



# MENTOR

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## Notices

The February Meeting of Arisia, Inc. was canceled due to snow.

The March Meeting of Arisia, Inc. will be held on Tuesday March 18th at 7:30pm at the NESFA Clubhouse, 504 Medford St., Somerville. Please plan on arriving after 7 PM. Directions can be found at <http://www.nesfa.org/clubhouse>. The quorum for this meeting is 14 based on 51% of the average attendance of the last three meetings (28, 28, 23).

At this meeting, the Eboard will be reporting on three actions under the “banning” policy:

- 1) a lifetime membership ban
- 2) a one year staff / volunteer ban followed by a lifetime security staff ban
- 3) a one year membership ban followed by a one year staff / volunteer ban

At this meeting we will be voting on a grant of \$1500 to JOFcon 1 for Consuite Sponsorship, a summary of which is below. The full proposal is on pages 5 and 6 of this issue.

## JOFcon 1 Grant Proposal

The Grant Committee reviewed a grant request for \$1500 from JOFcon for Consuite Sponsorship 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 is on pages 5 and 6 of this issue. It has also been uploaded to Google Docs and is available via a shortened link <http://tinyurl.com/arisiajofcongrant>. If you would prefer to have the PDF emailed to you, please send email to [clerk@arisia.org](mailto:clerk@arisia.org).

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## January 19, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Date, Time, and Place: The meeting was called to order by Conor Walsh about 2 PM on 19 January 2014 in the Burroughs Room at the Westin Boston Waterfront.

In attendance (18 voting members, 5 new members, 5 non-members): David D'Antonio, Samantha Dings, Jaime Garmendia, Eugene Heller (non member), Lisa Hertel, Terry Holt, Joanne Hunter (non member), Fred Isaacs, Rachel M. Kadel-Garcia, Rick Katze, Rick Kovalcik, Kathryn T. Kun, Rose Regina Lawrence (non member), Jacob Lefton (new member), PJ Letersky (new member), Carol London, Ken London, Rich Maynard (non member), James Meikle (new member), Tony Orlandella (new member), Kris Pelletier, Noel Rosenberg, Cee Roth (non member), Micah Schneider (new member), Mike Sprague, Amol Vaidya, Conor Walsh, and Tanya Washburn.

Conor Walsh, President, welcomed people to the at-con corporate meeting and went over some procedural things.

Proxies: Kris “nchanter” Snyder to Anna Bradley, Kris Pelletier to Jaime Garmendia (once she leaves).

Eboard Report (Conor Walsh):

We signed the contract for 2016. Arisia 2016 will be on January 15-18. Tell your friends!

We bought a commercial-grade toaster for Staff Den. We bought more pipe bases, uprights, and cross-pieces for use with our drape. We bought more grid-wall.

We have made tangible progress with meeting space at MIT. Conor expects to see us having a Corporate meeting there as early as April.

We received a request from Helsinki in 2017 to act as their American financial agent. The EBoard is generally in favor of this but wants to make sure we understand the legal situation, which we'll look into when we're not running our own con. If the legal stuff checks out, the EBoard is generally interested in being willing / available to provide this service to non-US bids in a nonpartisan fashion.

We have created individual email addresses for the new at-large officers (anna@, kathryn@, and tanya@). See the relevant section of Mentor.

We talked about borrowing a lot of things from NESFA for Arisia.

We got a request from Anna "Supes" Ramm about telling our panelists about Alternacon 2014.

We talked about this year's cap and how to manage it. We think we did the right thing.

Nominations for Convention Chair of Arisia 2016 are now open, and they will remain open until at least March 31.

Interested parties are encouraged to email eboard@arisia.org. This convention is hard to run without a chair!

President's Report (Conor Walsh):

I promised Arisia wouldn't sue the Westin if someone got sick on food we served in their hotel.

The LRP committee has no people in it. I would like to fix this, but no one has expressed interest in the "only problems with a five-plus year scope" mission, which I think is the entire point of LRP. We are probably looking for a new Chair for the Comps Committee as Mike is likely to be busy as Chair of something else. All other committees stand for the moment.

I authorized a new 50 cup percolator for Green Room because theirs broke.

I understand my play went well.

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

Treasurer's Report:

I bought a new all-in-one printer-scanner-copier for Convention Treasury.

I bought a new microwave for Staff Den.

We still have money; please see Mentor for details.

Clerk's Report (Rick Kovalcik): No Report.

Corrections to the minutes: None.

Members-At-Large Reports (Anna Bradley, Kathryn Kun, Tanya Washburn): No reports.

Ad-hoc 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 Report (Rachel Silber): Not present / no report.

A13 Treasurer's Report (Rachel Kadel-Garcia): Books are not closed. We seem to have made about \$20k. I hope to close the books within a couple of weeks.

A14 Report (Lisa Hertel): The con is happening.

A14 Treasurer's Report (Rachel Kadel-Garcia): The con is happening. I will know more once things have landed.

A15 Report (Mike Sprague): No report.

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

Budget Committee (Ben Levy): No report.

CIC Committee (Rick Kovalcik): Stuff moved out of storage for some event that is happening this weekend. Most of the that stuff will move back after the weekend.

Comps Committee (Mike Sprague): Since Mike is likely to be busy with something else, we are looking for a new chair for this committee. If you are interested in chairing the Comps Committee, please talk to Mike or Conor.

Grants Committee (David D'Antonio): We have a grant request for the Locus Awards Weekend which has been approved by the Grants Committee and printed in Mentor. There was a question of why the Grants Committee approved this. It was explained that it was within our charter. The grant was approved by the membership.

Honors Committee (Rick Kovalcik): No report.

Hotel Search (Kris Snyder): No report.

IT Committee (Alex Latzko): Our provider has some issues. We got a month and a half credit.

We have some issues including with email delivery. If anyone else has any gripes they should send mail it@arisia.org.

Relaxacon Report (Rick Kovalcik): Relaxacon is a fun event on the Cape in Dennisport to get together and relax and / or smof. 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 Contest: (Jacob Lefton): It went well; we had 116 entries up from 70-something last year.

Student Writing Contest (Terry Holt): We have 61 entries this year. The winners from last year will be announced at the Masquerade tonight. The winners for the Arisia 2013 contest are available on the Arisia 2013 website.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Announcements: Corporate meetings usually take longer than this. But if you would like to join and help run Corporate, dues are now \$14.

Readercon is about to have a Tea with a reading form Andrea Hairston.

Go Pats.

Go Food Trucks. (They were very well received.)

The meeting was adjourned at about 3:00 PM.

## Treasurer's Reports

Dec. 31, 2013		Change vs. last month
Odd Year - A13	\$22,902.95	-\$341.81
Even Year - A14	\$71,875.64	\$12,024.76

Corporate		
<b>Reserved/Unspent</b>		
Two years expenses (CDs)	\$35,623.63	\$1.61
Grant Fund	\$5,000.00	\$0.00
Capital Equipment Fund	\$1,255.73	-\$434.91
Training Fund	\$1,554.00	\$0.00
Scholarship(?) Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00
Voted Expenses (excludes budget)	\$2,894.62	\$0.00
Unspent Budget	\$10,729.88	-\$1,143.86
<b>Total Reserved</b>	<b>\$57,057.86</b>	<b>-\$1,577.16</b>
<b>Unallocated Funds</b>	<b>\$7,979.12</b>	\$2.68
<b>Total Corporate Funds</b>	<b>\$65,036.98</b>	<b>-\$1,574.48</b>

<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$159,815.57</b>	\$10,108.47
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<b>Total Corporate Income</b>	<b>\$20.28</b>	\$17.32
<b>Total Corporate Expenses</b>	<b>-\$1,631.76</b>	-\$540.52

Jan. 31, 2014		Change vs. last month
Odd Year - A13	\$18,490.05	-\$4,412.90
Even Year - A14	\$120,652.66	\$48,777.02

Corporate		
<b>Reserved/Unspent</b>		
Two years expenses (CDs)	\$35,625.26	\$1.63
Grant Fund	\$3,000.00	-\$2,000.00
Capital Equipment Fund	\$155.73	-\$1,100.00
Training Fund	\$1,289.00	-\$265.00
Scholarship(?) Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00
Voted Expenses (excludes budget)	\$1,500.00	-\$1,394.62
Unspent Budget	\$8,070.49	-\$2,659.39
<b>Total Reserved</b>	<b>\$49,640.48</b>	<b>-\$7,417.38</b>
<b>Unallocated Funds</b>	<b>\$7,916.74</b>	<b>-\$62.38</b>
<b>Total Corporate Funds</b>	<b>\$57,557.22</b>	<b>-\$7,479.76</b>

<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$196,770.96</b>	\$36,955.39
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<b>Total Corporate Income</b>	<b>\$34.25</b>	\$13.97
<b>Total Corporate Expenses</b>	<b>-\$5,737.92</b>	-\$4,106.16

## Membership List (as of 2/28/2014)

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

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

## Committee Lists

<b>Budget Committee:</b> Ben Levy (chair), Rachel Kadel-Garcia, Alex Latzko, Alan McAvinney	<b>IT Committee:</b> Alex Latzko (chair), Ben Levy, Skip Morris, Noel Rosenberg, Nicholas Sheckman
<b>Comps Committee:</b> Mike Sprague (chair), David D'Antonio, Kathryn Kun, Danielle Reese, Skip Morris, Jaime Garmendia	<b>Long Range Planning Committee:</b> (vacant)
<b>Grant Committee:</b> David D'Antonio (chair), Fred Isaacs, Noel Rosenberg	<b>Ombuds Committee:</b> Rachel Silber (chair), Anna Bradley, David D'Antonio, Jaime Garmendia, Rick Kovalcik, Kathryn Kun, Sharon Sbarsky, Kris Snyder
<b>Honors Committee:</b> Joel Herda (chair), Bridget Boyle, Rick Kovalcik	<b>Relaxacon Committee:</b> Rick Kovalcik
<b>Hotel Search Committee:</b> Kris Snyder (chair), Ben Levy, Rachel Silber	<b>Student Art Contest Committee:</b> Jacob Lefton
<b>Inventory Control Committee:</b> Rick Kovalcik (chair), Lia Olsborg, Skip Morris, hobbit, Lisa Hertel	<b>Student Writing Contest Committee:</b> 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	anna@arisia.org kathryn@arisia.org tanya@arisia.org
Arisia '13 Conchair	Rachel Silber	conchair@arisia.org
Arisia '13 Treasurer	Rachel Kadel-Garcia	con-treasurer@arisia.org
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Arisia '15 Conchair	Mike Sprague	conchair@arisia.org
Arisia '15 Treasurer	Alex Latzko	con-treasurer@arisia.org

## Upcoming Events and Meetings

March 14-16, 2014: Lunacon in Rye Brook, NY  
 March 21-23, 2014: Vericon XIV in Cambridge, MA  
 March 21-23, 2014: Anime Boston 2014 in Boston, MA  
 March 28-30, 2014: JOFcon in Linthicum, MD (near BWI)  
 May 3-4, 2014: Somerville Open Studios (Somerville, MA)  
 April 11-13, 2014: Pax East in Boston, MA  
 May 2-4, 2014: Nauticon 2014 in Provincetown, MA  
 May 30-Jun 1, 2014: Arisia Relaxacon in Dennisport, MA  
 July 17-20, 2014: DETCON 1, the NASFiC, in Detroit, MI  
 August 14-18, 2014: Worldcon in London, UK

## 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	Arthur Ercolini
12	Persis Thorndike	27	Spare
13	Rachel Silber	28	Spare
14	Janet Stickle	29	Spare
15	Ben Levy	30	Spare

# JOFcon 1 Grant Proposal

**Submission date: 1/25/2014**

## Applicant Information

- Applicant name: JOFcon I, represented by Crystal Huff and Warren Buff
- Address: 52 Elm Street, Somerville, MA 02143 (mailing address)

Location of the con will be the Hilton Homewood Suites near the Baltimore/BWI Airport in Linthicum, Maryland. (<http://homewoodsuites3.hilton.com/en/hotels/maryland/homewood-suites-by-hilton-baltimore-bwi-airport-BALBWHW/index.html>)

- Chairperson (name, title): Warren Buff and Crystal Huff, co-chairs
- Project contact (name, title): Crystal Huff, co-chair
- Daytime telephone: 617-869-7912
- Email addresses: Arisia.crystal@gmail.com and Warrenmbuff@gmail.com
- Summarize the mission of your organization:

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Per our Facebook and Wordpress pages:

**“JOFs are Journeymen of Fandom, including Journeywomen, Journeypersons, Journeybots, Journeyfolk, Journeyfen, Journeyworkers, & Journeyplatypi.**

All are welcome, so long as they’re interested in learning more about fanac (“fannish activities”). We believe everyone has something to learn, and something to teach.

We have an active Facebook Group for JOFs, which anyone can join.

The general tone we like to take on the group is as follows:

Please try to remember that your way is not the only way. There are a vast number of solutions to just about any problem a con needs to solve, and it’s likely been done many ways in the past. Do not mistake your experiences for the One True Fannish Way.

Please treat each other like adults. Don’t talk down to others, badger them, or personally attack them.”

- Last fiscal year total income: \$0
- Last fiscal year total expenses: ~\$300

# JOFcon 1 Grant Proposal (continued)

## Project Information

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- Summary of proposed project:

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- Project start date: JOFcon I starts on 3/28/2014, but the project has been in progress arguably since before Worldcon this year.
- Project end date: JOFcon I ends 3/30/2014, although we will probably continue working on closing the books, updating the website, and preparing for JOFcon II for a while thereafter.
- Number of individuals directly participating in/benefitting from this project: At least 25, so far, but there's already a JOFcon II being planned for next fall, so that number will increase soon, one way or another. In total, we have the ability to accommodate 60 attendees at JOFcon I if that many register for the event.

**Amount Requested: \$1500.00**

**Authorized Signature:**



(Signed electronically)