



Mentor

The Newsletter of Arisia, Incorporated—Number 203—DECEMBER 2012

Notices

The next meeting of Arisia, Inc will be held on Sunday, December 9 at 1pm at the Stone room of the Westin Waterfront Hotel. The quorum for the December meeting is 12 based on 51% of the average attendance of the last three meetings (29, 14, 22). A convention **budget amendment** will be voted on at this meeting. Note that this is **an hour earlier** than previously published.

November 2012 Meeting Minutes

Date, Time and Place: Meeting called to order at 2:17pm on November 18 by Rick Kovalcik at MIT building 66.

Present (22 members): Anna Bradley, David D'Antonio, Mary Dumas, Jaime Garmendia, Lisa Hertel, Terry Holt, Crystal Huff, Rachel Kadel-Garcia, Rick Kovalcik, Ben Levy, Ken London, Skip Morris (late), Tom Murphy, Peter Oszowska, Sharon Sbarsky, Paul Selkirk, Nicholas Sheckman, Rachel Silber, Kris Snyder, Mike Sprague, Conor Walsh, and Sandry Wilkie.

Proxies: Samantha Dings to David D'Antonio, Lisa Holsberg to Ben Levy, Michael Leuchtenburg to Crystal Huff, Carol London to Ken London, Skip Morris to Tom Murphy (until his arrival), Lia Olsborg to Rick Kovalcik, James Pinkerton to Mike Sprague, Karen Purcell to Ben Levy, Danielle Reese to Rachel Silber, Kim Riek to Rachel Silber, and Noel Rosenberg to Kris Snyder.

Corrections to the minutes: None.

Eboard (Rick Kovalcik): We voted to authorize Kris to negotiate a second overflow contract with the Embassy Suites. We voted to lend gear to Philcon, but not the swipe boxes. We voted to give BARCC \$300 for the trainings they are running for us. We voted to buy 25 pieces of peg from Monihan and have them cut it. We extended the membership renewal grace period to the end of the year. It's probably not too late to qualify for a Smofcon scholarship. We voted to allocate \$1000 for the Student Writing Contest? We were approached by PMRP about storing things in our storage, but that is not happening. Merv asks whether the Con Or Bust contribution was the eboard; it is the convention.

President (Rick Kovalcik): Carsten has resigned as SAC and I have appointed Jacob Lefton to take over. Committee appointments: Budget and IT are unchanged from last year. I am appointing Nicholas Sheckman to chair the Honors Committee; Rick Kovalcik (chair), Tom Murphy, Lia Olsborg, Skip Morris, hobbit, and Lisa Hertel to CIC; Conor Walsh (chair), David D'Antonio, Samantha Dings, Mike Sprague,

and Anna Bradley to the Grant Committee; and Skip Morris (chair), Noel Rosenberg, Kris Snyder, Andrea Carney, and Janet Stickle to the Hotel Committee.

VP (Conor Walsh): We have a student writing contest. It got a later start than we wanted, but it will happen. You should tell everyone you know.

Treasurer (Ben Levy): We have money. Readercon has gotten their money from our credit card machines. We filed for an extension with the IRS.

Clerk: No report.

A13 (Rachel Silber): Things are proceeding on schedule. Our big endeavors for the next month or so: we will bring a budget amendment to the next meeting. making progress on programming and events. both hotels are sold out. I accepted Andrea Carney's resignation as Ops Div Head and Rick is taking over. Merv: Apparently we are giving money to Con Or Bust? Is this a marketing expense? Rachel: Effectively, yes.

A13 treasurer (Rachel Kadel-Garcia): As of this evening there will be a new convention expense form which will be a fillable PDF. Email me forms and I will email them to your div head or approver for confirmation.

A14: No report.

CIC (Rick Kovalcik): Drape was not lent to Andover Montessori School after all. We did lend drape and four pipe bases and poles and crossbars to Philcon and got them back. A bunch of other stuff from Boston was dropped off at Arisia storage and has since been redistributed to wherever it belongs.

Grants (Conor Walsh): We got a thank you from Clarion West and we have two grants in the pipe, one from Brookline Public Library and one from Carl Brandon. I'm hoping to vote on at least one of those at the next corporate meeting. We also got a late grant from the Rusty Gear, which had gotten physically lost in the mail. The convention is now over. I have followed up but have not heard back, but we will probably not be funding this.

Honors: No report.

Hotel Search (Kris Snyder): I hope to have a contract with the Embassy Suites by December.

IT: No report.

Relaxacon: If you're interested in helping out, please let Rick know. Rick still needs to confirm with Abby.

Student Art Contest: Jacob is working on getting a letter out.

Student Writing Contest (Conor Walsh): My staff are super awesome for picking up the ball after all.

A12 Treasury: No report.

Old Business:

MSPU to take up from the table:

M to replace Section IV(a) of Arisia policies, relevant to the registration cap, with the following text:



Each convention will set a cap on the number of members on site at a single point in the convention, known as the "registration cap".

1) Registration shall keep records such that the registration cap can be calculated and the Convention Chair can be kept informed of the number

2) The calculation used to measure the registration cap is: Total full weekend registrations (sold and comps) + one-day comps and paid one-day memberships for that day.

3) The Convention Chairman shall be allowed to increase the registration cap by 200 memberships before convening the Executive Board of Arisia, Incorporated, in order to increase the limit further.

4) The Convention Chairman shall consult, if possible, with division heads and with the head of Security before raising the cap.

5) If no action is taken, the registration cap will default to the number established for the previous convention.



Motion passes many-2.

MSPU to take up from the table: MOVED to set the Registration cap for Arisia 2013 to 3450, with provision for increasing the cap as in corporate policies section IVa.

Motion passes unanimously with a few abstentions.

MSPU (Shectman, Hertel) to insert the words "subject to approval by the corporation" after "Each convention will set a cap" in the just-passed policy.

New Business:

MSPU (Shectman, Dumas) to appoint a committee to consider the future of Arisia storage and where we want to be after the current lease expires.

Please see Rick if you are interested in being on this committee.

MSP (Dumas, chorus, many-4) to take up from the table the referral to LRP of buying a truck and also referring that to this committee.

Rick conducts a number of straw polls about whether and how to populate and charge the long range planning committee.

MS (Walsh, Shectman) to go into committee of the whole results (Huff, Hertel) in no motion.

MS (Walsh, Huff) to increase the grant fund allocation from \$1550 to \$2000. MS (Murphy, Shectman) to call the question

defers to one additional speaker after which the motion *PASSES unanimously.*

MS (Murphy, Olszowka) to allocate \$125 to purchase three new shelving sets and ratcheting tie downs to hold them together. MSPU (Hertel, chorus) to call the question. Main motion PASSES many-1.

Lisa: Next meeting we will be discussing the rates for 2014.

MSPU (Silber, Garmendia) to change the time of the December corporate meeting from 2pm to 1pm.

MSPU (chorus) to set the date of the February meeting to Tuesday, February 26. Rick will ask if NESFA is available.

MSPU (Dumas, Conor) to set the date of the March meeting to Tuesday, March 19.

Announcements:

Merv volunteers to work on corporate treasury staff.

Anime Boston had the roof ripped off their storage unit in Medford during Hurricane Sandy. Damage wasn't terrible but they may be coming to us for manpower assistance with cleanup.

Vericon has announced guests including Tamora Pierce, Jo Walton, NK Jemisin, Seanan McGuire, and Jennifer Pelland.

Meeting adjourned at 4:13 pm.

Membership List (as of 11/25/2012)

<i>Rob Bazemore</i>	Ray Isaacs	James Pinkerton
Melissa Beetham	Suli Isaacs	Karen Purcell
Bridget Boyle	Rachel Kadel-Garcia	Danielle Reese
Anna Bradley	Jeanne Kahn	Kim Riek
Andrea Carney	Walter Kahn	<i>Mary Robison</i>
<i>Brian Cooper</i>	Allan Kent	Noel Rosenberg
Dale Curley	Rick Kovalcik	Sharon Sbarsky
David D'Antonio	Kathryn Kun	Nicholas Shectman
Kenneth Davis	Zanne Labonville	Cara Lee Shockley
Samantha Dings	Alex Latzko	<i>Cris Shuldiner</i>
Mary Dumas	Paul Letersky	Rachel Silber
Don Eastlake	Michael Leuchtenberg	Kristen Snyder
Jill Eastlake	Benjamin Levy	Mike Sprague
<i>Tom Fish</i>	Carol London	Janet Stickle
John Francini	Ken London	Julia Suggs
Jaime Garmendia	Glenn MacWilliams	Pete Thomas
Joel Herda	Alan McAvinney	Persis Thorndike
Brendan Hertel	Skip Morris	Pat Vandenberg
Lisa Hertel	Tom Murphy	LuAnn Vitalis
Lisa Holsberg	Pam Ochs	Al Walker
Crystal Huff	Lia Olsborg	Conor Walsh
Steve Huff	Peter Olszowka	Tanya Washburn
Fred Isaacs	Sheila Oranch	Alexandra Wilkie

Proposed A13 Budget Amendment

Notes:

Registration income is registrations actually sold as of November 25. \$40 memberships are still being sold to dealers and program participants who waited to buy until they heard from us.

Dealers income is higher for the same space due to more demand than expected for booths vs. tables.

Additional payment may be required to cover shortfalls in Operation Hammond's auction. This would be covered by con chair contingency, if needed.

	Previously	Amended	Difference
Income			
Registration @ \$35	\$1,050	\$1,155	\$105
Registration @ \$40	\$14,720	\$14,760	\$40
Dealers	\$14,400	\$14,600	\$200
			\$345
Expenses			
Conchair			
Conchair Special Projects	\$1,000	\$600	-\$400
Hotel			
Hive rental	\$400	\$0	-\$400
Events			
Bouncy Castle	\$300	\$0	-\$300
Multimedia			
Film van rental	\$800	\$600	-\$200
video room	\$250	\$0	-\$250
Electronic gaming	\$0	\$750	\$750
Ops			
Operation Hammond	\$0	\$425	\$425
Sign Shop Signposts / Kiosks	\$100	\$360	\$260
Registration			
Badge stock	\$2,400	\$2,850	\$450
			\$335
Bottom Line			\$10

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

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

Detailed Treasurer's Report

Oct. 31 st		Change vs last month
Even Year - A12	\$24,689.26	\$0.00
Odd Year - A13	\$40,327.40	\$1,291.39
Reserved		
2+ years expenses	\$35,541.90	\$7.54
Grant Fund	\$1,550.00	\$0.00
Readercon CCs	\$0.00	-\$3,913.61
Capital Equipment	\$4,245.04	\$0.00
Training Fund	\$1,790.00	-\$210.00
Voted Expenses (excludes budget)	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
Unspent Budget	\$11,777.64	-\$1,613.15
Total Reserved	\$55,904.58	-\$5,729.22
Unallocated	\$7,846.22	-\$1,360.83
Total Corp Funds	\$63,750.80	-\$7,090.05
Total Assets	\$128,767.46	-\$5,798.66

Upcoming Events and Meetings

November 30-December 2: Smofcon in Philadelphia, PA

Sunday, December 9 at 1pm: Corporate meeting at the Westin Waterfront Hotel. Concom meeting to follow at 3pm.

Tuesday, December 11 at 7:30pm: Boston Area Rape Crisis Center anti-harassment training, at the NESFA clubhouse

Sunday, January 6, 2013 at 2pm (**note new time**): Concom meeting at MIT building 66

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

Sunday, January 20, 2013: Corporate meeting at the Westin Waterfront

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

Tuesday, February 26, 2013: Corporate meeting, place TBD.

Tuesday, March 19, 2013: Corporate meeting, place TBD.

March 15-17, 2013: Lunacon in Rye, NY

March 22-24, 2013: Vericon at Harvard University

March 29-31, 2013: ConBust in Northampton, MA

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