



Mentor

The Newsletter of Arisia, Incorporated—Number 174—July 2009

Notices

The next corporate meeting will be held on Sunday, July 19 at 2:00pm at the Rick Kovalcik's home in Newton. At this meeting we will be voting on the grant proposal and some policy change proposals printed in this MENTOR.

The quorum for the June meeting is 10 based on 51% of the average attendance of the last three meetings (17, 17, 23).

June 2009 Meeting Minutes

Date, Time, and Place: Meeting called to order by September Isdell at 7:33pm on June 23 at the NESFA Clubhouse. Minutes taken and submitted by Nicholas Sheckman.

In attendance (23 members): Paul Aldred, Tabatha Bohmbach (non-member), Emily Coombs, David D'Antonio, Mary Dumas, Donald Eastlake III, Jill Eastlake, Lisa Hertel, Crystal Huff, Steve Huff, September Isdell, Al Kent, Joe Kesselman (non-member), Rick Kovalcik, Alex Latzko, Ben Levy, Ken London, Skip Morris, Roger Neumann (non-member), Lia Olborg, Noel Rosenberg, Sharon Sbarsky, Nicholas Sheckman, Rachel Silber, Mike Sprague, Pat Vandenberg

Proxies: Pete Thomas to Noel Rosenberg, J. Michael Spencer to Rick Kovalcik, Karen Purcell to Jill Eastlake, Tom Murphy to Steve Huff.

Corrections to the minutes: none.

Eboard report: We voted to approve Jill Eastlake as treasurer for Arisia 2010. We voted to loan equipment to Concertino and Readercon. The eboard wishes to thank NESFA for the use of their clubhouse. There is water and soda in the fridge; please put any food trash in the covered trash can.

Treasurer's report: We have money. We have a budget to vote on, which was published in Mentor.

Clerk's report: no report.

VP's report: I continue to try to solicit grant applications.

Relaxacon report: We had a relaxacon. Everyone was relaxed! We didn't go over budget. We had 46 members. We made \$26.66.

A09 Report: Cris still has not quite finished the books, and is going to try to close them in July.

A10 report: I'm pleased that Jill has been confirmed as my new Treasurer and she and I plan to get moving on the budget any day now. There was a concom meeting last Sunday and there will be another one on July 19 at Rick Kovalcik's house.

We are planning a joint A10/A11 party at Anticipation and are actively soliciting people to work on the party. All areas of Anticipation are also looking for help.

Hotel Search Committee report: Members of the Hotel Search committee met with the Westin Waterfront last night and with the Boston Park Plaza Hotel today. We have a viable hotel from the Westin and a tentative proposal from the BPPH which we will know more about tomorrow. The Hyatt would like to have us back, and we have a borderline proposal from the Copley Marriott. It is my goal to wrap up the first round of contacts by the end of the month and meet in the next few weeks to decide who to do final negotiations with. **Question:** Where do we stand with an overflow hotel for A10? **Answer:** That has been sidetracked but it will have my attention in the next couple of days.

A11 report: I have two GoHs lined up so far; I have invited two more. I'm not going to say who because I don't want to reveal what order people accepted in. I'm having a great time with this!

CIC report: There continues to be stuff in storage. I authorized hobbit to borrow a cooler for Baitcon.

Grant Committee report: The Grant committee has submitted a proposal to the E-board from Robert Newton of Intermission, and is awaiting a reply.

Comps Committee report: Glenn can't be here tonight, so Jill Eastlake reports. The Comps committee met on Sunday, May 17 and discussed all manner of things. We looked at all the kinds of comps we give out at the convention, including "no charge memberships" and we will be preparing formally worded changes for Mentor. We will recommend to change the volunteer comp hours requirement for both this-year and next-year comps from 12 hours to 16. Some other wording pertaining to earning memberships to two different conventions will also need to be doubled. Program, event, and game participant at-con comp requirements will go from 3 hours to 4. Much discussion ensued.

Bylaws Committee report: no report.

Old Business: none.

New Business: We have a budget (printed in last month's Mentor). Several people ask questions and there is a small amount of debate. Motion passes by acclamation.

MS (Levy, Vandenberg) to correct typos and redundancies in the policies. Tabled so that the changes can be published in Mentor.

Announcements: Sharon Sbarsky is organizing a Boston-area picnic sometime over Labor Day weekend and would like

our input on schedule. It will probably be in a park someplace Metro-Westish, mostly BYO / Potluck or perhaps a small fee (covered by the organizations, perhaps) to cover expenses.

NESFA has approximately 28 bottles of Coke left over from Boskone which it is selling for 25c per bottle. We believe it is still good. There are also 8 bottles of expired Diet Pepsi which are free.

NEFE signed their headliner guest; Leonard Nimoy will be coming to the New England Fan Experience, Nov. 13-15!

Concertino happened; many thanks for the loan of the pipe and drape. Arisia would like to thank Concertino for making the drape!

Anticipation need volunteers (in stereo)! If you need crash space for the July 4 meeting, talk to phi. Noel Rosenberg is looking for a ride to the meeting. Jill knows of memberships for sale, and Pat V has a room available.

PiCon also really needs help. They are under new management and are right after the Worldcon. September Isdell has a list of help-wanted.

July 18, the Lowell Spinners will be doing a Star Wars night; come join the NEG and Rebel Legion and watch some cheap baseball.

If anyone here has a key to Arisia Storage and can help Concertino return the pipe and drape, that will help free up some staff for an Anticipation conference call.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm.

Grant Committee Recommendation

MOVED to grant \$1500 to Intermission for the editing, promotion and presentation of "What If? The Question of Science Fiction" described as "[a] lively, intelligent and accessible 90-minute multimedia presentation (by an award-winning writer) focusing on what science fiction is (and isn't), tailored to two separate age groups: kids (8-13) and adults."

This motion having been presented to the Eboard, and the Eboard having taken no action on it for the requisite 2 weeks, the Grant Committee now presents it to the Membership for Approval.

The full grant request is below:

Arisia Grant Application Information Form

Submission date: 12/29/2008

Applicant Information:

Applicant name: The MassBay Film Project & Festivals

Address: 85 Eastern Ave, Suite 102G

City/State/Zip: Gloucester, MA 01930

Project contact (name, title): Robert Newton, Creative Director

Daytime telephone: 978-309-8448

Mobile: 978-290-3106

Summarize the mission of your organization: To foster a greater appreciation of film through regular series and festivals (we opened a community cinema in 2008)

Last fiscal year total income: \$20,000

Last fiscal year total expenses: \$30,000

Project Information:

Title of Project: WHAT IF? THE QUESTION OF SCIENCE FICTION

Summary of proposed project: A lively, intelligent and accessible 90-minute multimedia presentation (by an award-winning writer) focusing on what science fiction is (and isn't), tailored to two separate age groups: kids (8-13) and adults

Project start date: 1/1/2009

Project end date: 12/31/2009

Number of individuals directly participating in/benefiting from this project: We will present this program free of charge to between 3 and 5 groups during 2009, and will host the kids' program at Arisia 2010. We estimate an audience of at least 200-300 during the first year. We will also use the publicity from this effort to seed an audience of the unconverted for an annual traveling sci-fi film festival.

Amount requested: \$3,000

Policy Cleanup Proposal

Proposed clean up of Earned Memberships in the Existing Arisia Corporate Polices for conventions:

MOVED to amend Earned Membership Policy IV.e.1 by forming a new subsection IV.e.1.i from the words "Exclusions include" and adding the following two subsections (i and ii) as subsections (a and b) to the new subsection i, renumbering the following subsections of IV.e.1 as appropriate; and then

to merge part of section X with section IV.e by relocating subsection X.b to the end of IV.e.1 as a new subsection iv and moving the words "Time Spent at meetings" from section X.a to the Exclusions of IV.e.1.i as a new subsection c; and then

to replace the remainder of section X with

"Anyone working 8 hours at the convention will receive a Team Arisia T-shirt. Pre-con work shall count toward T-shirts."

For reference, the bylaws currently read:

IV.e. All "NO-CHARGE" memberships and admissions to Arisia are non-transferable. These include Program Participants, Press, GOHs, Earned Memberships, Gift Memberships, Kids-(or Adults)-In-Tow.

1. EARNED MEMBERSHIPS are defined as memberships acquired by anyone who puts in the required 12 hours of non-excluded time working on the convention. Exclusions include:

- i. Time spent participating in a program item.
- ii. Time spent while making or attempting to make a personal profit, such as dealers and live role-playing organizers.
- iii. Hours put in before or after the convention must be documented, and will be counted toward the time limit required. An Earned Membership is good at any one Arisia Convention within two conventions of the convention in which it was earned.

iv. Hours worked before a particular convention may count towards an earned membership for the current convention. To qualify, the pre-convention hours must be recorded on a separate timesheet and all pre-convention hours are applied to the current convention's membership (i.e., if a volunteer works 24 hours pre-convention, the volunteer may not apply 12 hours to the current convention's membership and the remaining 12 hours to the next year's convention).

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X. Anyone working 8 hours at the convention will receive a Team Arisia T-shirt. Anyone working 12 hours will receive a free membership.

a. Pre-con work shall count toward T-shirts and free memberships, exclusive of time spent in meetings.

b. Work involved in set-up and tear-down, including loading and unloading the logistics vehicles, shall count double for volunteer benefits.

This motion would change them to read:

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c. Time spent at meetings.

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Membership Roster

This is the membership roster as of July 7, 2009. *Italic* indicates honorary members. ***Bold Italic*** indicates honorary members who have also paid (so they can vote or hold office).

Aaron Agassi	'Zanne Labonville
Debra Aldred	Alex Latzko
Paul Aldred	Ben Levy
<i>Rob Bazemore</i>	Carole London
Dave Belfer-Shevett	Ken London
Bridget Boyle	Glen MacWilliams
Jerome Connor	Skip Morris
Emily Coombs	Susan Mozzicato
Brian Cooper	Tom Murphy (Merv)
David D'Antonio	Pam Ochs
Samantha Dings	Lia Olsborg
Mary Dumas	Peter Olson
Don Eastlake	Karen Purcell
Jill Eastlake	<i>Mary Robison</i>
<i>Tom Fish</i>	Noel Rosenberg
John Francini	Sharon Sbarsky
Buzz Harris	Jude Shabry
Joel Herda	Nicholas Sheckman (Phi)
Brendan Hertel	<i>Cris Shuldiner</i>
Lisa Hertel	Rachel Silber
Lisa Holsberg (Jasra)	Mike Sprague
Crystal Huff	Pete Thomas
Steve Huff	Persis Thorndike
September Isdell	Pat Vandenberg
Allan Kent	*hobbit*
Rick Kovalcik	Conor Walsh

Executive Board

President September "Tem" Isdell 82 Albion St #2 Somerville, MA 02143 president@arisia.org	Arisia 2009 ConChair Jill Eastlake 155 Beaver St Milford, MA 01757
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Upcoming Events and Meetings

Friday, July 9 through Sunday, July 11: **Readercon**

Sunday, July 19 :Arisia corporate meeting at 2pm at Rick Kovalcik's house in Newton, followed by a concom meeting.

Thursday, August 6 through Monday, August 10:
Anticipation, the 2009 Worldcon in Montreal.

Friday, August 21 through Sunday, August 23: **Pi-Con**

Sunday, September 13: Arisia annual meeting at 2pm at MIT.

Friday, November 13 through Sunday, November 15:
NEFanX

Mentor Subscription Information

Subscription to *Mentor of Arisia* is included with Corporate Membership to Arisia, Incorporated. Membership runs from September 1st to August 31st and costs \$24. Dues are prorated 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

Key List

If you do not have a key to storage and need to get into storage, send mail to keys@arisia.org and all keyholders will get your request.

Keyset	Holder	Keyset	Holder
1	Joel Herda	13	Persis Thorndike
2	Alex Latzko	14	Lisa Hertel
3	Skip Morris	15	Ben Levy
4	Carsten Turner	16	Lia Olsborg
5	Skip Morris	17	Lisa Holsberg
6	Phi	18	Dave Belfer-Shevett
7	Michael Bergman	19	Skip Morris (spare)
8	Rick Kovalcik	20	Crystal Huff
9	September Isdell	21	Jill Eastlake
10	Hobbit	22	Noel Rosenberg
11	Landlord	23-26	Rick Kovalcik (spare)
12	Janet Stickle		

Committee Members

Bylaws Committee Cris Shuldiner (chair)	Inventory Control Rick Kovalcik (chair)
Hotel Search Committee Noel Rosenberg (chair), Ben Levy, Skip Morris, Cris Shuldiner, Pat Vandenberg	Comp Policy Committee Glenn MacWilliams (chair) Mary Dumas, Jill Eastlake, Lisa Hertel, Rick Kovalcik, Ken London, Cris Shuldiner, Rachel Silber