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**THE NEWSLETTER OF ARISIA, INCORPORATED—NUMBER 181—MAY 2010**

## Notices

The next corporate meeting will be held on Monday, May 17 at 7:30 PM at the home of Rick Kovalcik.

The quorum for the May meeting is 10 based on 51% of the average attendance of the last three meetings (19, 18, 21).

## March 2010 Meeting Minutes

**Date, Time, and Place:** Meeting called to order by Samantha Dings in MIT room 66-168 at 2:15pm.

**In Attendance (18 members):** Jack Dietz, Samantha Dings, Mary Dumas, Don Eastlake, Jill Eastlake, Lisa Hertel, Lisa Holsberg, Allan Kent, Crystal Huff, Steve Huff, Rick Kovalcik, Alex Latzko, Ben Levy, Ken London, James Pinkerton (new member), Nicholas Shectman, Rachel Silber, and Pat Vandenberg.

**Proxies:** Deb Aldred to Pat Vandenberg, Paul Aldred to Crystal Huff, David D'Antonio to Skip Morris, Carol London to Ken London, Susan Mozzicato to Rick Kovalcik, Tom Murphy to Steve Huff, Lia Olsborg to Rick Kovalcik, Pete Thomas to Crystal Huff, Noel Rosenberg to Rachel Silber, and Mike Sprague to Steve Huff.

**Corrections to the Minutes:** none.

**Eboard report** (Samantha Dings): We voted to purchase a fastfold repair kit. We voted to lend equipment to Lunacon. We voted to offer NESFA the loan of an internet-based CC machine. The Eboard has voted to approve the recommendation of the Grant Committee.

**President's report:** no report.

**VP's report** (Rachel Silber): as discussed by the e-board, *MSP by acclamation to match Kevin Roche's \$77 donation to the SFWA Emergency Medical Fund.*

**Clerk's report:** no report.

**Treasurer's report** (Ben Levy): We have money. We should remember to put the September BBQ in the Corporate budget next year.

**A10 report** (Crystal Huff): We're still working on closing the books. If you have not sent out thank yous you should do so.

**A10 treasurer's report** (Jill Eastlake): Jill hands out and discusses "almost final books". There is \$200 additional income from NESFA purchasing con suite leftovers, and one final bill left to pay that's included in the books but which the Clerk only gave to the Convention Treasurer today.

**A11 report** (Crystal Huff): I have a ton of GoH related books which I am giving out at concon meetings, and I brought two to this meeting. I'm generally giving them out at concon meetings via raffle.

We have a concon meeting coming up on April 24 at 2pm at the Westin, where there will be another look at the hotel. Please by then have looked at the hotel if you're interested in space allocation as we will be discussing it at that meeting.

**CIC report** (Rick Kovalcik): Stuff went to Lunacon, and all came back. Some of MCFI's stuff is also in storage and needs to go back to NESFA. Skip and I are going by storage this afternoon to sift through storage, and we will also be having a clean-out session this summer.

**Grant Committee report** (Rachel Silber): We printed a grant proposal from the Randolph Community Middle School Library for \$1010.66. Rachel will try to get them to give a "how I spent Arisia's money" presentation next year if Arisia and the ALA convention don't conflict, and will also point them at NESFA for possible duplicates. *Grant approved by acclamation. MSP (Vandenberg, J. Eastlake, unanimous) to grant an additional \$89.34 out of the general fund.* If people have ideas for organizations to solicit for grant proposals please let me know at [grants@arisia.org](mailto:grants@arisia.org); there are definitely people who could use to know that we have these funds available.

**IT Committee report:** The IT Committee met on March 19, 2010 and reviewed the current state of our IT infrastructure, which currently includes several servers owned by individuals, as well as services hosted by Godaddy, Dreamhost, and Linode.

The services provided include DNS (name resolution), websites for each of the conventions as well as the staff and corporate sites, Congo (registration), Zambia (Programming database), IRC, email, and the mailing lists.

The committee was generally in favor of a plan to consolidate services and simplify the delivery and management of those services. We also intend to take into account the cost of the various options and their reliability as well. A formal proposal will be forthcoming, but it will most likely recommend moving some if not all web services to Dreamhost, as well as DNS. We are still exploring the best solution for email and the mailing lists.

There is much discussion, including a request for a list of where all our data is, and a concern that there be a backup of everything in corporate hands, with a retention policy. Samantha will talk to the IT committee and direct them to consider these questions.

## April 2010 Meeting Minutes

**Comps committee:** no report.

**Relaxacon committee report** (Pat Vandenberg): Will be sending out a final reminder that room rates are going up as of 4/1/10 and there will be no 'save' this time. As of last week we had 14 rooms taken out of our block of 20. Pat asked Rick if there would be any monetary consequences if we didn't make our 20-room room block. He said it might impact our negotiations with the hotels for next year rather than the current year costs as they would probably want to charge us more next year if we didn't meet this year's quota.

We are already at 14 rooms reserved with at least two additional people who have registered for Relaxacon but not reserved rooms. This may mean that we only have 4 rooms left in our block.

Have had a request from a young lady to share a room with another, young lady preferred as far as I know. Will be sending out an e-mail asking about any others who are looking to share.

Would still love to hear from people about what they are allergic to, prefer to eat, so we can start getting our food order together. Please do send e-mail to Relaxacon@arisiqa.org with this information. Also, would people please register with Arisia for the Relaxacon? I have people who have rooms who do not have registrations!

Looking forward to seeing You at the Cape.

Lisa Hertel suggests trying to find an accessible venue for 2011. Some people like the venues and others would prefer a change of scenery. We'd need to find the venue this spring.

**Old business:** none.

**New business:** *MSP (Kovalcik, Jill Eastlake) that for all debts owed to Arisia or an Arisia convention incurred from this date forward, no one owing more than the at-door cost of an adult membership is allowed to attend without repaying the entire debt or making a payment plan acceptable to the Corporate Treasurer first.* (clerk's note: it is the sense of the corporation that the designated purpose of a cash advance constitutes a payment plan.)

*MS (Latzko, S. Huff) that the corporation budget an amount to be determined by the IT committee but not more than \$1000 per year to provide for secure offsite backup of all corporate data, in commonly machine-readable format. MSP (Kovalcik, Morris, unanimous) to refer to the IT committee.*

*MSP (Kovalcik, Hertel, unanimous) to instruct the IT committee to report back on this issue by the end of this fiscal year.*

*MSP (Kovalcik, Dumas, anonymous) to confirm the date of the June meeting as June 20 (the default date) at MIT.*

**Announcements:** We accidentally reprinted the Arisia volunteer T-shirt black on black, and there is one XL and one 2X of the dragonfly shirt left. If anyone is interested please see Rick. (\*zoom\* that was fast)

Crystal has conchair office hours following this meeting. I wish everyone a happy passover who wishes to be wished so. Samantha wishes a happy Easter, likewise.

*Meeting adjourned at 3:44 PM.*

**Date, Time, and Place:** Meeting called to order by Samantha Dings at 2:12 PM at MIT building 66.

**In attendance (21 members):** Stephanie Clarkson (new member), Samantha Dings, Donald Eastlake III, Jill Eastlake, Lisa Holsberg, Crystal Huff, Steve Huff, Allan Kent, Rick Kovalcik, Alex Latzko (arrived after proxy resolution), Ben Levy, Ken London, James Pinkerton, Karen Purcell, Kim Riek (new member), Noel Rosenberg, Nicholas Sheckman, Cris Shuldiner, Rachel Silber, Mike Sprague, and Jonathan Venezian (new member).

**Proxies:** Emily Coombs to Mike Sprague, Mary Dumas to Ben Levy, Carole London to Ken London, Skip Morris to Jill Eastlake, Susan Mozzicato to Rick Kovalcik, Tom Murphy to Steve Huff, Lia Olsborg to Rick Kovalcik, Pete Thomas to Crystal Huff, and Pat Vandenberg to Allan Kent.

**Eboard Report** (Samantha Dings): With the advice of the 2011 chair, the eboard has appointed Kim Riek as 2011 convention treasurer. The eboard has voted to recommend Cris Shuldiner for Arisia 2012 Conchair, subject to the approval of the Membership. *Recommendation APPROVED unanimously*, after a short Q&A and subsequent discussion.

**President's Report:** no report.

**VP's Report** (Rachel Silber): Letters to Randolph Community Library and the SFWA Medical Fund have been sent as discussed at the previous meeting. I am talking to two other organizations about possible grants but there is nothing in the pipeline yet. Our priorities are other SF fannish organizations, other education organizations that want to promote SF, and other kinds of nonprofit organizations whose aims coincide with Arisia's. We prefer local organizations but have given out grants to organizations as far away as Alaska in the past.

**Clerk's Report:** no report.

**Treasurer's Report** (Ben Levy): The capital expense fund has been exhausted. Money is coming in for the Relaxacon. We moved money out of the even-year account now that A10 activity is complete. The odd year account has about \$5000 in it from mostly year-ahead 2011 memberships. The grant fund has \$2989.06. The snow fund has about \$35,000. We have about \$40,000 in unallocated funds.

**A09 Report** (Jill Eastlake): *MP (unanimously) to close the books for Arisia 2009 and refer any remaining Arisia 2009 business to the corporation.* The final bottom line was reported a few months ago: \$13868.

**A10 Treasurer's Report** (Jill Eastlake): The net surplus from Arisia 2010 was \$9175.78, as published in the April 1 version of the spreadsheet. The records have been handed over to Ben.

**A10 Report** (Rick Kovalcik): *MP (unanimously) to close Arisia 2010 and its books and to refer any remaining business to the corporation.*

**A11 Report** (Crystal Huff): I have been filling in the org chart. The e-board has appointed Kim Riek as my Treasurer. Matt will have two Assistant Tech Division Heads: Abby Noyce for Programming Tech and Peter Olszowka for Events related Tech.

**Relaxacon Report** (Pat Vandenberg): We appear to be approaching a 40 person membership. We currently have 23 adults and 1 'child' registered for Relaxacon. In addition, we have approximately 12 more adults and 1 child who are/will be registered at the hotel from whom we have yet to receive Relaxacon memberships. Combining these two we arrive at a 37 person presence at the Relaxacon.

It is only April, but June is fast approaching. Come do make those hotel and convention registrations and join in the fun.

Jill Eastlake has volunteered to join Harriet Severino in planning and creating some wonderfully delicious meals for the Relaxacon. We are looking for a few more cooks/kitchen staff; please volunteer!

In the next month or so, as the Census allows, I'll start sending out what I find out about activities available in the Dennisport area. If you have any specific item of interest you think will be taking place during the Relaxacon which you would like me to research, please drop me an e-mail at Relaxacon@Arisia.org and let me know what you are interested in.

Please do take part in making this Relaxacon Your Relaxacon.

**Comps Committee:** no report.

**IT Committee:** no report.

**CIC Committee** (Rick Kovalcik): we still have storage, and the stuff in it is the same stuff as last month.

**Old Business:** none.

**New Business:** *MSP (Kovalcik, J. Eastlake, unanimous) to move \$3000 into the Capital Equipment Fund. MSP (Kovalcik, C. Huff, one opposed) to combine the July and August meetings into one meeting to be held on July 18 at 2pm at Chez Wood along with a summer barbecue.*

**Announcements:** The Reno 2011 Worldcon membership rates go up on May 1. There is an installment plan available. Now's the time to join since you can always transfer your membership later. Currently the price is \$140 for a full membership (less if you voted in site selection). I encourage you all to come. Let me know if you're curious what it's like to work on a Worldcon.

Meeting adjourned at 2:42 PM.

## Treasurer's Reports

<b>February 28<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>Change vs prev month</b>
<b>Even Year-A10</b>		\$32,601.16	-\$13,175.91
<b>Odd Year-A11</b>		\$1,241.47	\$0.00
<b>Reserved/Unspent</b>			
Two years expenses/CDs	\$35,253.97		\$16.29
Grant Fund	\$4,000.00		\$0.00
Relaxacon Memberships	\$193.80		\$193.80
Capital Equipment Fund	\$938.56		\$0.00
Voted Expenses (excludes budget)	\$1,700.00		\$1000.00
Unspent Budget	\$6,473.79		-\$1,293.41
<b>Total Reserved</b>		<b>\$48,560.12</b>	-\$83.32
<b>Unallocated Funds</b>		<b>\$15,907.29</b>	-\$5,460.74
<b>Total Corporate Funds</b>		<b>\$64,467.41</b>	-\$5,544.06
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>\$98,310.04</b>	-\$18,719.97

<b>March 31<sup>st</sup></b>			<b>Change vs prev month</b>
<b>Even Year-A10</b>		<b>\$2,622.71</b>	-\$29,978.45
<b>Odd Year-A09</b>		<b>\$7,653.77</b>	\$6,412.30
<b>Reserved/Unspent</b>			
Two years expenses/CDs	\$35,264.80		\$10.83
Grant Fund	\$2,989.66		-\$1,010.34
Relaxacon Memberships	\$456.20		\$262.40
Capital Equipment Fund	\$0		-\$938.56
Voted Expenses (excludes budget)	\$700.00		-\$1,000.00
Unspent Budget	\$5,256.13		-\$1,217.66
<b>Total Reserved</b>		<b>\$44,666.79</b>	-\$3,893.33
<b>Unallocated Funds</b>		<b>\$39,827.86</b>	\$23,920.57
<b>Total Corporate Funds</b>		<b>\$84,494.65</b>	\$20,027.24
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>\$94,771.13</b>	-\$3,538.91

## Committees List

<b>Grant Committee:</b> Rachel Silber, Crystal Huff, Noel Rosenberg, Mike Sprague	<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>Comps Committee:</b> Skip Morris (chair), Glenn MacWilliams, Karen Purcell, Pat Vandenberg, Ken London, Rick Kovalcik, Lisa Hertel.
<b>Relaxacon Committee:</b> <b>Pat Vandenberg (chair)</b>	<b>Inventory Control Committee:</b> Rick Kovalcik (chair), Lia Olsborg, Skip Morris, hobbit, Lisa Hertel
<b>Hotel Search Committee</b>	<b>Long Range Planning Committee</b>

## Executive Board

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## 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	Lisa Holsberg	Karen Purcell
Debra Aldred	Crystal Huff	Kim Riek
Paul Aldred	Steve Huff	<i>Mary Robison</i>
Matt Barr	Jeanne Kahn	Noel Rosenberg
<i>Rob Bazemore</i>	Walter Kahn	Sharon Sbarsky
Bridget Boyle	Allan Kent	Richard Schmeidler
Stephanie Clarkson	Rick Kovalcik	Nicholas Sheckman
Emily Coombs	'Zanne Labonville	<b><i>Cris Shuldiner</i></b>
<i>Brian Cooper</i>	Alex Latzko	Rachel Silber
David D'Antonio	Ben Levy	Mike Sprague
Samantha Dings	Carole London	Janet Stickle
Mary Dumas	Ken London	Julia Suggs
Don Eastlake	Glen MacWilliams	Pete Thomas
Jill Eastlake	Skip Morris	Persis Thorndike
<i>Tom Fish</i>	Susan Mozzicato	Carsten Turner
John Francini	Tom Murphy	Pat Vandenberg
Lisa Goldstein	Pam Ochs	Jonathan Venezian
Brendan Hertel	Lia Olsborg	*hobbit*
Lisa Hertel	James Pinkerton	Conor Walsh

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## 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	<b>\$12</b>
October	\$22	April	\$10
November	\$20	<b>May</b>	\$08
December	\$18	June	\$06
January	\$16	July	\$04
February	\$14	August	\$02

## Upcoming Events and Meetings

**Monday, May 17** at 7:30pm: Arisia corporate meeting at the home of Rick Kovalcik.

**May 28-31: Balticon** at the Hunt Valley Marriott in Baltimore

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

**Sunday, June 20** at 2pm: Arisia corporate meeting at MIT Building 66.

**July 8-11: Readercon** at the Marriott in Burlington MA

**Monday, July 18 at 2pm:** Arisia corporate meeting and barbecue at the home of Rick Kovalcik.

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