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Notices

The next meeting of Arisia, Inc will be held on Sunday, November 14 at 2pm at MIT. The quorum for the November meeting is 11 based on 51% of the average attendance of the last three meetings (20, 30, 14).

September 2010 Meeting Minutes

Date, Time, and Place: Meeting called to order at MIT by Samantha Dings around 2:30 pm on September 19.

In attendance (30 members): Paul Aldred, Samantha Dings, Mary Dumas, Donald Eastlake III, Jill Eastlake, John Francini, Lisa Goldstein, Lisa Hertel, Lisa Holsberg, Crystal Huff, Steve Huff, Walter Kahn, Allan Kent, Rick Kovalcik, Mike Leuchtenberg, Ben Levy, Ken London, Skip Morris, Susan Mozzicato, Tom Murphy, James Pinkerton, Karen Purcell, Kim Riek, Noel Rosenberg, Nicholas Shectman, Rachel Silber, Kris Snyder, Mike Sprague, Pat Vandenberg, and Jonathan Venezian.

Towards the very end of the meeting a number of non-members arrived for the concom meeting-- not listed here.

Proxies: Deb Aldred to Paul Aldred, Bridget Boyle to Jill Eastlake, David D'Antonio to Jill Eastlake, Jack Dietz to Rachel Silber, Alex Latzko to Don Eastlake, Carol London to Ken London, Tom Murphy to Steve Huff, Lia Osborg to Rick Kovalcik, and Pete Thomas to Ben Levy.

Corrections to the minutes: none.

Eboard Report (Samantha Dings):

The eboard approved lending radios to Intervention in Maryland last weekend, [lending swipe boxes to Pi-Con -- ed], and approved two dues waivers.

President's Report (Samantha Dings):

Samantha would like to thank everyone who helped her this year.

VP: No report.

Clerk's Report (Nicholas Shectman):

Please sign in -- there's actually a sign-in sheet going around this time, since the meeting is so large.

Treasurer's Report (Ben Levy):

We have plenty of money. We have renewed our insurance policy. We have money for Readercon and PiCon which is awaiting an address to send the checks to.

A12 Report: the chair is sick and will not be here today.

Bylaws Committee: no report.

CIC Report (Rick Kovalcik, Lisa Hertel, Skip Morris): stuff went to PiCon and has returned. Many Mentors have been found, scanned, and uploaded to the website, mostly by Lia but with some help from Rick. We're still missing numbers 46, 50, 51, 52, and 75 -- neither NESFA nor MITSFS has these in their collections.

The green U-shaped cart that NEFE borrowed a year ago is back.

We're missing a bunch of T-shirts and publications, which appear to have been recycled based on what was written on the box, not what was inside the box. Currently the surplus shirts are in totes and the archive shirts are in boxes -- but they're still not labeled.

Comps committee: no report (but one will be coming soon, promises Skip).

Grants committee report (Rachel Silber):

NASFiC submitted a grant shortly before their con and withdrew it shortly afterwards having found that they no longer needed it. We got an inquiry from the Rhode Island Science Fiction Club inquiring about details. I answered email from FogCon but we have not seen an actual proposal from them yet. *MP unanimously to increase the money allocated to the grant fund by \$10.34 to make it an even \$3000.*

IT committee: no report.

A11 report (Crystal Huff):

We have some staffing changes: a new Marketing division head in Michael Leuchtenberg, and a new Member Services division head in Paul Aldred. Arisia has taken a nap over the summer but now it's time to figure out what we're doing and move forward with it. We've had a lot of cool ideas and time is short for adding more. It looks like we will not be having a musical Guest of Honor. But let's leave it in the budget in case there's a Hail Mary on that project, and in case we have some unanticipated GoH travel expense.

A11 treasurer's report (Kim Riek):

We have a budget. *MS (Morris, Kovalcik) to amend by substitution* with a new version with many small changes, as handed out by Kim. Some minutes pass while the membership familiarizes themselves with the new version of the budget. Motion to amend by substitution *PASSES*.

October 2010 Meeting Minutes

Date, Time, and Place: Meeting called to order at the NESFA clubhouse by Rick Kovalcik at 7:48pm on October 21.

In attendance (14 members): Mary Dumas, Lisa Hertel, Crystal Huff, Rick Kovalcik, Alex Latzko, Ben Levy, Ken London, Skip Morris, Lia Olsborg, Kim Riek, Nicholas Shectman, Michael Sprague, Julia Suggs, and Jonathan Venezian

Proxies: David D'Antonio to Skip Morris, Carol London to Ken London, Karen Purcell to Jonathan Venezian, and Pete Thomas to Crystal Huff

The September minutes were not published before the meeting, so they will not be considered for corrections until the next meeting.

Eboard report (Rick Kovalcik): We voted on some dues waivers.

President's report (Rick Kovalcik): thanks to NESFA for hosting us. (Rick points out some of NESFA's lovely amenities). I am not prepared yet to appoint committees. I am looking for more response. Existing committees continue until reconstituted. I am looking for people for the Grant Committee, the Comps Committee, someone to chair this year's Relaxacon, people to look for a venue for Relaxacon for 2012, people for the CIC/Inventory Control committee including a chair. (Rick lists some other committees which might not need people, reading from email he sent to the Corporate mailing list.) There is some discussion of Pete Thomas' remote corporate participation which was referred to the IT committee some time ago.

VP: no report.

Treasurer's report (Ben Levy): I noticed a minor error in the printed reports; the amount of unspent budget did not include the administrative costs of the Student Art Contest.

Clerk: no report.

A11 report (Crystal Huff): There will be an Arisia staff visit scheduled to Josh Simpson's workshop in Shelburne, MA on Saturday November 13, open to anyone who's interested. Josh has sent in a lot of ideas for programming today; he wants to have a discussion of his Infinity project, show a documentary, have a conversation with teens about his art, and give a talk about the historical context of his artistic process. He likes the proposal to have a writing contest inspired by his work. Seanan McGuire, this year's Campbell Award winner, will be coming to Arisia and will be one of the special guests at the breakfast banquet (which will be 11am on Sunday) -- tickets will be on sale soon for \$35. Michael Anderson with the Hallucinating Shakespeare group will be returning this year.

A11 Treasury (Kim Riek): people keep registering. We're pretty much on track with our predictions. We currently have \$15,886.62. Please turn in receipts for your expenses.

A12 report (Rick Kovalcik for Cris Shuldiner): Things are progressing and Cris expects to be at the meeting next month.

CIC report (Rick Kovalcik): we continue to have storage. Some stuff went to Albacon and is being returned. Radios were lent out to Colette for a new convention and have not been returned yet.

MS (Morris, C. Huff) to accept the budget as presented. Much discussion, and a 5-minute bio break, ensues. ARRR. MSP (Hertel, Goldstein) to call the question. Budget motion PASSES unanimously.

Old business: none.

New business: there is a short discussion of the membership cap, after which *MS (C. Huff, Shectman) to raise the initial membership cap to 2700 (from 2500; the abilities of the Conchair and Eboard to increase this remain the same). M (Kovalcik) to specify this as pertaining only to conventions held at the Westin*, dies for lack of a second (after a failed attempt to make it friendly), and is then eventually made again by S. Huff and accepted as friendly this time. *MSP (Morris, J. Eastlake) to call the question. Motion PASSES 18-12.*

MS (Morris, Shectman) to reconsider the part of the corporate budget that specifies that no money be spent returning mail to student artists. Objection to consideration (Kovalcik) fails, 12-16, after it is first ruled that this is not really a motion to reconsider. MSP to postpone (Vandenberg, J. Eastlake) to the next meeting.

Elections:

For President: Jill Eastlake and Rick Kovalcik have been nominated.

*MSP (Vandenberg, Dumas) to close nominations. The candidates give lovely speeches which this clerk did not transcribe. First ballot is **tied at 18-18. Second ballot: Rick 20, Jill 15, one abstention and one spoiled ballot.***

For VP: Pat Vandenberg and Noel Rosenberg have been nominated.

Nominations closed, speeches given. Vote is **17 Noel, 16 Pat, 2 abstentions.**

MSP (Kovalcik, J. Eastlake) to close nominations for the remaining positions.

MSP (Murphy, Kent) to accept the single nominees for Treasurer (Ben Levy) and Clerk (Nicholas Shectman) for their respective positions by acclamation. NB: this and many other motions attract many seconds and the second of record is the one that this Clerk heard first.

MSP (Kovalcik, Vandenberg, unanimous) to leave the default meeting time and place as MIT at 2pm on the third Sunday of the month.

MSP (Kovalcik, Vandenberg, unanimous) to set the location of the October 21 meeting to the NESFA clubhouse.

MSP (Kovalcik, Francini, unanimous) to set the time and place of the November meeting to November 14 at 2pm at MIT.

MSP (Kovalcik, Mozzicato, unanimous) to set the time and place of the December meeting to Saturday, December 11, at 2pm at the Westin Waterfront.

MSP (Kovalcik, Dumas, applause) to thank the outgoing eboard for their service to Arisia and hope that they remain involved in the corporation in the future.

Announcements: Lucky is looking for someone to handle ad sales.

Meeting adjourned at 4:46 pm.

Comps Committee: no report.

Grant Committee (Noel Rosenberg, by email): The Grant Committee has not yet met, but we have a few outstanding requests in progress, and received a new proposal yesterday from Rhode Island Science Fiction Club, which we will be reviewing at our next meeting.

IT Committee: no report.

Old business:

There is a motion concerning the position of the Student Art Contest in the corporate vs convention organization structure and budget. Much discussion occurs in committee of the whole. *MOVED that Student Art Contest staff appointments should continue to be on the authority of the convention committee, that the practice of paying prize money from corporate funds should continue, that the administrative costs should come from the corporation for 2011 but from the convention in 2012 and in future years, and that the cost of transporting art in both directions should be the financial responsibility of the artists. MSP (Venezian, chorus, unanimous) to table to the next meeting.*

New business:

MS (Morris, Venezian, unanimous) to give the executive board the authority to set the date of the February meeting.

Announcements: Come join us at the third international conference on Tolkien in March in Westford.

Meeting adjourned at 8:53pm.

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

Treasurer's Reports

July 31st			Change vs prev month
Even Year–A10		\$2,000.00	\$0.00
Odd Year–A11		\$5,676.33	\$0.00
Reserved/Unspent			
Two years expenses/CDs	\$35,311.98		\$11.61
Grant Fund	\$2,989.66		\$0.00
Relaxacon Memberships	\$0.00		\$0.00
Capital Equipment Fund	\$2,727.29		\$0.00
Voted Expenses (excludes budget)	\$700.00		\$0.00
Unspent Budget	\$14,501.98		\$12,360.52
Total Reserved		\$56,230.91	\$12,372.13
Unallocated Funds		\$24,096.12	-\$12,356.90
Total Corporate Funds		\$80,327.03	\$15.23
Total Assets		\$88,003.36	\$15.23

August 31st			Change vs prev month
Even Year–A12		\$2,000.00	\$0.00
Odd Year–A11		\$5,676.33	\$0.00
Reserved/Unspent			
Two years expenses/CDs	\$35,323.97		\$11.99
Grant Fund	\$2,989.66		\$0.00
Relaxacon Memberships	\$0.00		\$0.00
Capital Equipment Fund	\$2,727.29		\$0.00
Voted Expenses (excludes budget)	\$700.00		\$0.00
Unspent Budget	\$12,676.98		-\$1,825.00
PiCon & Readercon	\$7,603.30		
Total Reserved		\$62,021.20	\$5,790.29
Unallocated Funds		\$23,257.91	-\$838.21
Total Corporate Funds		\$85,279.11	\$4,952.08
Total Assets		\$92,955.44	\$4,952.08

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 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	14	Lisa Hertel
2	Alex Latzko	15	Ben Levy
3	Skip Morris	16	Lia Olsborg
4	Carsten Turner	17	Lisa Holsborg
5	Skip Morris	18	Dave Belfer-Shevett
6	Phi	19	Skip Morris (spare)
7	Michael Bergman	20	Crystal Huff
8	Rick Kovalcik	21	Jill Eastlake
9	September Isdell	22	Noel Rosenberg
10	Hobbit	23	Michael Trachtenberg
11	Landlord	24	Dan Noe
12	Janet Stickle	25	Rick Kovalcik (spare)
13	Persis Thorndike	26	Rick Kovalcik (spare)

Arisia 2011 Budget As Passed

Category	Contact	Subcategory	Budgeted	Last Years
Income Summary				
Advertising			\$1,063.75	\$1,063.75
Art Show			\$3,096.00	\$3,096.00
Banquet			\$2,400.00	
Dealers			\$8,400.00	\$5,000.00
Registration			\$73,280.00	\$68,585.00
Income Total			\$88,239.75	\$77,744.75
Expense Detail				
Corporate	Ben Levy		\$10,745.00	\$10,630.00
Con Chair	Crystal Huff	Admin	\$150.00	\$-
	(asst Cris Shuldinger & Jasra)	Contingency	\$1,000.00	\$206.74
		Parties	\$1,200.00	\$1,118.62
		Thursday Night Event	\$400.00	\$1,989.64
Total Con Chair			\$2,750.00	\$3,315.00
Events	James Pinkerton	Admin	\$50.00	\$6.99
	(adh Samantha Dings)	Anime		
		Carl Brandon Event	\$100.00	\$45.00
		Event #1	\$200.00	\$47.34
		Event #2	\$200.00	\$108.18
		Event #3	\$200.00	\$189.86
		Event #4	\$200.00	
		Event #5	\$200.00	
	Puck Dowd	Gaming	\$-	\$123.69
	Sharon Sbarsky	Masquerade	\$200.00	\$-
		Contra Dance Musicians	\$400.00	
Total Events			\$1,750.00	\$521.06
Exhibits - General (Phi)	Mary Dumas	Anime	\$250.00	\$114.96
	Scott Dorsey	Film Rentals	\$3,000.00	\$1,756.00
		Film Shipping	\$1,000.00	\$955.58
	Lance Oszko	Video	\$250.00	\$-
		Films Van Rental	\$400.00	
		Video MPLC	\$400.00	\$400.00
		Drape from Albany	\$200.00	
Total General Exhibits			\$5,500.00	\$3,226.54
Exhibits – Art Show		Admin	\$150.00	\$84.85
		Returns on Mailer		\$43.00
Total Art Show			\$150.00	\$541.14
Exhibits - Dealers	Amy Chused	Admin	\$50.00	
Total Dealers			\$50.00	\$0.00
GoH Liaison	Jack Dietz	Admin	\$25.00	\$436.48
	(asst Rachel Silber)	Gifts	\$240.00	\$246.85
		Artist Food	\$400.00	\$469.47
		Artist Shipping		\$25.13
		Artist Travel	\$200.00	\$46.00
		Music Food	\$500.00	\$625.00
		Music Shipping		\$70.61
		Music Travel	\$1,000.00	\$713.40
		Fan Food	\$200.00	\$628.24
		Fan Shipping	\$100.00	
		Fan Travel	\$200.00	
		Writer Food	\$300.00	\$1,899.95
		Writer Shipping		
		Writer Travel	\$1,000.00	
		Webcomic Food	\$500.00	

Category	Contact	Subcategory	Budgeted	Last Years
		Webcomic Shipping		
		Webcomic Travel	\$700.00	
Total GoH Liaison			\$5,365.00	\$5,161.13
Hotel	Ben Levy	Hotel Admin	\$100.00	\$16.49
		Furniture removal	\$200.00	\$-
		Internet Lines	\$250.00	\$250.00
		Tips Cash	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
		Tips Gift	\$300.00	\$42.99
		Hotel Rooms	\$3,120.00	\$2,362.26
		Filk Refreshments	\$586.00	
		Shuttle Bus	\$0.00	\$1,560.00
		Masquerade Green Room	\$0.00	
		Ice	\$200.00	
		Thursday Event	\$0.00	
		Art Show Reception	\$2,400.00	
		Event 1	\$400.00	
		Event 2	\$400.00	
		Event 3	\$400.00	
		Event 4	\$400.00	
		CBS Awards	\$1,500.00	
	Pat Vandenberg	Banquet	\$3,000.00	
		Event food (from Hyatt)		\$3,004.32
		Cash Bar	\$496.00	
		Readings	\$0.00	
		Breakfast Serials	\$0.00	
		Dances	\$0.00	
		Ops Food	\$1,200.00	
		Volunteer Lounge Food	\$1,200.00	\$3,804.38
		Electric Credit (-5200)	\$0.00	
Total Hotel			\$17,152.00	\$12,040.44
Marketing	Lucky	Business Cards	\$20.00	
		Admin	\$50.00	
		Advertising	\$700.00	\$75.00
		Campus Marketing	\$-	
	Jack Dietz	Flyer/Press Kit postage	\$-	
		MBTA Advertisin	\$1,500.00	
	Skip Morris	Mass Mailer	\$1,500.00	
		NCOA	\$100.00	
		Bulk Mail Permit	\$190.00	
Total Marketing			\$4,060.00	\$75.00
Member Services - Access	Tanya/Selkie	Supplies	\$115.00	
		CART (closed captioning)	\$2,000.00	
		ASL	\$1,000.00	
		Tactile Supplies	\$100.00	
	Rick Kovalcik	Large Print Program	\$-	
Member Service – Childcare	Rev Ocean Thundermoon	Food	\$150.00	\$135.49
		Salaries	\$2,000.00	\$1,994.00
		Supplies	\$50.00	\$91.05
Member Services – Coatcheck	Anna Bradley	Admin	\$-	\$316.80
Member Services - Info Desk	Kristin Page	Admin	\$-	
Member Services - Food		Beverage Purchase	\$1,000.00	\$528.00
	Conor Walsh & Dylan Spencer	Con suite	\$3,300.00	\$3,896.46
	Josh Jasper & Rose Fox	Program/events green room	\$1,600.00	\$2,506.65
		Party Seed	\$-	
		Staff den food & Supplies	\$3,000.00	\$2,404.68
Total Member Services			\$14,315.00	\$11,873.13

Category	Contact	Subcategory	Budgeted	Last Years
Operations - Volunteers	Gary Strong	Ducks	\$200.00	\$82.36
Operations - General	Rick Kovalcik (DH)	Admin	\$350.00	\$340.64
		Communications	\$-	
Operations - Logistics	Mike Trachtenberg,	Food	\$200.00	\$69.17
	(asst Steve Huff)	Gas/tolls	\$300.00	\$148.50
		Truck Rental	\$750.00	\$837.91
		Labor Ready	\$300.00	
Operations - Massage Den	Steve Balzac	Supplies	\$300.00	\$262.32
Operations - Security	Jet Cultir	Supplies	\$100.00	
Operations - Ribbons	Sharon Sbarsky	Ribbons	\$800.00	\$762.66
Operations - Sign Shop	Capybaron (Robert Luoma)	Supplies	\$200.00	
		Toner	\$100.00	
		Elevator Signs	\$-	\$51.80
Total Operations			\$3,600.00	\$2,555.36
Programming	Mike Sprague,	Admin	\$350.00	\$77.74
	(asst Emily Coombs)	AV	\$50.00	
		OPS	\$100.00	
		Packets	\$100.00	\$63.97
		Table Tents	\$75.00	\$71.97
		Thank Yous	\$50.00	
	AJ Strong	Fast Track Supplies	\$100.00	\$110.31
		Chain Mail Tools	\$-	
		Workshop Supplies	\$150.00	
Total Programming			\$975.00	\$323.99
Publications	Dr. Karen Purcell,	Admin	\$50.00	
	(co-DH Johnathan Venezian)	Ad Solicitation	\$400.00	
		At Con Newsletter	\$300.00	\$228.09
	Paul Selkirk	Pocket Program	\$3,100.00	\$3,024.00
	Erica Schultz	Souvenir Book	\$3,300.00	\$3,280.00
		Restaurant Guide	\$600.00	\$200.00
		Tshirts (staff)	\$2,888.00	\$2,879.00
Total Publications			\$10,638.00	\$9,611.09
Tech	Matt Barr,	Scaffolding	\$405.00	\$195.00
	asst dh Abby Noyce	ClearComm	\$200.00	\$200.00
	asst dh Peter Olzowska	Food	\$250.00	\$217.07
		Lighting	\$3,000.00	\$2,103.43
		Sound	\$500.00	\$11.00
		Supplies	\$100.00	\$25.74
		Masq Video	\$300.00	\$100.00
		Masq Video Supplies	\$50.00	\$90.05
		Masq Video Shipping	\$50.00	\$300.00
		Video Projector Rental	\$1,200.00	\$600.00
Total Tech			\$6,055.00	\$4,342.29
Treasury	Kim Riek	Admin	\$100.00	\$112.91
		Bank Fees -		
		MC/Visa	\$1,500.00	\$1,406.32
		Paypal	\$1,500.00	\$1,242.45
		Refunds	\$100.00	\$310.00
		ASCAP/BMI fees	\$300.00	\$151.16
Total Treasury			\$3,500.00	\$3,222.84
Registration	Kris/Nchanter	Badges	\$1,459.00	\$1,459.00
	(cohead Danielle Reese	Forms		
Total Registration			\$1,459.00	
Total Income			\$88,293.75	\$78,204.75
Total Expenses			\$88,064.00	\$69,028.97
Net			\$229.75	\$9,175.78

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Upcoming Events and Meetings

Thursday, November 11 at 7:30pm: Arisia concom meeting at the Westin Waterfront.

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

November 19-21: Philcon in Cherry Hill, NJ

Saturday, December 11 at 2pm: Arisia corporate meeting at the Westin Waterfront.

Saturday, December 11 at 4pm: Arisia concom meeting at the Westin Waterfront.

Wednesday, January 5: Arisia concom meeting at the Westin Waterfront.

January 14-17: ARISIA

Sunday, January 16: Arisia corporate meeting at the Westin Waterfront.

February 4-6: TempleCon in Warwick, RI

February 18-20: Boskone

March 18-20: Vericon in Cambridge, MA

June 3-5: Relaxacon in Dennisport, MA

July 14-17: Readercon in Burlington, MA