



# Mentor

*The Newsletter of Arisia, Incorporated—Number 197—APR/JL 2012*

## Notices

The next meeting of Arisia, Inc will be held on Tuesday April 24 at 7:30pm at the NESFA clubhouse. A bylaws amendment (printed within) will be voted on at this meeting. The quorum for the April meeting is 8 based on 51% of the average attendance of the last three meetings (17, 15, 15).

## March 2012 Meeting Minutes

**Date, Time, and Place:** Meeting called to order at 2:15 PM.

**In attendance (15 members):** Emily Coombs, David D'Antonio, Samantha Dings, Crystal Huff, Steve Huff, Walter Kahn, Rick Kovalcik, Ben Levy, Ken London, Skip Morris, Tom Murphy, James Pinkerton, Rachel Silber, Mike Sprague, and Tanya Washburn.

**Proxies:** Deb Aldred to Samantha Dings, Paul Aldred and Jeanne Kahn to Walter Kahn, Andrea Carney and Lisa Holsberg to Mike Sprague, Mary Dumas and Carol London to Ken London, Lisa Hertel to Skip Morris, Lia Olsborg and Persis Thorndike to Ben Levy, Kim Riek and Kris Snyder to Rachel Silber, and Noel Rosenberg to Emily Coombs.

Alan McAvinney sent a proxy but it was not held.

**Corrections to minutes:** none offered.

**Eboard report:** Conchair nominations are still open. People who are interested should send email to [eboard@arisia.org](mailto:eboard@arisia.org). We voted to approve and sign new lease for storage (in January, late notice, oops). We voted to donate \$200 to SF Outreach's book drive in Chicago.

The eboard voted to recommend the approval of the full amount of the Readercon grant proposal. The eboard recommended to fund 50% of the Op Hammond grant proposal after acquiring 501(C)3 status and with the understanding that they can come back to us at a future date with track record and refinement of business plan.

The eboard voted to add to the bylaws amendment by also striking the words "if it" before "becomes necessary" in the last sentence of section 6.8.

The eboard is considering request from Persis to borrow Fast Track supplies for Beyond IQ.

**VP:** Continuing to be ambassador to other conventions but nothing specific.

**Treasurer:** We're still spending money but at the rate we're spending we'll use up all the money we've gotten from A'11. The distribution of funds in different accounts is in Mentor. Of

the \$28K in unallocated funds, there is about \$8K we are already talking about spending in this fiscal year.

**Clerk (not present):** Get in touch with the clerk if you're expecting mailbox mail.

**A'12 treasurer:** Still receiving expense reports. The deadline was February.

**Art show infrastructure:** 56 lightbulbs of the approved type were purchased. This is the last task for this project and then the committee can be closed.

**Budget:** A confusion about A'11 bottom line turned out to be a version control issue with spreadsheets.

**CIC:** Stuff went to Lunacon and came back. There are three people with stuff in storage that needs to get out of there that is in the way; we are working with these individuals.

There is a problem with stuff getting broken and not reported. Probably most of the problem is at loadout. Do we need an anonymous way of letting us know that things are broken? But really, people don't get in trouble for breaking stuff.

Merv asks for a list of what we got rid of/ thrown away during the move. Inventory lists are mostly on a division level. Do we need this list for insurance purposes?

No, says Ben. This is important for taking on a new job.

Formalize the go-to people for categories of things in storage? ... we go into committee of the whole to discuss and ask some questions about storage.

*MPU to direct conchairs of 2012 and 2013 to request from their division heads any inventory documents currently available and to request compilation of inventory documents that don't exist and send these documents to [cic@arisia.org](mailto:cic@arisia.org) and [archives@arisia.org](mailto:archives@arisia.org).*

### **Grant committee:**

Two grant proposals have been sent to eboard for recommendation. (note: Crystal abstained from all voting on the two grants currently before the committee, and continued to do so during the meeting, in an attempt to address conflict of interest concerns.)

*MP to go into committee of the whole, results in MP to move \$6k into the grant fund.*

There is discussion of whether 501(c)3 status is a prerequisite for getting a grant.

*Motion to amend Operation Hammond grant from \$2500 to \$1250 FAILS 11 in favor to 12 against, with 4 abstentions.*

*M to grant \$2500 to Operation Hammond once they reach 501(c)3 status. M to amend to expire the grant on June 30<sup>th</sup>,*

2013 [if they haven't gotten 501(c)3 status] FAILS 5-19 with 4 abstentions. Main motion PASSES 22-1 with 4 abstentions.

M to go into committee of the whole to discuss the Readercon grant results in MPU to decrease the grant amount from \$3000 to \$2550 (accounting for the lower price of software from what was asked for in the grant).

MP to decrease the grant by \$500 to not fund the brunch, 14-5 [the grant is now \$2050 total, and the intent is to use non-grant funds for something "sponsored by Arisia"].

Main motion (to vote on the \$2050 remaining balance of the grant) PASSES 21-3 with 3 absentions.

**Hotel committee:** We have a contract proposal from Renaissance Boston for overflow nights. The Westin contract is in "first draft" state. It looks like we will be able to improve shoulder night status at Westin.

**Relaxacon:** Room rates go up March 31. Call during the week Monday through Friday. Their hours are 9-5. They have a multi-line phone system but only have one phone line working, so if the phone rings forever, hang up and try again later.

**Student Art Contest:** This position is open for 2013.

**Privacy Committee:** MSP to disband privacy committee and thanks for their service.

**New business:**

The eboard reports its vote to loan Fast Track stuff to Beyond IQ.

MSPU to spend \$500 to sponsor Sunday brunch at Readercon.

MP to set the date of the June corporate meeting to Tuesday June 26 at 7:30.

MP to set the date of the July corporate meeting to Sunday, July 29 at 2:00, preceding the concom meeting and BBQ.

## Proposed Bylaws Admendment

(additions in **bold**; deletions in ~~strikethrough~~)

**6.8 All senior staff (e.g. the ConChair, Assistant ConChair(s), Treasurer, and Division Heads) must be General members of the Corporation. If the ConChair or Eboard wishes to appoint a member of the senior staff someone to a division head** who is not already a General member, that person must immediately join the corporation and has until four (4) months before the convention for which they are appointed to achieve General membership status. The Executive Board may waive General membership requirement for a stated cause, if replacement ~~of a division head~~ within four (4) months of the convention ~~if it~~ becomes necessary.

Submitted 27 February 2012 by the following

(signed) Richard Kovalcik

(signed) Benjamin Levy

(signed) Nicholas Sheckman

(signed) Crystal Huff

(signed) Rachel Silber

## Detailed Treasurer's Report

Feb 29 <sup>th</sup>		Change vs last month
<b>Even Year - A12</b>	<b>\$58,055.56</b>	<b>-\$50,826.86</b>
<b>Odd Year - A13</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Reserved</b>		
2+ years expenses	\$35,481.17	\$7.73
Grant Fund	\$100.00	\$0.00
Pi-Con CC Loan	\$818.64	\$0.00
Capital Equipment	\$4,173.75	-\$29.53
Training Fund	\$2,000.00	
Relaxacon	\$271.74	\$271.74
Voted Expenses (excludes budget)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Unspent Budget	\$5,472.82	-\$1,793.58
<b>Total Reserved</b>	<b>\$48,318.12</b>	<b>\$456.36</b>
<b>Unallocated</b>	<b>\$22,051.47</b>	<b>-\$6,389.36</b>
<b>Total Corp Funds</b>	<b>\$70,369.59</b>	<b>-\$5,933.00</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$130,425.15</b>	<b>-\$56,759.86</b>

## Executive Board

<b>President</b> Rick Kovalcik 19 Chesley Rd Newton Centre, MA 02459 president@arisia.org	<b>Arisia 2012 ConChair</b> Cris Shuldiner 9 Jeremy Hill Rd Pelham, NH 03076 chair@arisia.org
<b>Vice President</b> Crystal Huff PO Box 400928 Cambridge, MA 02140 vp@arisia.org	<b>Arisia 2012 Treasurer</b> Alan McAvinney 52 Elm St Somerville, MA 02143 treasury@arisia.org
<b>Treasurer</b> Ben Levy 47 Brown St Andover, MA 01810 treasurer@arisia.org	<b>Arisia 2013 ConChair</b> Rachel Silber 59 Orient Ave Melrose, MA 02176-3222 Chair13@arisia.org
<b>Clerk</b> Nicholas "phi" Sheckman 75 Lexington Ave Somerville, MA 02144 clerk@arisia.org	<b>Arisia 2013 Treasurer</b> Rachel Kadel-Garcia 26 Madison St Medford, MA 02155 treasury@arisia.org

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

## Membership List (as of 4/11/2011)

Aaron Agassi	Steve Huff	James Pinkerton
Debra Aldred	Rachel Kadel-Garcia	Karen Purcell
Paul Aldred	Jeanne Kahn	Danielle Reese
<i>Rob Bazemore</i>	Walter Kahn	Kim Riek
Melissa Beetham	Allan Kent	Jason Riek
Bridget Boyle	Rick Kovalcik	<i>Mary Robison</i>
Anna Bradley	Zanne Labonville	Noel Rosenberg
Andrea Carney	Alex Latzko	Sharon Sbarsky
Emily Coombs	Paul Letersky	Richard Schmeidler
<i>Brian Cooper</i>	Michael Leuchtenberg	Jude Shabry
Tom Coveney	Benjamin Levy	Nicholas Sheckman
Jet Cultir	Carol London	Dave Shevett
Dale Curley	Ken London	Cris Shuldiner
David D'Antonio	Glenn MacWilliams	Rachel Silber
Samantha Dings	Alan McAvinney	Kristen Snyder
Mary Dumas	Lauren McDade	Mike Sprague
Don Eastlake	Skip Morris	Janet Stickle
Jill Eastlake	Susan Mozzicato	Julia Suggs
<i>Tom Fish</i>	Tom Murphy	Pete Thomas
John Francini	Dan Noe	Persis Thorndike
Brendan Hertel	Pam Ochs	Pat Vandenberg
Lisa Hertel	Lia Olsborg	Al Walker
Lisa Holsberg	Peter Olszowka	Conor Walsh
Crystal Huff	Sheila Oranch	Tanya Washburn

## Committees List

<b>Budget Committee:</b> Ben Levy (chair), Jill Eastlake, Alex Latzko, Alan McAvinney, Kim Riek, Cris Shuldiner	<b>Inventory Control Committee:</b> Rick Kovalcik (chair), Steve Huff, Tom Murphy, Lia Olsborg, Skip Morris, hobbit, Lisa Hertel
<b>Grant Committee:</b> rystal Huff (chair), David D'Antonio, amantha Dings, Mike Sprague	<b>IT Committee:</b> Alex Latzko (chair), Ben Levy, Skip Morris, Noel Rosenberg, icholas Sheckman.
<b>Honors Committee:</b> Nicholas Sheckman (chair), Samantha Dings, Ken London	<b>Hotel Search Committee:</b> Noel Rosenberg, amantha Dings, Rachel Silber, Kris Snyder
<b>Student Art Contest Committee:</b> Vacant	
<b>Relaxacon Committee:</b> Abby Noyce and Kris Snyder (coheads)	<b>Long Range Planning Committee:</b> Mary Dumas (chair), Ken London

## Key List

If you do not have a key and need to get into storage, email keys@arisia.org and all keyholders will get your request.

Key	Holder	Key	Holder
1	Landlord	10	Rick Kovalcik
2	Noel Rosenberg	11	Crystal Huff
3	Skip Morris	12	MERV
4	Persis Thorndike	13	Rachel Silber
5	Dave Shevett	14	Lisa Hertel
6	Phi	15	Ben Levy
7	Dan Noe	16	Lia Olsborg
8	Michael Trachtenberg	17	Lisa Holsberg
9	Hobbit	18	Peter Olszowka

## Upcoming Events and Meetings

**Tuesday April 24** at 7:30pm: Corporate meeting at NESFA

**May 11-14:** Costumecon in Tempe, AZ

**Tuesday, May 22** at 7:30pm: Corporate meeting at Rick Kovalcik's house.

**May 25-28:** Balticon in Hunt Valley, MD

**June 1-3:** Arisia RELAXACON in Dennisport

**August 30-September 3:** Worldcon in Chicago, IL

**Sunday, April 29** at 2pm: Concom meeting at MIT building 66

**Tuesday, May 29** 7:30pm: Concom meeting at the NESFA clubhouse

**Tuesday June 26** at 7:30 pm: Corporate meeting

**Sunday, July 29** at 2pm: Summer corporate meeting, followed by concom meeting and BBQ

**Sunday, September 9** at 2pm: Fall kickoff concom meeting at MIT building 66

**Tuesday, October 2** at 7:30pm: Concom meeting at the NESFA clubhouse

**Sunday, November 4** at 2pm: Concom meeting at MIT building 66

**Sunday, December 9** at 3pm: Concom meeting at MIT building 66

**Sunday, January 6, 2013** at 3pm: Concom meeting at MIT building 66

**January 18-21, 2013:** ARISIA at the Westin Waterfront

**February 15-17, 2013:** Boskone at the Westin Waterfront