



Mentor

The Newsletter of Arisia, Incorporated—Number 189—MAY 2011

Notices

The next meeting of Arisia, Inc will be held on Tuesday, May 17 at 7:30pm at the home of Rick Kovalcik in Newton, MA. The quorum for the May meeting is 9 based on 51% of the average attendance of the last three meetings (16, 18, 14).

February 2010 Meeting Minutes

Date, Time, and Place: Meeting called to order by Rick Kovalcik at 7:30 pm on February 28 at the NESFA Clubhouse.

In attendance (18 members): David D'Antonio, Jack Dietz, Lisa Hertel, Crystal Huff, Steve Huff, Allan Kent, Rick Kovalcik, Ben Levy, Ken London, Alan McAvinney (new member), Skip Morris, Tom Murphy, Kim Riek, Noel Rosenberg, Sharon Sbarsky, Nicholas Sheckman, Rachel Silber, and Pat Vandenberg.

Proxies: Samantha Dings to Sharon Sbarsky, Mary Dumas to Lisa Hertel, Carol London to Ken London, Karen Purcell to Lisa Hertel, Cris Shuldiner to Noel Rosenberg, Mike Sprague to Crystal Huff, and Pete Thomas to Noel Rosenberg.

Corrections to the minutes: none.

Eboard Report (Nicholas Sheckman):

We voted to lend swipe boxes to Boskone should they need them (which they didn't). We voted to lend swipe boxes to Lunacon. We voted to lend equipment to CostumeCon 29. We voted to approve FOGcon grant. We did some other things that have been printed in MENTOR.

President's Report (Rick Kovalcik):

I have appointed Crystal Huff to head the Relaxacon 2011 Committee. She will be working on picking the rest of her committee.

We are officially opening nominations for conchair in 2013. Nominations will close on Sunday, April 3 (which is the date of the next corporate meeting). If you are interested please send email to eboard@arisia.org and the eboard will interview candidates and make a selection.

Thank you to NESFA for allowing us to hold our corporate meeting here.

Clerk: no report.

Vice President: no report.

Treasurer's Report (Ben Levy): We have money. The 990 was filed with the IRS.

A12 report (Crystal Huff):

Cris is in Colorado and has had a death in the family. He has appointed Emily Coombs head of Programming, Rachel Silber GoH Liaison, and Peter Olszoka Tech div head. He is working on an org chart and is interviewing people for positions. If you are interested please email conchair@arisia.org or call him. No concom meetings have been scheduled yet.

A11 report (Crystal Huff):

The cookies are mexican chocolate. A11 had a little over 2900 warm bodies, and 3050 registrations. We had an awesome con. The GoHs were really happy and thought Arisia was amazing and want to come back. Thank you all for your part in that. We have a couple of outstanding issues. I will definitely have a final report by July, perhaps earlier.

A11 treasurer's report (Kim Riek):

A11 brought in about \$102,000 not counting artist escrow and spent perhaps as much as \$91,000 if the areas that have not submitted expenses spent all of their budgets. Lisa inquires after an artist payment; 97% of the artists have been paid. Crystal thanks Kim for joining us and doing a great job.

Budget Committee: no report.

Grant Committee (Noel Rosenberg):

We have a proposal on the table that was published in Mentor and voted out favorably by the Grant Committee and the eboard. The grant is to FOGcon to assist with hosting their inaugural convention which is coming up in about a week and a half in San Francisco. They have requested \$2500 as seed money and have indicated that should they be successful they plan to pay it forward by helping out other conventions.

MSPU (Rosenberg, Silber) to transfer \$2500 from the General Fund to the Grant Fund.

MPU to grant \$2500 to FOGcon.

Honors Committee: no report.

CIC (Rick Kovalcik):

Stuff came back from Arisia. It was well-organized; thanks to all the people who put it away. Some stuff also went out to

Boskone and it all came back. Some fridges got unplugged and then not turned on when they were plugged in and we're working on cleaning them this week. Also please remember to plug charge machines in as they lose their minds if they're not. MSPU (S. Huff, Murphy) to direct Steve Huff to compile a list of such equipment. No more of Rick's printers are in storage unless they went to Arisia. If you have things in storage that didn't go to Arisia please consider removing them.

Comps Committee: no report.

IT Committee:

The IT committee met and discussed migrating the email lists and aliases to Dreamhost. There is a plan to begin that migration which is fortuitously timed as the box they're on now will be decommissioned soon.

Relaxacon Search (Rick Kovalcik):

We will be setting up an alias for the committee and Samantha expects to start working on that shortly.

Long Range Planning Committee: no report.

Old Business:

MERV inquires about some business that had been referred to the Comps Committee. Kris is presumably still recovering from the con and we hope to hear about this issue at the next meeting.

Lisa Hertel passes out a handout and begins a discussion of purchasing Art Show equipment. MS (Levy, Rosenberg) to table the discussion of what to buy.

MSP (Morris, Rosenberg) to create an Art Show Equipment Committee.

Rick appoints Tom Murphy (chair), Nicholas Sheckman, Lisa Hertel, and David D'Antonio to the committee.

New Business:

MS (Murphy, Vandenberg) to reinstate the old tradition as POLICY that a group wanting to borrow any Arisia Equipment MUST:

- 1) Have a Corporate Member as a Sponsor,
- 2) The Corporate Member / Sponsor will go to Storage, inventory & sign out what is loaned,
- 3) The Corporate Member / Sponsor will go to Storage, inventory & sign in what is returned,
- 4) The Corporation may choose to bill the group that doesn't return all of what was borrowed,
- 5) The Corporation may hold the Corporate Member / Sponsor responsible for equipment subsequently found to be missing if the inventory is not checked in correctly (such responsibility to include, but not be limited to, becoming ineligible to Sponsor the loan of equipment to another organization or cause),
- 6) The Corporation MUST be willing to say "no" to future requests from groups that do not demonstrate appropriate care & handling of our equipment, including failing to return borrowed equipment in the same quantity and condition as loaned.

and

7) To ask our committees to tell us stuff when stuff happens. MS (Morris, Hertel) to postpone to the next meeting. Main motion WITHDRAWN without prejudice so that it can be redrafted and brought up again at the next meeting.

The next meeting is on April 3 at 2pm at MIT. MSPU (Kovalcik, Sheckman) to hold the May corporate meeting on Tuesday, May 17 at 7:30pm at Chez Wood.

Announcements:

Sharon would like to offer anyone here who was not at Boskone the year-ahead rate of \$40 (or the K-12 year ahead rate of \$20 or college year-ahead rate \$30 if you qualify). Sharon will be chairing. Flyers available. GoHs are John Scalzi, Daniel Dos Santos, Toni Weisskopf, and Tricky Pixie. If you want to buy any books, let us know. If you're interested in helping out with Boskone please talk to Sharon.

Ben is running a party at Lunacon on Friday night in their con suite. Please come and help.

Crystal and Kim will have a presence at Vericon (that same weekend); speak to them if you'll be there.

Crystal is reading as much 2010-published SF as possible for Hugo nominations purposes and asks for help finding certain hard-to-find books.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

April 2011 Meeting Minutes

Date, Time, and Place: Meeting called to order by Noel Rosenberg at 2:15pm on April 3 at MIT building 66.

In attendance (14 members): Samantha Dings, Mary Dumas, Lisa Hertel, Crystal Huff, Alex Latzko, Ben Levy, Ken London, Alan McAvinney, Tom Murphy, Noel Rosenberg, Sharon Sbarsky, Nicholas Sheckman, Cris Shuldiner, and Mike Sprague.

Proxies: Allan Kent to Samantha Dings, Carol London to Ken London, Skip Morris to Tom Murphy, Kim Riek to Crystal Huff, and Pat Vandenberg to Samantha Dings.

Corrections to the Minutes: not printed yet.

President's Report: not present.

Eboard report (Noel Rosenberg):

The eboard voted to spend \$450 to repair and refurbish one of our 16mm film projectors. We have two nominations for conchair 2013: Mary Dumas and Rachel Silber. Conchair nomination are open until the end of this meeting. If you are interested in running, please speak to a member of the eboard. We are planning to schedule interviews shortly.

Clerk's report (Nicholas Sheckman): The Policies on the web site are substantially out of date. I have identified a staffer to help me get these back in order.

Vice President: no report.

Grant Committee: no report.

Treasurer's report (Ben Levy): I'd like to apologize for not bringing cookies this time. Sorry. We have money. This month I will start working on the budget for the next fiscal year.

Honors Committee: no report.

Comps Committee: not present.

IT Committee (Alex Latzko): there is IT. I have access. I may actually get something done.

Art Show Equipment Committee (Tom Murphy): we're working.

A11 Report (Crystal Huff):

Kim is still working on settling the budget. I have a box full of t-shirts to go out. I have finally completed my thank you notes. I will have some postage questions. Mary has a question about artist payments which she will take to email. We made money, but I don't know yet how much. We have a couple of outstanding questions which we have not yet resolved.

A12 (Cris Shuldiner):

My div heads are about half filled out. DDA will be my Events div head. I have a question out to someone for Marketing. I am smushing together Marketing and Publications, and probably Exhibits and Events given what I see as the shrinkage in what Exhibits covers. We will have a concom meeting on the last Sunday of April at 2:00 at MIT. I am working on an org chart.

2011 Relaxacon (Crystal Huff):

I introduced myself to the hotel on Friday and they will extend the discounted room rate until close of business on April 15. Please remember to get hotel reservations and memberships so we can plan food purchasing. There will be a potluck on Friday night. If you're interested in helping out with food please let me know. I have some volunteers to coordinate games to bring so please coordinate with them -- there may be some rare games at the Relaxacon this year.

Long Range Planning: not present.

Relaxacon Search Committee (Samantha Dings): We're going to put together a survey for people to tell us what geographical areas we should be searching.

Corporate Inventory Control: no report.

Old Business: none.

New Business:

MSPU (Latzko, Sheckman) to hold the June meeting on Sunday, June 19 at 2pm at MIT.

There is some discussion of setting the July meeting, but no motion is made.

Announcements:

NESFA will be having a picnic on September 5 from 3 to 7:30 pm at Larz Anderson Park in Brookline.

Crystal's household is interviewing housemate candidates; let her know if you know anyone looking for housing in Porter Square. Also, cross your fingers for Crystal in her job search.

Next Sunday is the BARCC walk and Crystal is walking; it's a really good cause.

Noel and Buzz are also looking for a housemate for May at Mosaic Commons.

Anime Boston is this coming Easter Weekend. John Hodges will be running a blood drive there, and could use some help. There are free day memberships on offer.

April 15-17 is New England Folk Festival Alliance, which many Arisians volunteer for. Peter O is looking for more volunteers.

Meeting adjourned at 2:47pm.

Treasurer's Reports

January 31 st			Change vs prev month
Even Year - A12		\$2,000.00	\$0.00
Odd Year - A11		\$92,991.70	\$48,449.61
Reserved/Unspent			
Two years expenses/CDs	\$35,376.26		\$8.46
Grant Fund	\$0.00		\$0.00
Relaxacon Memberships	\$0.00		\$0.00
Capital Equipment Fund	\$838.82		-\$477.65
Voted Expenses (excludes budget)	\$0.00		\$0.00
Unspent Budget	\$7,601.95		-\$1,745.00
Total Reserved		\$43,817.03	-\$2,214.19
Unallocated Funds		\$23,014.31	-\$6,129.55
Total Corporate Funds		\$66,831.34	-\$8,343.74
Total Assets		\$161,823.04	\$40,105.87

February 28 th			Change vs prev month
Even Year - A12		\$2,000.00	\$0.00
Odd Year - A11		\$49,828.31	\$43,163.39
Reserved/Unspent			
Two years expenses/CDs	\$35,384.72		\$8.46
Grant Fund	\$0.00		\$0.00
Relaxacon Memberships	\$0.00		\$0.00
Capital Equipment Fund	\$813.82		-\$25.00
Voted Expenses (excludes budget)	\$0.00		\$0.00
Unspent Budget	\$7,601.95		\$0.00
Total Reserved		\$43,800.49	-\$16.54
Unallocated Funds		\$21,099.04	-\$1,915.27
Total Corporate Funds		\$64,899.53	-\$1,931.81
Total Assets		\$116,727.84	\$45,095.20

March 31 st			Change vs prev month
Even Year - A12		\$1,936.98	-\$63.02
Odd Year - A11		\$50,542.52	\$714.21
Reserved/Unspent			
Two years expenses/CDs	\$35,384.72		\$0.00
Grant Fund	\$0.00		\$0.00
Relaxacon Memberships	\$120.00		\$120.00
Lunacon	\$5,355.53		\$5,355.53
Capital Equipment Fund	\$813.82		\$0.00
Voted Expenses (excludes budget)	\$0.00		\$0.00
Unspent Budget	\$5,877.74		-\$1,724.21
Total Reserved		\$47,551.81	\$3,751.32
Unallocated Funds		\$18,548.34	-\$2,550.70
Total Corporate Funds		\$66,100.15	\$1,200.62
Total Assets		\$118,579.65	\$1,851.81

Mentor Subscription Information

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September	\$24	March	\$12
October	\$22	April	\$10
November	\$20	May	\$08
December	\$18	June	\$06
January	\$16	July	\$04
February	\$14	August	\$02

Committees List

Budget Committee: Ben Levy (chair), Kim Riek	Honors Committee: Nicholas Shectman (chair)
Grant Committee: Noel Rosenberg (chair), Samantha Dings, Rachel Silber, Mike Sprague, David D'Antonio	Comps Committee: Kris Snyder (chair), Samantha Dings, David D'Antonio, Lisa Hertel, Crystal Huff, Skip Morris, Mary Dumas, Mike Sprague
Relaxacon Search Committee: Samantha Dings (chair), Mary Dumas, Lisa Hertel.	Inventory Control Committee: Rick Kovalcik (chair), Lia Olsborg, Skip Morris, hobbit, Lisa Hertel
IT Committee: Alex Latzko (chair), Noel Rosenberg.	Long Range Planning Committee: Jill Eastlake (chair)

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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.

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

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Upcoming Events and Meetings

May 13-15: Gaylaxicon in Atlanta, GA

Tuesday, May 17: Arisia Corporate Meeting at 7:30pm at the home of Rick Kovalcik (see Eboard info for address).

May 20-22: Steampunk World's Fair in Somerset, NJ

May 27-30: Balticon in Hunt Valley, MD

June 3-5: Relaxacon in Dennisport, MA

Sunday, June 19: Arisia Corporate Meeting at 2pm at MIT building 66.

July 8-10: Connecticon in Hartford, CT

July 14-17: Readercon in Burlington, MA

August 17-21: Worldcon in Reno, NV

September 5: NESFA picnic at 3pm at Larz Anderson Park in Brookline

September 17-18: New England ComicCon at the Hynes

October 21-23: Albacon in Albany, NY