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Notices

The next corporate meeting will be held on Sunday, March 28 at 2:00pm at MIT building 66. At this meeting, **there will be a vote on a recommendation of the Grant Committee to approve a grant of \$1010.66 to the Randolph Community Middle School Library. This is a new date for this meeting.**

The quorum for the March meeting is 11 based on 51% of the average attendance of the last three meetings (20, 21, 19).

February 2010 Meeting Minutes

Date, Time, and Place: Meeting called to order by Ben Levy on February 16, 2010 at 7:43 PM at the NESFA clubhouse.

In attendance (19 members): Deb Aldred, Paul Aldred, Donald Eastlake III, Jill Eastlake, Crystal Huff, Steve Huff, Allan Kent, Rick Kovalcik, Ben Levy, Skip Morris, Susan Mozzicato, Lia Olsborg, Noel Rosenberg, Sharon Sbarsky, Jude Shabry (non-member), Nicholas Shectman, Rachel Silber, Mike Sprague, and Pat Vandenberg.

Proxies: David D'Antonio to Skip Morris, Samantha Dings to Nicholas Shectman, Mary Dumas to Ben Levy, Alex Latzko to Donald Eastlake III, Tom Murphy to Steve Huff, Pam Ochs to Crystal Huff, Karen Purcell to Jill Eastlake, Cris Shuldiner to Ben Levy, and Pete Thomas to Crystal Huff

Corrections to the minutes: Ben has a correction to the treasurer's report: the total unspent budget did not include the \$950 rent for the last month.

Eboard report: We lent pipe and drape elements and some other equipment to Boskone. We approved lending of radios to 501st for St. Patrick's Day parade. We are opening nominations for Arisia 2012 Conchair, to close on April 1. Please email the Arisia EBoard to express your interest. We would like to thank Glenn MacWilliams for his service to the Corporation.

President's report: I appoint and populate the following committee: IT - Noel, chair; Dave Belfer-Shevett, Cris, Ben, Merv. Thank you to everyone who put their name forward for this committee. I appoint a new member to an existing committee: CIC - Steve Huff. Steve will no longer be serving on the By-laws Committee. I appoint Pat Vandenberg to the position of Relaxacon Chair and therefore chair of the Relaxacon Committee. All of these appointments approved by acclamation.

Clerk's report: no report.

Treasurer's report: We have money. Quite a while ago we allocated \$250 for coat check tags and that has finally been spent. We spent money on Student Art contest awards and

about half of those checks have cleared. Jill and I are still reconciling the credit cards for the convention.

A10 report: We had a con. Thank you for all your work. Please write thank yous if you have not already. We should close the books. The debrief will be Sunday at 2pm in MIT room 66-110.

A10 treasurer's report: I'd like to thank Skip for about a week and a half's work auditing and going through the fallout from the credit card machines not being able to be used on Sunday of the convention. I've sent out one of the donation thank you letters, and Ben has sent out another one (out of four). Some departments are not complete; I need any expense reports that have not been submitted. The hotel bill is reconciled; at-con cash is not.

A11 report: We will be having the debrief on Sunday at 2pm in MIT room 66-110. I'm working on setting up the next couple of concom meeting dates. I have posted some conchair office hours to the Arisia google calendar. We will be having a party at Lunacon, probably on Friday night in the con suite. I want to talk about general budget ideas, particularly for access, food functions, tech, and possibly a GoH CD by the musical guest of honor, if we have one. (Much discussion of wild budget ideas and comparisons to other conventions ensued.) I hope that you will email me your ideas for what you might like to help make or see happen in 2011. chair11@arisia is still the alias I am using until after the debrief.

CIC report: Storage looks cleaner after Arisia than it did before. Thank you to the people who helped move back. Stuff was lent to Boskone and some of it is still in the NESFA clubhouse; we will resolve this before Lunacon. Deb Aldred offers a donation of a large copier that needs some work.

VP Election: Rachel Silber and Lisa Hertel have nominated themselves. No other nominations came forward from the floor. The results were *2 votes for Lisa, 25 votes for Rachel.*

New business: *MSP (J. Eastlake, Morris, acclamation) to spend up to \$1000 to purchase two new, working wireless credit card machines. (It might be as little as \$800). Hotels have done away with analog phone lines, so our wired swipe boxes no longer work as a backup.*

Calendar tango: M (Kovalcik, withdrawn) to move the March meeting from March 14 to March 28. *MS (Morris, Kovalcik) to combine the March and April meetings into a single meeting on March 28.* Some discussion of the needs of the Relaxacon for a meeting ensue. *MSP (Kovalcik, Rosenberg, unanimous) to amend by replacement to move the March meeting from March 14 to March 28.* Main motion *PASSED* unanimously as amended.

M (Kovalcik, withdrawn) to set the date of the May meeting to Sunday, May 16.

Much calendar consultation ensues, during which: *MSP (Shectman, C. Huff, unanimous) to change Art Show policy to allow the convention to sell any kind of fractional panels, rounding the price up to the nearest dollar. MSP (Shectman, Vandenberg, unanimous) to insert the words "any desired shipping" before the word "insurance" in Art Show mail-in policy. MSP (Kovalcik, J. Eastlake, unanimous) to amend convention policy 6 to allow the convention chair to make use of ARISIA, the Arisia lens, and any other Arisia marks on gifts (also removing the present specification that only division heads are eligible to receive gifts with the Arisia marks).*

By this time, everyone has found their calendars. So: *MSP (Kovalcik, Rosenberg, unanimous) to set the date of the May meeting to May 17 at 7:30 at Chez Wood in Newton.*

MSP (Rosenberg, J. Eastlake, unanimous) to set as policy that the prereg relaxacon rate shall be the same as the 2009 rates (which were \$20 prereg for the weekend, \$15 for Friday or Saturday, and half price for children under 10), and to set the at con rates to \$30 for the weekend and \$20 for Friday or Saturday (and half price for children). We think these were last year's at con rates too but we're not sure so we're specifying them explicitly.

Grant Committee report: At our last corporate meeting we gave a grant of \$3000 to the Interstitial Arts foundation. I spoke to Wendy Ellertson at Boskone and she expressed their thanks and pointed out copies of the volume for sale in the dealers room there. They will be highlighting our grant and broadcasting our name. We have a grant proposal from the Randolph Public Library which we hope to have printed to vote on at the March meeting. If you have suggestions for organizations we should be actively working with please let me know.

Relaxacon report: This is your Relaxacon Chairman. Yep, we finally have one and There Will Be a Relaxacon 2010!

First piece of information:

Relaxacon 2010 will take place the weekend of June 4-6 at the Corsair & Cross Rip motels on the Cape in Dennis Port, MA. Please do register at the motels as soon as possible as they are very concerned they have not yet heard from our group – we are running much later than usual getting information out. Please register by March 31st at the latest, before the price goes up, to ensure you get the room you want. NOTE: It is much easier to cancel an early reservation than get a last-minute one if your circumstances change!

Check the Arisia website – www.Relaxacon.org to get motel information and more Relaxacon information. Con registration is \$20 per person up to May 28th; Children (up to & including 10-years-of-age) are \$10 pre. Payment options are Paypal or check. Checks should be made payable to Arisia and sent to the Arisia Treasurer at:

Arisia, Inc. PO Box 391596, Cambridge, MA 02139.

The at-the-door amount will be calculated later – once we've figured costs – but will be at least \$30. Additional information will appear on the Relaxacon.org website as it is developed.

I don't have a slate of people to announce as I just found out yesterday that I was it.

I have had a few people volunteer to help out, but I could use Lots more! One I was lucky to have volunteer last night was our Registration person. Thank you Deb.

I'm also very interested in finding out what the Arisia Staff feels Our Relaxacon 2010 should contain/be. I've attended the Relaxacon from the first and mostly what I've observed is that:

a. It involves food. Pre-made, made-on-site, store-bought, with snacks and lots of drinkables.

I've spoken to someone who is interested in being our pre-made and made-on-site chef, but there is a possibility she and her family will be in England the first week in June. If there is anyone who is willing to help with the cooking, please let me know!! Two Very Nice gentlemen volunteered as grill masters last night; this is especially good news as I am totally inept with a grill! The only complaint I have heard so far is that we have been missing meat protein. Since I happen to like meat protein also, that complaint shouldn't be a problem this year, though we will also try to make sure our vegetarian friends have lots to eat also. It is all about Choices – I want everyone to have some.

I've also been asked about doing a clam bake. Right now I've asked for facts and figures on this. What I'd like to hear from all of You is whether you think this would be a fun addition to our menu. We are currently trying to do it within budget, but if necessary would people be willing to pay as much as \$10 each to participate in a clam bake? Please do let me know.

b. It involves games of all kinds. Each year we have a few someones who come and bring games for all of us to share and we've had a few marathon sessions throughout the weekend. I'm actually looking for someone who is willing to do some coordination of games; mostly make sure there are some – inside, outside and electronic – set up for people to use. You don't have to be the main games person, but it would help.

c. There are quite a few people who like to go off and explore, if they know what there is available to explore. The website lists a few of the things that can be available at Relaxacon. I'm going to do some research, and try to get the information on what I find, posted far enough in advance of the Relaxacon that those who are interested in getting groups together, or just want to arrange their own explorations in advance, will have time to do so. Anyone who has information on where I should look for these items I hope will e-mail me.

d. I'll also be putting out information on what there is to do at the Corsair & Cross Rip itself. For instance, I'm not sure everyone is aware of the indoor pool across the street or the hours it is open.

I don't want to structure the weekend too much, but I do believe that people will have a better time if they are aware of all of their Choices. Please do send e-mail to Relaxacon@arisia.org, to let me know your feelings and ideas regarding Relaxacon 2010.

Meeting adjourned at 9:21 PM.

Treasurer's Report

January 31 st			Change vs prev month
Even Year-A10		\$45,777.07	\$21,467.27
Odd Year-A09		\$1,241.47	-\$12,483.70
Reserved/Unspent			
Two years expenses/CDs	\$35,237.68		\$16.29
Grant Fund	\$4,000.00		\$2,000.00
Relaxacon Memberships	\$0.00		\$0.00
Capital Equipment Fund	\$938.56		-\$817.34
Voted Expenses (excludes budget)	\$700.00		-\$250.00
Unspent Budget	\$7,767.20		-\$1,025.00
Total Reserved		\$48,643.44	-\$76.05
Unallocated Funds		\$21,368.03	\$11,060.16
Total Corporate Funds		\$70,011.47	\$10,984.11
Total Assets		\$117,030.01	\$19,967.68

Executive Board

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Committees List

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

Key List

If you don't have a key to storage and need to get into storage, email keys@arisia.org and all keyholders will get the 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 March 14, 2010. *Italic* indicates honorary members. ***Bold Italic*** indicates honorary members who have also paid (so they can vote or hold office).

Aaron Agassi	Alex Latzko
Debra Aldred	Ben Levy
Paul Aldred	Carole London
Matt Barr	Ken London
<i>Rob Bazemore</i>	Glen MacWilliams
Bridget Boyle	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	Richard Schmeidler
Lisa Goldstein	Nicholas Sheckman (Phi)
Brendan Hertel	<i>Cris Shuldiner</i>
Lisa Hertel	Rachel Silber
Lisa Holsberg	Mike Sprague
Crystal Huff	Janet Stickle
Steve Huff	Pete Thomas
Jeanne Kahn	Persis Thorndike
Walter Kahn	Carsten Turner
Allan Kent	Pat Vandenberg
Rick Kovalcik	*hobbit*
'Zanne Labonville	Conor Walsh

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 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