Notices

The December Meeting of Arisia, Inc. will be held on Tuesday December 9th, 2014 at 7:30 PM at the NESFA Clubhouse. Directions can be found at http://www.nesfa.org/clubhouse/location.html. The quorum for this meeting is 15 based on 51% of the average attendance of the last three meetings (32, 29, and 25). Please send any proxies to corp@arisia.org. Proxies do not count towards quorum.

* The EBoard will be reporting on a decision to ban someone from attending Arisia events for life.
* The EBoard will be reporting on a decision to remand someone's name and photo to Security as a known ghoster and take no further action.

We will also be voting on the following bylaw amendment which was discussed and tabled at the October meeting:

“To change bylaw 4.3.f, the current text of which is:

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September 28th, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Date, Time, and Place: The meeting was called to order by Conor Walsh at 2:20 PM on Sunday 28 September 2014 at MIT, Building 66 in Cambridge, MA.


Proxies (21 valid proxies): Dawn Ash to Tanya Washburn, Bridget Boyle to Persis Thorndike, Anna Bradley to Kris Snyder, Terry Holt to Rachel Kadel-Garcia, Crystal Huff to Alan McAvinney, Steve Huff to Michael Sprague, Jeanne Kahn to Walter Kahn, Rick Katze to Sharon Sbarsky (invalid as dues have not been paid), Kathryn Kun to Kris Snyder, Alex Latzko to Persis Thorndike, Carol London to Ken London, Dale Meyer-Curley to Kris Pelletier, Erik Meyer-Curley to Kris Pelletier, Dan Noe to Abby Noyce, Peter Olszowka to David D’Antonio, Karen Purcell to Ben Levy, Nicholas Shectman to Rachel Kadel-Garcia, David Silber to Sharon Sbarsky, Rachel Silber to Jaime Garmendia, Janet Stickle to Ben Levy, Tom Traina to Conor Walsh, Pat Vandenberg to Allan Kent.

Corrections to the minutes: None.

Eboard Report (Conor Walsh): There was a Worldcon and some of us went there.
There was a vote on the PSAV contract which Conor will be signing now that both the Events and Tech Div Heads told him to sign it.

President’s Report (Conor Walsh): Campus Crusade for Cthulhu is letting us use this room. We will add them to the courtesy copy distribution for Mentor if they want.

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

Treasurer’s Report (Ben Levy): We have money. Please see Mentor for details. There is also some food at the head table. We now have a credit card for use by the food division.

Clerk’s Report (Rick Kovalcik): I have distributed some US mail. I still have one registration received this week to scan and distribute when I get home.
Members-At-Large Reports (Tanya Washburn): No report.

A14 Report (Lisa Hertel): We have been working on closing the books.

A14 Treasurer’s Report (Rachel Kadel-Garcia): Arisia 2014 made $36,607.41 mostly by areas coming in several hundred dollars under budget with the exception of ASL, which came in $5,000 under budget. Motion from the committee to declare the books closed and thank the A14 ConChair and Treasurer for their efforts and release them from their duties. Passes. If you have any outstanding A14 Treasury items you should bring them to the Corporation/Eboard.

A15 Report (Mike Sprague): We have had several meetings including discussing space allocation. Fan Tables will now be in Galleria. If you know of open positions which have not been put up on the website please let Staff Services know so that they can be put up on the web.

A15 Treasurer’s Report (Alex Latzko): Not present.

A16 Report (Kris Snyder): I have letters out to prospective Guests of Honor. I have a Fan Guest of Honor, but will be waiting to announce all the Guests of Honor at once.

Budget Committee (Ben Levy): We need to get new signature cards for the bank accounts for the new officers.

CIC Committee (Rick Kovalcik): A whole bunch of video gear has shown up in storage as well as another fridge. There is a video work session scheduled for the last weekend of October to test, fix, and arrange things. Various people are coming from out of town for it. At least one freezer needs to be cleaned. The food division should go check the freezers and refrigerators out and also check out the coolers.

Comps Committee (Mike Sprague): The comps deadline of Arisia 2015 is December 15th, 2014.

Grants Committee (David D’Antonio): We sent Richard Man email and a check. As per the motion passed, the money came from General Funds rather than the Grant Fund.

Honors Committee (Joel Herda): Tom Coveney’s mother passed away. We will be sending a card.

Hotel Search (Kris Snyder): We need to start considering our options for 2017 and beyond.

IT Committee (Alex Latzko): Not present / no report.

Relaxacon Report (Rick Kovalcik): We had Relaxacon.

Student Art Contest: (Jacob Lefton via email): I’d like to request an additional $50 for the Student Art Contest budget this year to cover increased copying and postage costs for hopefully the next two years. SAC cost $795 to mail through Paradise Copies in Northampton in Fall ’12, and $813.60 in Fall ’13. I haven’t managed to get a quote this year, but I expect it could be 3-5% higher. Ben Levy pointed out that this increase was already in the corporate budget. Motion to refer this to Eboard. Seconded. Passes.

Student Writing Contest (Mike Sprague for Terry Holt): Terry has a draft letter. This will go out as part of the Student Art Contest mailing.

Old Business: We have a pending bylaws amendment which we took up from the floor. After some discussion a 10 minute recess was called. After the recess, a proposal from McAvinney, Eastlake, and Sbarsky was presented:

0) Ballots will give an ordering of candidates.
1) Any Ballot without valid candidates who have not been elected or eliminated will be removed and not count towards the total number of votes.
2) Ballots will be grouped by the lowest numbered valid candidate who has not been eliminated nor elected.
3) a) If one candidate has greater than 50% of the ballots they will be elected.
   b) If not, one candidate with the lowest number of ballots will be eliminated using <tie breaker> to break ties.
4) Restart at step 1 until all positions are filled.

Extra:
A ballot with only a single name will be considered a valid ordering containing that person as a first vote and no other candidates.

Tie breaker:
Ties will be broken such that a candidate with the fewest number of first place votes at the start of (0) will be eliminated. If there is still a tie the remaining tie will be broken randomly.

Moved (seconded) to amend the bylaws amendment motion to replace the second paragraph with the following:

[ADD NEW AFTER 3.6 and BEFORE 3.7]: Voting for at-large members of Eboard will be as follows:
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This amendment passes. The bylaws amendment motion now reads:
Move to change the Bylaws as follows:

3.6 A majority of the votes cast is required to elect an officer [ADD except at-large members]. On each ballot in which no candidate has received a majority, the candidate with the fewest votes shall be dropped for subsequent ballots.

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b) If not, one candidate with the lowest number of ballots will be eliminated. Ties for the lowest number of ballots will be broken such that a candidate with the fewest number of first place votes at the start of step 0 will be eliminated. If there is still a tie it will be broken randomly (such as with a coin toss or die roll).
4) Restart at step 1 until all positions are filled.

A proxy was given at this point from Joel Herda to Noel Rosenberg.

Motion to amend by substitution so that this is now the text under consideration. Seconded. Passes.

Motion on the main bylaws amendment passes 46 to 1 with some abstentions.

Elections:
Nominations for President: Conor Walsh. Nominations closed. Conor was elected by acclimation.

Nominations for Vice President: Anna Bradley and David D’Antonio. Nominations closed. Lisa Hertel and Walter Kahn were appointed as tellers, collected ballots, and went off to count them. Anna Bradley was elected 29 to 18 with 3 ballots ruled invalid.

Nominations for Treasurer: Ben Levy. Nominations
closed. Ben was elected by acclimation.

Nominations for Clerk: Noel Rosenberg. Nominations closed. Noel was elected by acclimation.

Nominations for Member-At-Large: Jaime Garmendia, Rachel Kadel-Garcia, Tom Traina, David D’Antonio. Nominations closed. After voting the tellers (Hertel, Kahn, and Sbarsky) collected the ballots and went off to count them.

Motion to thank the outgoing Clerk for his service. Seconded. Passes by acclimation.

Motion to thank the outgoing Members-At-Large for their service. Seconded. Passes by acclimation.

Motion to thank the outgoing VP for his service. Seconded. Passes by acclimation.

The tellers came back as reported as follows:

There were 50 ballots cast.

For the 1st position there were 48 valid ballots*; 25 votes were needed for a majority.
Jaime Garmendia - 25
Rachel Kadel-Garcia - 12
Tom Traina - 3
David D’Antonio - 8
Jaime Garmendia is elected.

For the 2nd position there were 48 valid ballots*; 25 votes were needed for a majority.
Rachel Kadel-Garcia - 24
Tom Traina - 13
David D’Antonio - 11
David D’Antonio is eliminated and his votes are redistributed.
Rachel Kadel-Garcia - 34
Tom Traina – 14
Rachel Kadel-Garcia is elected.

For the 3rd position there were 50 valid ballots; 26 votes were needed for a majority.
Tom Traina - 29
David D’Antonio – 21
Tom Traina is elected.

Thus the new members-at-large are:
Jaime Garmendia
Rachel Kadel-Garcia
Tom Traina

*There were two ballots with 3 names and no numbers. They were declared invalid for the first two positions. On the third position those ballots only had one valid candidate and so they were included.

New Business:

Motion to set the November Corporate Meeting as Sunday 16 November at 2 PM at MIT. Seconded. Passes.

Motion to set the December Corporate Meeting as Tuesday 9 December at 7:30 PM at a place TBD. Seconded. Passes.

The January Corporate Meeting will be on Sunday 18 January 2015 at a time TBD during Arisia 2015 at the Westin Boston Waterfront.

Motion to set the default date, time, and place for meetings for the coming year to be the third Sunday of the month at 2 PM at MIT building 66. Seconded. Passes.

Motion to instruct the Clerk to destroy the ballots. Seconded. Passes.

Announcements:
Conor would like to have an Eboard meeting soon.
Conor would like people to let him know, preferably by email, if they want to be on committees. He would like to actually have an LRP committee this year.
Jaime Garmendia announced that the Mass Independent Comics Expo (MICE) will be next weekend in Porter Square. Jaime will be recruiting there.
Suli Isaacs announced that next Saturday from 9 AM to 4 PM there will be a yard sale at the Church of the Good Sheppard in Watertown.
Samantha Dings has more hot peppers (Hot Lemon Heirloom) to give away. See her if you are interested.
Conor Walsh announced that 27 years ago today was the premier of Star Trek: The Next Generation.

The meeting was adjourned at about 5:15 PM.

October 14th, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Date, Time, and Place: The meeting was called to order by Conor Walsh at PM on Tuesday 14 October at the NESFA Clubhouse in Somerville, MA.

In attendance (25 voting members): Daniel Eareckson, Jaime Garmendia, Lisa Hertel, Crystal Huff, Fred Isaacs (late), Ray Isaacs (late), Suli Isaacs (late), Rachel Kadel-Garcia, Walter Kahn, Rick Katze, Allan Kent, Rick Kovalcik, Alex Latzko, Benjamin Levy, Dale Meyer-Curley, Josh Rachlin, Sharon Sbarsky, David Silber, Kris Snyder, Mike Sprague, Persis Thorndike, Tom Traina, Pat
Vandenberg, Conor Walsh, and Tanya Washburn. Also in attendance were non-members Michael Sharrow and Bill Todd.

Proxies (12 valid proxies): Anna Bradley to Conor Walsh, Kris Pelletier to Jamie Garmendia, David D’Antonio to Conor Walsh, Jeanne Kahn to Walter Kahn, Jill Eastlake to Alex Latzko, Abby Noyce to Nchanter, Terry Holt to Dale Meyer-Curley, Erik Meyer-Curley to Dale Meyer-Curley, Peter Olszowka to David Silber, Joel Herda to Mike Sprague, Bridget Boyle to Alex Latzko, and Janet Stickle to Ben Levy.

Corrections to the minutes: Not printed yet so there are no corrections at this point.

Eboard Report (Conor Walsh): The Eboard had an actual meeting a week after the last corporate meeting. We talked about some things including a deadline of three business days for important votes. We would like to change quorum for the Eboard from 3 to 5. We would like to have the Eboard meeting quarterly. The next meeting will hopefully be a couple of weeks after the Con and the first half will be open and the second half will probably be closed to deal with things like incidents from the con. The Incident Review Committee with be Jaime Garmendia, Rachel Kadel-Garcia, and Tom Traina. Nominations for Relaxacon Chair are now open. If you are interested in being Relaxacon Chair please email the Eboard or a member of the Eboard. We voted to pay the A’14 CART bill. We dealt with a disciplinary issue having to do with a ghoster who videoed things at Arisia and posted them to the Internet. We will be informing Security to be on the lookout for him. There were some comments that we need to officially announce this (including their name) at a meeting after giving twelve days notice.

President’s Report (Conor Walsh): I need to appoint committees but am not ready yet. If you are interested in being on a committee please email Conor.

Vice President’s Report (Anna Bradley): The President has her proxy but she didn’t give a report. By email later she says if anyone is interested in being on the Grants Committee to please email her.

Treasurer’s Report (Ben Levy): We have money. If you have any questions, please see Mentor or ask me. We are looking for the contact info for the person we should pay for CART for A’14. We received a credit card in the mail for the Quartermaster to use. I’ve started looking over the books for A’14 and they are pretty good.

Clerk’s Report (Rick Kovalcik for Noel Rosenberg): I’m taking minutes. Thanks for NESFA for the use of the clubhouse. Food waste should go in the blue covered trash can. Soft drinks are in the white fridge and water like things are in the black fridge. If you want to donate to NESFA there is jar over by the door.

Members-At-Large Reports (): No reports.

A15 Report (Mike Sprague): Program invites and related emails have started to go out.

A15 Treasurer’s Report (Alex Latzko): We have money.

A16 Report (Kris Snyder): No report.

A16 Treasurer’s Report (Rick Kovalcik): I’m taking minutes.

Budget Committee (Ben Levy): No report.

CIC Committee (Rick Kovalcik): There is a video work session scheduled for not this weekend but next weekend, the last weekend of October to test, fix, and rearrange things. Various people are coming from out of town for it. At least one freezer still needs to be cleaned. The food division should go check the freezers and refrigerators and coolers to see what needs to be cleaned.

Comps Committee (Mike Sprague): The comps deadline for Arisia 2015 is December 15th, 2014.

Grants Committee (Anna Bradley): No report.

Honors Committee (Rick Kovalcik for Joel Herda): Cards have been sent.

Hotel Search (Conor Walsh / Kris Snyder): We need a hotel search committee to do a comprehensive search for A’17 and beyond.

IT Committee (Alex Latzko): We have IT. We are looking to improve things. We are looking for someone to do IT at Con. We need someone with Networking and Windows OS Skills. This should be posted as help wanted. If you are interested please send mail to ops@arisia.org.

Relaxacon Report (Lisa Hertel): The place in Sturbridge won’t let us bring in our own food.

Student Art Contest: (Jacob Lefton): No report.

Student Writing Contest (Terry Holt): No report.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Motion to go into Committee of the Whole to discuss the Eboard Quorum (Kovalcik, ??). Passes. There was discussion about 4 versus 5 versus a majority less recusals. A proposed Bylaws Amendment was passed around. The proposed amendment received the signatures of 5 voting members. Motion to come out of Committee of the Whole with that motion:
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Passes.

This is automatically tabled until a meeting where notice is given.

Motion to refer to the Eboard to clean up the language (Walter Kahn, ??). Passes.

Motion to allocate up to $12k from general funds for four more sound systems and four more projectors as per the proposal sent to Eboard with the understanding that the money be paid back to general funds if Chicago Worldcon and / or Texas Worldcon comes through with funding (Rick Kovalcik, David D’Antonio seconds by proxy). Discussion followed about what these systems would be for and the cost of renting versus buying. Request to call the question. Given no objection the question was called. The motion passes.

Motion that since Arisia 2014 made about $36k and we currently have over $40k in Unrestricted Funds to add $12k to Capital Equipment Fund and $12k to Grant Fund (Hertel, no second). There was much discussion and apparently no second even after some discussion, so it was suggested that we think about this some more.

Motion to allocate $6k to Grant Fund and $6k to Capital Equipment Fund (Kovalcik, Katze). Motion to table (Kadel-Garcia, Katze). After some discussion, the motion to table passes.

Motion that we would like NESFA over MIT for weeknight meetings especially December and ask Rick Kovalcik to look into making it so (Kovalcik, ??). Passes.

Announcements:

The November Corporate Meeting will be on Sunday 16 November at MIT (building 66 or a place to be named later.

The December Corporate Meeting will be on Tuesday 9 December at 7:30 PM at a place TBD (but hopefully NESFA).
Committee Lists

(Committee lists will be updated in the next issue)

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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.

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Upcoming Events and Meetings

Tuesday December 9, 2014, 7:30 PM: Arisia Corporate meeting at NESFA
Thursday, December 18, 2014, 7 PM: Arisia ConComm meeting at The Westin Boston Waterfront Hotel
Sunday, January 4, 2015, 2PM: Arisia Concomm Meeting at The Westin Boston Waterfront Hotel
Friday, January 16, 2015 to Monday, January 19, 2015: Arisia at The Westin Boston Waterfront Hotel
Sunday, January 18, 2015, TBD: Arisia Corporate meeting at The Westin Boston Waterfront Hotel