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Notices

The January Meeting of Arisia, Inc will be held on Sunday, January 19th at 2:30pm at the Westin Boston Waterfront in the Burroughs Room (3 east) which is above the Galleria / Consuite. The quorum for this meeting is 14 based on 51% of the average attendance of the last three meetings (23, 28, 28).

At this meeting we will be voting on a grant to fund the Locus Awards Weekend, a summary of which is printed in this issue.

Locus Awards 2014 Grant Proposal

The Grant Committee reviewed a grant request for \$2000 to help fund the 2014 Locus Awards Weekend and referred it to the Eboard with a recommendation to approve it.

The Eboard did not vote on this grant request within two weeks, so it is presented to the membership with no recommendation for or against from the Eboard.

The full grant proposal (10 pages) has been uploaded to Google Docs and is available via a shortened link <http://tinyurl.com/arisialocusgrant>. If you would prefer to have the PDF emailed to you, please send email to clerk@arisia.org.

A summary follows:

The Locus Science Fiction Foundation is seeking \$2,000 in funding for the annual Locus Awards Weekend. The weekend conference provides support to new writers, interested readers, and other genre supporters by bringing them together with professionals from different aspects of the field, providing educational and networking opportunities, and creating a sense of community. The Locus Awards Weekend events comprise author readings, writing workshops, panels on literacy and industry topics, autographing sessions, the Locus Awards banquet, and various meet-and-greet events where attendees and new authors can meet and speak to established professionals. The Locus Awards themselves call attention to the finest examples of genre writing through the awards process – recommending titles, polling readers, and finally compiling an awards list for each publishing year. For the past eight years, the conference and workshops have been held in Seattle, Washington; for the last three years at the Best

Western Executive Inn located at 200 Taylor Avenue North, Seattle, WA 98109, over a weekend in June.

December 15, 2013 Meeting Minutes

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Date, Time, and Place: The meeting was called to order by Conor Walsh about 4:45 PM on 15 December 2013 in the Stone Room at the Westin Boston Waterfront.

In attendance (27 voting members, 1 new member, 1 non-member): Bridget Boyle, David D'Antonio, Jaime Garmendia, Joel Herda, Lisa Hertel, Terry Holt, Erika Hutchinson (non-member), Fred Isaacs, Ray Isaacs, Rachel Kadel-Garcia, Rick Katze (new member), Allan Kent, Rick Kovalcik, Kathryn Kun, Alex Latzko, Ben Levy, Dale Meyer-Curley, Erik J Meyer-Curley, Kris Pelletier, Sharon Sbarsky, Nicholas Shectman, Rachel Silber, Kris "Nchanter" Snyder, Mike Sprague, Persis Thorndike, Tom Traina, Amol Vaidya, Pat Vandenberg, and Conor Walsh.

Proxies: Mary Dumas to Lisa Hertel, Janet Stickle to Rick Kovalcik, Crystal Huff to Benjamin Levy, Susan Isaacs to Fred Isaacs.

Corrections to the minutes: Ben Levy was present although the November Treasurer's report implies he wasn't. It should read:

Ben apologized that he wasn't at the last meeting. Our postage due account is closed. Ben and Ann send their thanks for the condolence card.

The November Budget Committee Report should read: Budget Committee (Ben Levy): The Budget Committee audit was postponed from October and will happen shortly.

The October A14 Report should read:

"We are ahead on pre-reg memberships which probably means less money in total because of selling more of the less expensive pre-reg memberships and less of the more expensive at-the-door memberships." [It was cutoff.]

Eboard Report (Conor Walsh): We have a draft A16 contract and are starting to look at it. We have a scholarship fund to help people attend Arisia. If someone is interested in applying for it, they should send mail to eboard@arisia.org. We are working on updating the bylaws and policies. We are considering purchasing a commercial toaster for Staff Den. We plan to change all Arisia passwords after A14. The Eboard has chosen Alex Latzko to be A15 Convention Treasurer. Conor has reached out to people at MIT about meeting space but hasn't heard back yet.

President's Report (Conor Walsh): Conor appointed Fred Isaacs to the Grants Committee and Kathryn Kun to the Ad Hoc Ombuds Committee. It was later clarified that other than these appointments and the appointments he made last month all other committees remain intact.

Vice President's Report (David D'Antonio): No report.

Treasurer's Report (Ben Levy): We have money. See the Mentor for details. Please ask if you have questions.

Clerk's Report (Rick Kovalcik): Mentor was mailed on Friday. There are copies on the back table. There is an attendance list going around on a yellow pad; please sign in.

Member-At-Large Report (Kathryn Kun): No report.

A13 Report (Rachel Silber): No report.

Adhoc Ombuds Committee Report (Rachel Silber): I have been in touch with the rest of the committee and have started a Doodle poll for the first meeting which will be after Arisia.

A13 Treasurer's Report (Rachel Kadel-Garcia): I have not closed the books due to an attack of life this month. They should be closed by next month.

A14 Report (Lisa Hertel): Postponed under later.

A14 Treasurer's Report (Rachel Kadel-Garcia): No report.

A15 Report (Mike Sprague): No report.

A15 Treasurer's Report (Alex Latzko): No report.

Budget Committee (Ben Levy): We had an audit last month. Since it would not be appropriate for me to be in charge of auditing the corporate books, Rachel Kadel-Garcia led it. Rachel went on to say the audit on the corporate books was done. We found only a few minor errors in the things we examined. The treasurer's report at the May 2012 corporate meeting over-reported the balance in the even-year bank account by \$726.44 -- this was a copying error, matching the (correct) previous treasurer's report. There was a \$23.32 expense not reflected in the books -- it was an American Express fee that should have been billed to Lunacon. [Post-meeting clarification: it was not reflected in the books because there were exactly matching expense and income items that cancelled each other out.]

CIC Committee (Rick Kovalcik): We still have storage. I've given a key to Janet Stickle. If you think you need a key to

storage, please see me. If you just need to get into storage, send mail to keys@arisia.org.

Comps Committee (Mike Sprague): No report.

Grants Committee (David D'Antonio): We have a new member, Fred Isaacs. Anna Bradley had to drop from the committee because she was elected an officer and the bylaws do not allow any officers on the Grants Committee other than the Vice President. The Grants Committee has recommended that the Eboard approve the Locus Grant. Once the Eboard considers that, it will go to the membership. We received a nice thank you in the Darkovercon Souvenir Book. Chessiecon will start next year as the replacement for Darkover Con.

Honors Committee (Joel Herda): We will be having a meeting after the meeting to brainstorm on possible awards. Bridget Boyle was appointed to the Honors Committee. There was a question about whether there was money or a budget to buy cards. Ben Levy asked Joel to talk to him about that.

Hotel Search (Kris Snyder): No report.

IT Committee (Alex Latzko): We have some issues including email. If anyone else has any gripes they should send mail it@arisia.org.

Relaxacon Report (Rick Kovalcik): The dates for Relaxacon 2014 are Friday 30 May to Sunday 1 June. You can still call the hotel Monday to Friday from 9 AM to 5 PM (by calling 1-800-345-5140 or 1-508-398-2279). If they don't answer, it probably means they are on the phone. So, please call back. Also you can buy your membership online. It was suggested that people who would like to see Relaxacon 2015 at a different should start looking now. Last time the membership thought the current place was better than any of the new places.

Student Art / Student Writing Contests (Terry Holt): We have 52 writing entries. We have 3 more readers.

A14 Report: We have little cards to give out. We have been having Concoms. The next and last one is on Saturday 4 January at the Westin. Budget changes were presented and moved from the A14 Report:

Income		
Advertising	change from \$1000 to \$200	(-800)
Dealers	change from \$14600 to \$15000	(+400)
Alley	change from \$400 to \$600	(+200)
Comped suite re-rental	new line at \$2,788	(+2788)
Total Income	change from 134,860 to 137,448	(+2588)
Expenses:		
Con Chair:		
Div head all-day meeting	new line at \$550	(+550)
Con parties	change from \$300 to \$100	(-200)
Events:		
Dance musicians	change from \$500 to \$700	(+200)
Guest of Honor:		
Writer GOH transport	change from \$1000 to \$420	(-580)
Writer GOH food	change from \$840 to \$420	(-420)
Band transport, food, parking, other	change from \$60, \$500, \$300, 80 to \$0	(-940)
Hotel:		
Food trucks	new line \$650	(+650)
Food (Other)	change from \$0 to \$1100	(+1100)

Multimedia:		
Drape	change from \$600 to 0	(-600)
Ops:		
Radios	change from \$500 to \$650	(+150)
Staff Services:		
Thursday dinner	change from \$1000 to \$1063	(+63)
Tech:		
Program AV	change from 0 to \$250	(+250)
Total expenses	change from \$133,983 to \$134,356	(+373)
Net	change from \$877 to \$3,093	(+2216)

The motion passed by more than 2/3.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Motion to set the Arisia Saturday Day Rate to \$45 (Hertel, many seconders). (This means that the Friday and Saturday rates together are the same as the weekend rate and people can't try to game the system by only buying Friday and Saturday if they are not attending Sunday and Monday.) Passes.

Motion to set the date and time of the March Corporate Meeting to be Tuesday March 18th at 7:30 PM at a place TBD (possibly NESFA) (Walsh, many seconders). Passes.

Announcements:

The Art Show reception will be 10 PM to Midnight on Friday night at Arisia. All staff and corporate members are welcome but it will not be open to the public.

The A14 debrief is scheduled for 1 PM on Sunday February 9th at the Westin. (This conflicts with a NESFA work session but there is no other good date.) [The NESFA work session has since been moved to Saturday February 8th.]

The meeting was adjourned at about 5:35 PM.

November Treasurer's Report

Nov 30th		Change vs. last month
Odd Year - A13	\$23,244.76	-\$257.23
Even Year - A14	\$59,850.88	\$3,355.08

Corporate		
Reserved/Unspent		
Two years expenses (CDs)	\$35,622.02	\$2.17
Grant Fund	\$5,000.00	\$0.00
Capital Equipment Fund	\$1,690.64	\$0.00
Training Fund	\$1,554.00	\$0.00
Scholarship(?) Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00
Voted Expenses (excludes budget)	\$2,894.62	\$0.00
Unspent Budget	\$11,873.74	-\$971.24
Total Reserved	\$58,635.02	-\$969.07
Unallocated Funds	\$7,976.44	-\$140.46
Total Corporate Funds	\$66,611.46	-\$1,109.53

Total Assets	\$149,707.10	\$1,988.32
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Total Corporate Income	\$2.96	-\$30.46
Total Corporate Expenses	-\$1,091.24	\$6,705.85

Membership List (as of 12/31/2013)

Strikethrough (~~like this~~) indicates expired memberships.
Italics (*like this*) indicates honorary (non-voting) members.

Dawn Ash	Rachel Kadel-Garcia	Sheila Oranch
Rob Bazemore	Jeanne Kahn	Kris Pelletier
Bridget Boyle	Walter Kahn	Karen Purcell
Anna Bradley	Rick Katze	Josh Rachlin
Andrea Carney	Allan Kent	Danielle Reese
<i>Brian Cooper</i>	Rick Kovalcik	<i>Mary Robison</i>
Tom Coveney	Kathryn Kun	Noel Rosenberg
David D'Antonio	Zanne Labonville	Sharon Sbarsky
Samantha Dings	Alex Latzko	Richard Schmeidler
Mary Dumas	Paul Letersky	Jude Shabry
Don Eastlake	Michael Leuchtenburg	Nicholas Shectman
Jill Eastlake	Benjamin Levy	<i>Cris Shuldiner</i>
John Francini	Carol London	Rachel Silber
Jaime Garmendia	Ken London	Kris Snyder
Joel Herda	Glenn MacWilliams	Mike Sprague
Brendan Hertel	Alan McAvinney	Janet Stickle
Lisa Hertel	Dale Meyer-Curley	Persis Thorndike
Terry Holt	Erik Meyer-Curley	Amol Vaidya
Crystal Huff	Lori Mortimer	Pat Vandenberg
Steve Huff	Dan Noe	Al Walker
Fred Isaacs	Abby Noyce	Conor Walsh
Ray Isaacs	Lia Olsborg	Tanya Washburn
Suli Isaacs	Peter Olszowka	Alexandra Wilkie

Committee Lists

Budget Committee: Ben Levy (chair), Rachel Kadel-Garcia, Alex Latzko, Alan McAvinney	IT Committee: Alex Latzko (chair), Ben Levy, Skip Morris, Noel Rosenberg, Nicholas Sheckman
Comps Committee: Mike Sprague (chair), David D'Antonio, Kathryn Kun, Danielle Reese, Skip Morris, Jaime Garmendia	Long Range Planning Committee: Nicholas Sheckman (chair), Sharon Sbarsky, Rachel Kadel-Garcia, Lisa Hertel, Mary Dumas, Conor Walsh, Tanya Washburn
Grant Committee: David D'Antonio (chair), Fred Isaacs, Noel Rosenberg	Ombuds Committee: Rachel Silber (chair), Anna Bradley, David D'Antonio, Jaime Garmendia, Rick Kovalcik, Kathryn Kun, Sharon Sbarsky, Kris Snyder
Honors Committee: Joel Herda (chair), Bridget Boyle, Rick Kovalcik	Relaxacon Committee: Rick Kovalcik
Hotel Search Committee: Kris Snyder (chair), Ben Levy, Rachel Silber	Student Art Contest Committee: Jacob Lefton
Inventory Control Committee: Rick Kovalcik (chair), Lia Olsborg, Skip Morris, hobbit, Lisa Hertel	Student Writing Contest Committee: Terry Holt (chair), Kris Pelletier, Anna Bradley, Mike Sprague

2013-2014 Executive Board (Eboard)

President	Conor Walsh	president@arisia.org
Vice President	David D'Antonio	vicepresident@arisia.org
Corporate Treasurer	Benjamin Levy	treasurer@arisia.org
Clerk	Rick Kovalcik	clerk@arisia.org
Members-At-Large	Anna Bradley Kathryn Kun Tanya Washburn	eboard@arisia.org
Arisia '13 Conchair	Rachel Silber	conchair@arisia.org
Arisia '13 Treasurer	Rachel Kadel-Garcia	con-treasurer@arisia.org
Arisia '14 Conchair	Lisa Hertel	conchair@arisia.org
Arisia '14 Treasurer	Rachel Kadel-Garcia	con-treasurer@arisia.org
Arisia '15 Conchair	Mike Sprague	conchair@arisia.org
Arisia '15 Treasurer	Alex Latzko	con-treasurer@arisia.org

Storage 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	16	Lia Olsborg
2	Noel Rosenberg	17	Anna Bradley
3	Skip Morris	18	Peter Olszowka
4	Craig McDonough	19	Alex Latzko
5	Dave Shevett	20	David Shaw
6	Phi	21	Conor Walsh
7	Dan Noe	22	Sharon Sbarsky
8	Michael Trachtenberg	23	Lucky
9	Hobbit	24	Pat Vandenberg
10	Rick Kovalcik	25	Lisa Hertel
11	Crystal Huff	26	Spare
12	Persis Thorndike	27	Spare
13	Rachel Silber	28	Spare
14	Janet Stickle	29	Spare
15	Ben Levy	30	Spare

Upcoming Events and Meetings

January 17-20, 2014: Arisia at the Westin Boston Waterfront Hotel

Sunday, January 19, 2014 at 2:30pm: Corporate meeting in the Burroughs room (3 east) at the Westin during Arisia 2014

Sunday February 9, 2014 at 1pm: Arisia 2014 Debrief at the Westin Boston Waterfront Hotel

February 14-16, 2014: Boskone at the Westin Boston Waterfront Hotel

Tuesday February 18, 2014 at 7:30pm: Corporate meeting at Chez Wood (Rick Kovalcik's house) in Newton

Tuesday March 18, 2014 at 7:30pm: Corporate meeting at the NESFA Clubhouse in Somerville

August 14-18, 2014: Worldcon in London, UK