
Noel "Da Man"

- MOVED to approve format for rules and agenda.
MOVED to ammend to allow format to unseal eboard records for emergency eboard meeting. PASSED.
Original motion. PASSED.
 - MOVED to unseal eboard minutes from Sunday afternoon. PASSED.
 - MOVED that Randall Cohen be removed as conchair for Arisia 98. Seconded. Secret Ballot requested. Discussion. Question Called. Motion FAILS.
 - MOVED to adjourned. FAILS
 - MOVED that the corporation reprimand Randall Cohen for not following the proper procedure on Sunday afternoon with Scott Cobb, and to warn him to restrain his temper during his period as Arisia 98 Conchair. PASSED.
 - MOVED to adjourned. PASSES
- Meeting adjournes.

March Corporate Meeting Minutes

Time: March 16, 1997 2:00 pm.

Location: MIT, Cambridge, Building 66

In Attendance: Ted Atwood, Dave Cantor,

Christine Carpenito, Amy Chused (Red Shirt), Scott Cobb, Randall Cohen, Ed Dooley, Kevin Fallon, Jeremiah Genest, Glen Goodwin, Joel Herda, Kyle Hollingsworth, Jeff Jordan, Walter Kahn, Benjamin Levy, Pat McCormack, T.J. Mooney (Non-Member), Brendan Quinn, Tim Roberge, Diane Rosenberg, Cris Shuldiner, Kim Van Auken, Elka Tovah Menkes (Red Shirt), Drea Branford (Non-Member)

- Proxies

Marshall Ellis to Randall Cohen

Hal Haag to Ted Atwood

Paul Selkirk to Cris Shuldiner

- Transfers of Membership

The following individuals were transferred to general member from red shirt:

Dave Cantor, Tsullian Chinsen-Lee, Scott Cobb, Kevin Fallon, Jeremiah Genest, Adam Gratur, Kyle Hollingsworth, TJ Mooney, Skip Morris, Anthony Orlandella, Carol Salemi, Jeanie Smith, Carsten Turner, Kim Van Auken.

- President/Eboard Report

Cris reported on the results of the emergency meeting to the corporation.

Cris announced that the Eboard was seeking candidates for Arisia 99 Conchair.

Cris announced his own candidacy for 99.

- Vice President's Report

Joel is looking for people for the Grant Committee.

It was reported that there are some active grant proposals.

- Arisia 97 Chair

Would like to close his books, but first he, himself, needs to get paid.

- Arisia 98 Chair

Has a fluid structure in place for his convention.

Needs a hotel contract.

- Long Range Planning

Has had two meetings as of March.

Wants to look into the work ethic issues of Arisia.

Wants to look into the Corporate Structure.

Wants to look at long term projects and where Arisia wants to be.

Web Access sub committee was formed with Chris Carpenito as the chair.

MOVED to adopt, as corporate policy, that no corporate member may be a guest of honor at an Arisia Convention without a majority consent of the membership. Motion PASSED.

MOVED to adopt, as corporate policy, that a hotel contract should be in place for the next Arisia convention at least one week before the prior Arisia convention. (Example: Arisia 99's contract would have to be negotiated/signed by the week prior to Arisia 98.) Motion PASSED.

- Arisia Housing Committee

Is going to come up with criteria for Arisia's needs.

Is going to post an announcement with eboard approval to a real estate mailing list in hopes of finding a favorable possibility.

- Old Business

MOVED to allocate \$2000.00 to the Snow Fund. Motion PASSES.

- New Business

May 18th Meeting set for 2pm with a 1pm Eboard meeting to be held before hand. Location was fixed as MIT, Building 66.

MOVED to direct the LRP to look into the work ethic/worker retention/prevention of works being pushed aside by conchairs whim issues. Motion was transferred the the LRP subcommittee.

MOVED to transfer Scott Campanella, Elka Tovah Menkes, and Amy Chused to General Member. Motion TABLED.

MOVED to require two signatures on a hotel contract. Motion was ruled out of order.

TJ Mooney formerly resigned for any involvement in Arisia.

MOVED to refund TJ his \$12.00. Motion PASSED.

- Announcements

Randall is looking for interested convention workers.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:20 pm.

April Corporate Meeting Minutes

Time: Thursday, April 10, 1997, @ 8:02 p.m

Location: UMASS Boston, Boston MA, 4th Floor, Wheatley Hall.

In Attendance: Chris Amshey (Non member), Ted Atwood, Drea Brandford (Non member), Randall Cohen, Ken Elwell, George Flynn, Joel Herda, Kyle Hollingsworth, Ben Levy, Pat McCormack, Elka Menkes (Red Shirt), Skip Morris, Brendan Quinn, Noel "Da Man" Rosenberg, Paul Selkirk, Cris Shuldiner, Carsten Turner.

- Proxies

Dave Cantor to Paul Selkirk
Glen Goodwin to Noel "Da Man" Rosenberg
Hal Haag to Ted Atwood
Walter Kahn to Ted Atwood
Kim Van Auken to Pat McCormack

- President

The contract has gone back and forth a couple of times.

- Treasurers

We're not broke yet.

Final lawyer bill of ~\$2400 has come in and will be paid ASAP.

I feel kind of bad that I have too stressfully much going on for Arisia to get the attention it needs.

There's no budget committee yet. That's moot until we have a hotel contract, and when the time comes I intend for Patrick to take most of the lead on that. Budget committee volunteers would be a good thing in the meantime.

- Arisia 97 Chair

We are just waiting for a few things from treasury to close the books on '97.

- Arisia 98 Chair

We had a party at Balticon. We distributed many fliers, and generated some good publicity for Arisia.

- Corporate Inventory Control

- We have stuff. Its in storage. It will be moved to a new storage location on April 27.

- Long Range Planning

We are considering various possibilities for an overhaul of the Arisia internet site.

We are exploring mechanisms for arbitrating disputes within the Concom.

We have several proposed bylaw amendments. [Attached]

There was some discussion at this point of the proposals. They were then tabled for review by the E-board.

- Corporate Sales

The merchandise storage is a major nuisance. Action on combined office, meeting, and storage space can't come soon enough.

Not "merchandise," but... Still waiting for the Team Arisia 1997 followup order. Waiting several months is possible but not necessarily a good idea, and last I knew the count was all in of what we'd need.

- New Business

MOVED To confer the status of Honorary Membership of Arisia upon Eugene Heller for his service to Arisia. Said Eugene has provided his knowledge, experience, and dedication to the areas of Convention Operations and Security, including one year acting as the Department Head for Operations, despite his residing in deepest darkest Montreal, Quebec. Despite his being transportationally challenged, and due to his commitment (and he should be) to fandom, he has endeavored on several occasions to arrive for setup and remain for teardown. He has given of his years of Worldcon ops experience to help Arisia operations to run more effectively. He has been extensively involved, at great impact to

his telephone bills, in the pre-con planning of Arisia in several years. He has organized and encouraged a group of Montreal fans to come to Arisia, expanding our international contingent, and providing one of the best parties at Arisia several years running (smoked meat anyone? Canadian microbrew?). Eugene has on several occasions indicated his interest in getting more involved in Arisia, Inc. Only his geographic removal from the meeting locations has prevented this. Nevertheless, through his involvement on the BBS and by phone, his advice and input has still been felt in the direction of Arisia. We should make Eugene an honorary member. Motion TABLED pending publication.

MOVED to commend the E-board for not meeting since the last corporate meeting. The motion PASSED.

MOVED to direct the Long Range Planning Committee to consider changing the date of Arisia by swapping dates with Balticon or Disclave. There was some discussion to the effect that both cons had been approached unofficially in the past and they had said no way.

MOVED an objection to consideration of the motion. Objection FAILED for lack of two-thirds majority

Original Motion FAILED.

Dates were considered for the June meeting, and it was decided that the June meeting would be held on Sunday, June 22 at 2:00 p.m. at MIT.

- Announcements

NJAC is September 26-28, 1997

Glen Goodwin announced his intention to seek the position of Conchair '99. He denied the rumors that this was an excuse to get out of the Clerk's position.

Noel "Da Man" Rosenberg announced his intention to seek the position of Conchair '99.

CIC would like to request that all and sundry turn out on Sunday, April 27, 1997 to assist with moving our storage to a new location in

Chelmsford. And we'll even feed you afterwards.

Adjourned at 9:47 p.m..

Motions from LRP currently under review by the Eboard

- Amendments pertaining to the election of officers:

Current bylaws:

3.1 At the Annual Meeting the Membership shall elect a president, vice-president, treasurer, and clerk. The officers so elected shall take office at the end of the Annual Meeting and serve until the next Annual Meeting and thereafter until their successors are elected.

Amend by substitution:

3.1 Election of Officers

- (a) At the annual meeting there shall be elections for all open posts.
- (b) Newly elected officers shall take office at the end of the Annual Meeting and shall serve until the next regularly scheduled election for their post and thereafter until their successors are elected.
- (c) On odd numbered years the president and the treasurer shall be elected. On even numbered years the vice-president and clerk shall be elected.
- (d) At the 1997 Annual Meeting all officer positions shall be up for election with the vice-president and clerk being elected for one year terms.

Current Bylaws:

3.3 Only one person can hold any office at any given time. No person can hold more than one office at the same time. The person approved as convention chairperson for a specified convention

may not run for an office until after that convention.

Amend by addition:

3.3 Only one person can hold any office at any given time. No person can hold more than one office at the same time. The person approved as convention chairperson for a specified convention may not run for an office until after that convention, **and if already an officer, then they must resign their office no later than 15 months prior to the convention they are to chair. If there is less than 15 months until that convention, then they must resign their office on the approval of their appointment as convention chairperson.**

- Amendment pertaining to Convention Chairperson:

Current bylaws:

6.2 The chairperson of each Arisia Convention is appointed by the Executive Board with the approval of the Membership. All other members of the Convention Committee, with the exception of the assistant conchair and the convention treasurer, are appointed by the chairperson. The term of office of each Convention Committee continues until it has wound up the business of its convention, unless sooner terminated by the Membership. The Executive Board shall complete any unfinished business remaining upon such termination.

Amend by substitution:

6.2 Convention Chairperson:

- (a) The chairperson of each Arisia Convention is appointed by the Executive Board with the approval of the Membership. All other members of the Convention Committee, with the exception of the assistant conchair and the convention treasurer, are appointed by the chairperson. The term of office of each Convention Committee

continues until it has wound up the business of its convention, unless sooner terminated by the Membership. The Executive Board shall complete any unfinished business remaining upon such termination.

- (b) A motion to remove the convention chairperson must be brought up at a meeting and shall, after discussion, be tabled until a subsequent meeting, such meeting to take place no later than 45 days after the motion is made. Voting shall be by secret ballot with a majority vote being sufficient for the motion to pass. The proxy rules as stated in section 1.4 shall hold for this vote.

- Amendments relating to Committees:

Current bylaws:

5.1 Except where otherwise provided, the president appoints committee members and chairpersons, subject to approval by the Membership. Committee chairpersons may be removed by the Executive Board. Committee members may be removed by the Executive Board on recommendation of the committee chairperson.

Amend by addition:

5.1 Except where otherwise provided, the president appoints committee members and chairpersons, subject to approval by the Membership. **Except where otherwise provided,** committee chairpersons may be removed by the Executive Board. **Except where otherwise provided,** committee members may be removed by the Executive Board on recommendation of the committee chairperson.

Current Bylaws:

5.3 Additional committees or other appointive positions may be created and their functions defined by the

Membership. No committee or appointive official has authority to make expenditures unless such authority for a specific amount is given by the Membership.

Amend by addition:

5.3 Additional committees or other appointive positions may be created and their functions defined by the Membership **or the Executive Board**. No committee or appointive official has authority to make expenditures unless such authority for a specific amount is given by the Membership.

- Amendments relating to membership:

Current Bylaws:

Section 1.3:

- (b) A Red Shirt member who, as a member, has attended at least half of the regular meetings held during a twelve-month period shall automatically be transferred to General. This subsection does not apply to a person who has been transferred from General to Red Shirt membership pursuant to Section 1.4 for the duration of such transfer as specified by the Membership. The clerk shall announce the requirements for transfer from Red Shirt to General membership, as set forth in this subsection, at the start of each meeting.

Amend by addition:

- (b) A Red Shirt member who, as a member, has attended at least half of the regular **corporate** meetings held during a twelve-month period shall automatically be transferred to General...

Current Bylaws:

Section 1.3:

- (c) A Red Shirt member also may be transferred to General

membership at any meeting by vote of the Membership. Any such transfer must be proposed at the meeting prior to the one at which it is to be voted on. Each such proposed transfer must be voted on separately and by secret ballot.

Amend by addition:

- (c) A Red Shirt member also may be transferred to General membership at any meeting by vote of the Membership. Any such transfer must be proposed at the meeting prior to the one at which it is to be voted on. Each such proposed transfer must be **proposed and voted on separately and by secret ballot. The reason for the transfer must be stated at the time it is proposed.**

- Amendment relating to membership:

Current bylaws:

Section 1.4:

- (d) Any person who is suspended or expelled from membership is entitled to a pro rata refund of dues.

Amendment by addition:

- (d) Any person who is suspended, **except under the provisions of section 1.4.e**, or expelled from membership is entitled to a pro rata refund of dues.
- (e) Any General member who fails to attend, in person, four regular corporate meetings in a row will have their right to vote suspended. The right to vote shall be immediately reinstated upon attendance in person at a regular corporate meeting.

**Candidate for Arisia 1999 Statement
from Cris Shuldiner**

Why on earth would I run for conchair after swearing for so long that I would NEVER do it? With the approaching 10th anniversary of the Arisia Speculative Media Convention (Yes 10th...I am having trouble believing it myself) it seems an appropriate time to try to reintroduce the convention (and we who run it) to some of it's founding principles.

Arisia was founded on some very important principles: 1) there is no wrong kind of science fiction, 2) there is room in fandom for everyone, and 2) a convention should be run for the attendees and not for the people running it. I feel like we who have been running Arisia for the last few years have gotten away from these ideals and it is time that we moved back towards them.

I have heard complaints lately about cliques and politics within Arisia. I would like to see a convention that transcends that. I would like to see a convention where, in spite of our differences and disagreements, we all pull together and in the same direction to put on the best damn show we possibly can for the fans who attend.

Cris Shuldiner.

Canidate for Arisia 1999 Statement from Glen R. Goodwin

Basically, I'm running for Conchair. Why? Well, quite honestly it's because Kim Van auken told me she'd take away my Jello if I didn't. So I thought about it, complained to my housemates alot, made Kim promise that she'd be my personal work slave if I did end up as conchair, and considered the whole impact of the thing on my life. My grand conclusion? I really need a life. But, given that, I didn't see a reason not to run.

Okay, enough about why I ran, now onto why I'm qualified... Honestly, I don't have a clue why I'm qualified except that a lot of people keep telling me I am. Sure, I don't know a damn thing about certain area of the convention. But who does. What I can tell you is that I am over-productive and don't have enough things to fill my life. What I can show you too look at is this Mentor. Looks nice, eh?

Now, the last part. Why should you lend my your support? What am I going to do for you? Bottom line: Nothing. I don't play stupid little political games: it's not worth my effort. Either you'll lend me your support, or you won't. It's your choice to make.

Let me ammend that statement about what I'm going to do for you: I'm going to run a convention. I'm going to make you work. I'm going to make you have fun. I'm going to make everyone Jello wrestle for my favor... Okay, so I'm *only* going to do three of those last four promises.

Glen R. Goodwin

Canidate for Arisia 1999 Statement from Noel "Da Man" Rosenberg

Well, I did it. I finally broke down and threw my name in the hat for Conchair. As some of you may know I vowed long ago (mostly to myself) that when the day came that I actually had a job that gave me the free time and the financial security (at the same time) to actually do the job that I would like to do, I would put myself up for conchair. Well, seeing as how Glen went and hired me to work for him, I now have that job. Damn! I'm strongly suspicious of his motives. As far as I can I see it works out for him either way! If I become conchair, I can take the burden off his shoulders, and if he becomes conchair, I'm sure he'll find some particularly obnoxious task for me to do to make his life easier. (He's a slave driver, an absolute monster! I don't know how I have survived working for him this long.) Personally, I think he planned it this way when he hired me.

Well, enough about my competition. I have been around ARISIA since the second year. I think it is an excellent Con, and I would like to provide my hard work, energy, and experience toward perpetuating a good thing. And I pledge not to require any jellow wresting to get my favors. They come in return for other concessions....

Noel "Da Man" Rosenberg

Calendar of Events

Sunday, May 18, 1997 @ 1:00 pm - Arisia Eboard Meeting. MIT, Cambridge, Building 66

Sunday, May 18, 1997 @ 2:00 pm - Arisia Corporate meeting. MIT, Cambridge, Building 66

Sunday, June 22, 1997 @ 2:00 pm - Arisia Corporate Meeting. MIT, Cambridge, Building 66

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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

Marshal 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 Roster

Agassi, Aaron (Red Shirt)	Atwood, Ted
Bazemore, Rob	Brown, Jeremy
Campanella, Scott (Red Shirt)	Cantor, Dave A.
Carpenito, Christine	Chinsen-Lee, Tsuilian
Chused, Amy (Red Shirt)	Cobb, Scott
Cohen, Randal	Cooper, Brian
Dooley, Ed	Ellis, Marshall
Elwell, Kenneth	Fallon, Kevin
Flynn, George	
Fish, Tom	Genest, Jeremiah
Goodman, Beth	Goodwin, Glen
Gratun, Adam	Haag, Hal
Herda, Joel	Hertel, Mark
Hollingsworth, Kyle	Ivey, Kim (Red Shirt)
Jordan, Jeff	Kahn, Walter
Kent, Allan	Labonville, Zanne
Levy, Benjamin	McCormack, Patrick
Menkes, Elka Tovah (Red Shirt)	Mickle, William
Morris, Skip	Orlandella, Antony
Preston, John	Quinn, Brendan
Roberge, Tim	Robison, Mary
Rosenberg, Noel	Rosenburg, Diane
Salemi, Carolyn	Saroff, Matthew
Selkirk, Paul	Shuldiner, Cris
Smith, Jeanie	Sprague, Michael
Turner, Carsten	Van Auken, Kimberley
Vandenberg, Pat	

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