



# MENTOR

**THE NEWSLETTER OF ARISIA, INCORPORATED—NUMBER 179—FEBRUARY '10**

## Notices

The next corporate meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 16 at 7:30pm at the NESFA Clubhouse. **There will be a special election for Vice President at this meeting.**

The quorum for the February meeting is 11 based on 51% of the average attendance of the last three meetings (22, 20, 21).

## January 2010 Meeting Minutes

**Date, Time, and Place:** Meeting called to order at 5:14 PM on Sunday, January 17 by Samantha Dings in Paul Revere A in the Hyatt Regency Cambridge.

**In attendance (21 members):** Paul Aldred, Matt Barr, Jonathan Berman (non-member), Tim Callahan (non-member), Samantha Dings, Donald Eastlake III, Jill Eastlake, Wendy Ellertson (non-member), Crystal Huff, Walter Kahn, Allan Kent, Suzanne Labonville, Ben Levy, Carol London, Ken London, Glenn MacWilliams, Susan Mozzicato, Tom Murphy, Noel Rosenberg, Sharon Sbarsky, Richard L. Schmeidler (non-member), Nicholas Sheckman, Rachel Silber, Pete Thomas, and Pat Vandenberg.

**Proxies:** Pam Ochs to Pete Thomas and Carsten Turner to Nicholas Sheckman.

**Corrections to the Minutes:** none.

### Eboard report:

We lent some items to other conventions, including the cyclorama backdrop to Philcon, and a few Art Show items to NEFE. We purchased new radios for security, a new credit card machine, a new pack and play for childcare, and coat check tags. We approved self insurance of some tech equipment. We approved a contract with Le Meridien as a second overflow hotel. We approved a donation to a tax filing website (see Treasurer's Report below). We accepted a donation of equipment from Mitsubishi Electric Research Labs. We'd like to acknowledge an anonymous donation in memory of Stephen Milo Prosterman. We'd like to thank the hotel, and we'd like to thank the convention chair and his staff for another great convention.

### President's Report.

I have appointed and populated some committees:

**Budget:** Ben Levy (chair), Cris Shuldiner, and Jill Eastlake.

**Bylaws:** Cris Shuldiner (chair), Rick Kovalcik, Skip Morris, Ben Levy, Tom Murphy, Steve Huff, Pete Thomas, and Ken London.

**CIC:** Rick Kovalcik (chair), Lia Olsborg, Skip

Morris, hobbit, and Lisa Hertel. **Comps:** Skip Morris (chair), Glenn MacWilliams, Karen Purcell, Pat Vandenberg, Ken London, Rick Kovalcik, and Lisa Hertel. **Grants:** Glenn MacWilliams (chair), Crystal Huff, Noel Rosenberg, Mike Sprague, and Rachel Silber.

We are looking for more volunteers for the Relaxacon. If you'd like to contribute to this fun event please email [eboard@arisia.org](mailto:eboard@arisia.org).

I'm asking for volunteers to reconstitute an IT committee, in expectation of an issue concerning future technologies coming there from the Bylaws committee. Ken London, Noel Rosenberg, Merv, and Ben Levy all volunteer to be on it. Noel recommends consulting Dave Belfer-Shevett and Cris Shuldiner.

### Clerk's Report:

Please sign in. If you are not a member of the corporation, dues are \$24, prorated September-September, so \$16 if you join before or at the meeting, or \$14 if you join after the meeting (but in that case you'd have to attend another meeting to get voting rights). I have ribbons for corporate members.

### Treasurer's Report:

We filed our 990 in November and it has been accepted. We use a website run by a nonprofit to file the taxes; they charge larger organizations but we can use it for free. We gave them a small donation in appreciation of this service. MP (unanimously) to add \$5000 into the Grant Fund. Before this, the corporation had around \$20,000 in unallocated funds.

### A10 Treasurer's Report:

The world is in flux right now; hopefully I will have something useful to say at the next meeting. Please get your expense forms to me as quickly as you can.

### A10 Report:

Crystal Huff reporting, wearing a hat: Rick is sorry he can't be here, but he's fighting a fire. Reported later by Rick, wearing a similar hat: Thank you all for coming. We had a great convention, and we had a lot of fun. Thanks for all the work. Rick presents yet more hats to his assistant conchairs. Hope you all come back next year at the Westin; it'll be even better because we have a bigger hotel. There's plenty still to do if you're around tomorrow or Tuesday.

### A11 Report:

I have appointed Lisa Holsberg as an assistant conchair and Jack Dietz as GoH liaison. I'm working on the rest of my convention structure. I have four guests. We misprinted the Registration rate, so register now while it's too cheap. I'm excited to be working on Arisia 2011 -- this is going to be great.

The debrief meeting for 2010 will be February 21 at 2pm. We're currently trying to find a larger space than the one we currently have reserved.

I encourage everyone to get Boskone memberships and check out how they use the Westin Waterfront since that is the hotel we will be using next year. The prereg rate goes up on Tuesday, and there is a party tonight at which you can buy your membership.

Please bring me ideas and things you want to do and things you want to see, any time. I will be offering conchair office hours -- they will be on the Arisia calendar on the web site. I'm also available on email or phone, and I expect to be available by IRC as well.

The Arisia 2011 website is up now.

**CIC:**

It's all here. If you have received stuff for your area that has not been used for several years running, please dispose of it instead of returning it to storage.

**Grant Committee:**

We have a grant proposal which has been reviewed by the Grant Committee and the Eboard. The Interstitial Arts Foundation requests \$3000 to support Interfictions II. Wendy Ellertson has copies of the books upstairs in the art show. *Grant APPROVED.*

**Old Business:** none.

**New Business:**

*MSP by acclamation to thank Rick Kovalcik for his services as con chair. MSP unanimously to set the February meeting to Tuesday Feb. 16 at 7:30pm at the NESFA Clubhouse, the March meeting to Sunday March 14 at 2pm at MIT, and the April meeting to Sunday April 18 at 2pm at MIT.*

**Announcements:**

Please provide feedback to [feedback@arisia.org](mailto:feedback@arisia.org) or at <http://2010.arisia.org/feedback>

*Meeting adjourned at 5:49 PM.*

**Treasurer's Report**

December 31 <sup>st</sup>			Change vs prev month
<b>Even Year-A10</b>		\$24,309.80	\$0.00
<b>Odd Year-A09</b>		\$13,725.17	\$0.00
<b>Reserved/Unspent</b>			
Two years expenses/CDs	\$35,221.39		\$48.72
Grant Fund	\$2,000.00		\$0.00
Relaxacon Memberships	\$0.00		\$0.00
Capital Equipment Fund	\$1,755.90		\$0.00
Voted Expenses (excludes budget)	\$950.00		\$0.00
Unspent Budget	\$9,692.20		\$0.00
<b>Total Reserved</b>		<b>\$49,619.49</b>	\$48.72
<b>Unallocated Funds</b>		<b>\$9,407.87</b>	\$0.00
<b>Total Corporate Funds</b>		<b>\$59,027.36</b>	\$48.72
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>\$97,062.33</b>	\$48.72

**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
<b>February</b>	<b>\$14</b>	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](mailto: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		

**Membership Roster**

This is the membership roster as of February 2, 2010. *Italic* indicates honorary members. ***Bold Italic*** indicates honorary members who have also paid (so they can vote or hold office).

Aaron Agassi	Ben Levy
Debra Aldred	Carole London
Paul Aldred	Ken London
Matt Barr	Glen MacWilliams
<i>Rob Bazemore</i>	Skip Morris
Emily Coombs	Susan Mozzicato
<i>Brian Cooper</i>	Tom Murphy (Merv)
David D'Antonio	Pam Ochs
Samantha Dings	Lia Olsborg
Mary Dumas	Karen Purcell
Don Eastlake	<i>Mary Robison</i>
Jill Eastlake	Noel Rosenberg
<i>Tom Fish</i>	Sharon Sbarsky
John Francini	Nicholas Shectman (Phi)
Lisa Goldstein	<b><i>Cris Shuldiner</i></b>
Brendan Hertel	Rachel Silber
Lisa Hertel	Mike Sprague
Crystal Huff	Janet Stickle
Steve Huff	Pete Thomas
Allan Kent	Persis Thorndike
Jeanne Kahn	Carsten Turner
Walter Kahn	Pat Vandenberg
Rick Kovalcik	*hobbit*
'Zanne Labonville	Conor Walsh

## Executive Board

<b>President</b> Samantha Dings 3 Whirty Cir Hopkinton, MA 01748-2351 president@arisia.org	<b>Arisia 2010 ConChair</b> Rick Kovalcik 19 Chesley Rd Newton Centre, MA 02459 chair@arisia.org
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## Committees List

<b>Grant Committee:</b> Glenn MacWilliams, Crystal Huff, Noel Rosenberg, Mike Sprague, Rachel Silber.	<b>Budget Committee:</b> Ben Levy (chair), Cris Shuldiner, Jill Eastlake
<b>Bylaws Committee:</b> Cris Shuldiner (chair), Rick Kovalcik, Skip Morris, Ben Levy, Tom Murphy, Steve Huff, Pete Thomas, Ken London.	<b>Comp Policy Committee:</b> Skip Morris (chair), Glenn MacWilliams, Karen Purcell, Pat Vandenberg, Ken London, Rick Kovalcik, Lisa Hertel.
<b>Hotel Search Committee</b>	<b>Inventory Control Committee:</b> Rick Kovalcik (chair), Lia Olsborg, Skip Morris, hobbit, Lisa Hertel
<b>Relaxacon Committee</b>	<b>Long Range Planning Committee</b>

## Upcoming Events and Meetings

**Friday, February 12 through Sunday, February 14:** Boskone at the Westin Waterfront (future home of Arisia!)

**Tuesday, February 16** at 7:30pm: Arisia corporate meeting at the NESFA Clubhouse.

**Sunday, February 21** at 2:00pm: Arisia debrief meeting at MIT.

**Sunday, March 14** at 2pm: Arisia corporate meeting at MIT.

**Friday, March 19 through Sunday, March 21:** Lunacon.

**Sunday April 18** at 2pm: Arisia corporate meeting at MIT.

**June 4-6:** Relaxacon at the Corsair and Cross Rip in Dennisport (on Cape Cod).

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