Minutes from the May Meeting

Time: May 18, 1997 @ 2:30 pm

Location: MIT, Cambridge, Building 66

In Attendance: Dave Cantor, Amy Chused, George Flynn, Glen Goodwin, Adam Gratun, Jeff Jordan, Allan Kent, Skip Morris, Brendan Quinn, Diane Rosenberg, Cris Shuldiner, Carsten Turner, Kim Van Auken, Pat Vanderberg

• Proxies
  Scott Cobb to Jeff Jordan
  Ken Elwell to Carsten Turner
  Jeremiah Genest to Brendan Quinn
  Zanne Labonville to Skip Morris
  Ben Levy to Cris Shuldiner
  Paul Selkirk to Skip Morris

• Transfers of Membership
  Amy Chused, Elka Tovah Menkes, and Scott Campanella were all transferred to general member.

• Eboard Report
  A contract from the Westin was received and after a brief review will be passed on to the Lawyer for review and commentary. There has been no further word from the Park Plaza.

  The Eboard reviewed the bylaws and found no issues. The Bylaws are being returned to the corporation for voting pending sufficient publication without recommendation from the eboard.

• Clerk's Report
  The usual stuff.

• Corporate Inventory Control
  [Read by Carsten Turner on behalf of Ken Elwell.]

  Dear Membership: The following story is true, we have stuff and it is in storage, only the location has been changed to protect the innocent. Final figures are not ready, but here are some preliminary numbers:

  - Old Storage: $265/mo
  - New Storage: $162/mo
  - 5 days pro-rated rental @ new storage: $27
  - Security deposit: $45
  - truck rental: $270 (approx)
  - food
  - Cost of move $292+food
  - Savings per mo. $103/mo

  May, June, July, August savings: $412-$292+food=$120-food

  The gist of it all is that we break even on the move by August's end.

  An issue worthy of note and some concern is that of storage fees. Storage fees are due on the first of each month and if the are not received in the first week we get slapped with a $45 late fee and we get locked out. Both Tim Roberge and I have run into this very frustrating and avoidable problem. I realize that there was some confusion in this case due to the move as to whether or not it should be paid, but if the first of the month rolls around, the fees are due regardless.

We are now enjoying a $103 savings in storage fees in our new location which is:

E-Z Mini Storage
23 Glen Ave.
Chelmsford, MA 01824
Unit #305

The facility is located behind the rte. 3 cinema at the junction of rte. 3, 110 and 495. Very accessible.

After all the work that was put into the move, let's not piss away our savings on late fees. There is a solution.

MOVED that the storage fees be paid on a yearly basis. Motion PASSED.

Logistics '97 and this move both went smoothly as they did due to equipment which was lent to Arisia by myself [Ken], which may not be available in the future. Also due to the number of totes (mostly art show) which stack well, move easily, don't crush, etc. They are one of the best things since sliced bread and wheels. So let's put our sliced bread on wheels.

MOVED to take the remainder of the funds saved from this year by moving, a total of $412 and reinvest into CIC to be spent on the following: 1 or 2 handtrucks, 3 or 4 furniture dollies, 3 truck straps, material & heavy duty casters to construct carts for artshow pipe and panels, the remainder to be spent on totes. Also, that the funds saved by paying yearly (a free additional, "13th" month of $162) be marked for CIC to replace worn equipment.

MOTION was SPLIT.

MOTION for purchase of items listed at $412:

MOTION was amended as friendly to read: MOVED to grant CIC $500 for the purchase of moving items, materials and the like as deemed appropriate.

MOTION PASSED.

MOTION for annual savings to be reinvested yearly in CIC.

MOTION was amended as friendly to read: MOVED to add a line item in the annual corporate budget for CIC. This line item will be set at $150 for this operating year.

MOTION PASSES.

- Old Business

Voting on bylaws was tabled by the president pending further publication and will be voted on next month.

- New Business

MOVED to recommend that the eboard create a committee consisting of the two non-running officers plus three corporate members for the purpose of selecting a Arisia 99 conchair without bias. MOTION PASSED.

MOVED to hold the July meeting at the Westin Hotel to allow members to get a look at it. MOTION PASSES.

JULY meeting was tentatively set for either the weekend of July 20th, or the weekend of July 27th depending on what the Westin Hotel had available. The president is researching this and the meeting will begin at 2pm.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:30pm

Bylaw Amendments from ERP

- 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 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.

Amendments relating to Committees:

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.

(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.

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.

Amend by substitution:

6.2 Convention Chairperson:

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 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.

Amend 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.

Calendar of Events

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

The July meeting has been scheduled with a date
and location to be set by the President. At this
point in time, no information was available.

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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

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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.

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