



MENTOR

The Newsletter of Arisia, Incorporated — Number 222 — December 2014

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Notices

The January Meeting of Arisia, Inc. will be held at Arisia on Sunday January 18th, 2014 at 2:30 p.m. at the Westin Boston Waterfront. Directions can be found at

<http://www.westinbostonwaterfront.com/directions>.

The quorum for this meeting is 15 based on 51% of the average attendance of the last three meetings (29, 25, and 29). Please send any proxies to corp@arisia.org. Proxies do not count towards quorum.

December 9th, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Date, Time, and Place: The meeting was called to order by Conor Walsh at 7:51 PM on Tuesday 9 December at the NESFA Clubhouse in Somerville, MA.

In attendance (29 of 60 voting members): Dawn Ash, Anna Bradley, Daniel Eareckson, Jaime Garmendia, Joel Herda, Lisa Hertel, Terry Holt, Fred Isaacs, Ray Isaacs, Suli Isaacs, Rachel Kadel-Garcia, Rick Katze, Rick Kovalcik, Alex Latzko, Benjamin Levy, Erik Meyer-Curley, Dan Noe, Abby Noyce, Kris Pelletier, Noel Rosenberg, Sharon Sbarsky, Nicholas Shectman, Kris "nchanter" Snyder, Mike Sprague, Persis Thorndike, Bill Todd (non-member), Tom Traina, Amol Vaidya, Conor Walsh, Tanya Washburn

Proxies (12 valid proxies): Dale Meyer-Curley to Erik J. Meyer-Curley, David H. Silber to Persis Thorndike, Peter Olszowka to Rick Kovalcik, Janet Stickle to Ben Levy, David D'Antonio to Conor Walsh, Joshua Rachlin to Conor Walsh, Bridget Boyle to Alex Latzko, Rachel Silber to Nicholas Shectman, Karen Purcell to Kris Snyder, Walter Kahn to Daniel Eareckson, Jeanne Kahn to Daniel Eareckson, Crystal Huff to Mike Sprague

Corrections to the minutes: none

EBoard Report (Conor Walsh): The EBoard reported on a decision to remand someone's name and photo to Security as a known ghoster and take no further action.

After much discussion, the EBoard declined to sign a contract with Operation Hammond for Arisia '15.

MP to amend bylaw 4.3.f, the current text of which is:

"(f) A quorum of the Executive Board is three (3) officers unless, because of vacancies, fewer than three officers are filled. Executive Board meetings are open to all members unless closed by the Board for a specifically stated purpose. Nothing in this subsection shall require the Board to give notice of its meetings to all members."

by replacing "is three (3) officers unless, because of vacancies, fewer than three officers are filled." with "is a majority of the filled voting officer positions on the EBoard who have not recused themselves."

The EBoard reported on a decision to ban someone from attending Arisia events for life due to an escalating pattern of intolerance and hateful communication we believe to be fundamentally incompatible with anyone having fun at the con. The behavior was summarized, and printouts of some of the communication were made available to the Membership.

President's Report (Conor Walsh): It is the opinion of the president that we should consider changing corporate policy to make the convention chairpersons and convention treasurers directors of the Corporation and list them as such in the Annual Report we submit to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. This is largely to make our bank happy when we put their names on accounts.

Vice President's Report (Anna Bradley): I am still looking for people interested in joining the Grant Committee, and plan to get appointed before the holidays.

Treasurer's Report (Ben Levy): We have money. You can find details in Mentor. If you have questions, please ask. I filed our Form 990 with IRS. I looked over the A'14 numbers and made some minor tweaks. The final number appears to be \$35,920.77. That's within \$29 of what is in the bank account, so I'm satisfied with the numbers. Thank you Rachel [Kadel-Garcia].

Clerk's Report (Noel Rosenberg): There is a sign-in sheet going around. Thanks to 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. Also, thank you to Rick Kovalcik for filling in for me as notetaker at the October meeting, as well as for doing a lot of extra work to make my first ever stint as Clerk much easier.

Members-At-Large Reports (Jaime Garmendia, Rachel Kadel-Garcia, Tom Traina): No reports.

A15 Report (Mike Sprague): Programing is in process. There is a first schedule draft. We are discussing possible deadline extensions for publications. The comps deadline is coming up fast.

A15 Treasurer's Report (Alex Latzko): Bills received prior to the meeting have been paid.

A16 Report (Kris Snyder): I have Guests of Honor. John Scalzi will be WGOH, Johnna Y. Klukas will be AGOH, and Pablo Miguel Alberto Vazquez III will be FGOH. I have an ad for the A15 souvenir book, and I will be having bookmarks that talk about my guests which I have a great design for.

A16 Treasurer's Report (Rick Kovalcik): We went to Bank of America in Burlington and got the signature cards for both the even and odd accounts updated to have the current treasurers on the accounts.

Budget Committee (Ben Levy): No report.

CIC Committee (Rick Kovalcik): No report

Comps Committee (Mike Sprague): No report.

Grants Committee (Anna Bradley): I'm getting together the people, and will be attempting to have them before the holidays.

Honors Committee (): Not present, no report

Hotel Search (Kris Snyder): Ben has been talking with the Renaissance about an overflow contract for A16, but we have decided to hold off so we can see what the A15 pickup is. It is also time to start the search for A'17 and beyond.

IT Committee (Alex Latzko): no report

Relaxacon Report (): Not filled, no report.

Student Art Contest: (Ben Levy/Rick Kovalcik/Nicholas Schectman): The mailing has gone out, and we've had only one bounce. We have 11 entries so far. Last year we had 18 at this time and ended up with 50.

Student Writing Contest (Terry Holt): As of December 1, our deadline, we have received 52 entries for the Arisia 2015 Student Writing Contest. In the next two weeks, our committee will be reading entries in order to select the five finalists. Our committee members/readers include Fred Isaacs, Kris Pelletier, Dr. Abby Noyce, Anna Bradley, Skip Morris, Conor Walsh, and Mike Sprague. Many thanks to our finalist judges, who will be deciding 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Honorable Mention placing: Shira Lipkin, Jeanne Cavelos, John Chu, Max Gladstone, and Alisa Kwitney Sheckley. Winners will receive a membership to Arisia 2015, and there is a monetary award for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. First place winner's high school also receives a matching award. We will be announcing our winners during the Intermission for Masquerade Sunday evening, and on our website following the convention.

Old Business:

MSP: to take up the following motion tabled at the October meeting: Moved to allocate \$6k to Grant Fund and \$6k to Capital Equipment Fund. After some brief discussion, MSPU (?,?) to pass this motion.

New Business:

MS (Schectman, Latzko) to fund the following capital expenses out of the Capital Equipment Fund:

- 50 attached lid containers from Zoro.com -- exact price depends on the mix of sizes we get but will be roughly \$1000.
- a fourth pipe cart, if (and only if) Thumper's shop class teacher can get us one built for under \$400 including the wheels, as Thumper thinks he can.
- 35 more long Art Show pipes. This will bring us up to 168 which is the non-overloaded capacity of four of the carts, and which will let us more completely cross-brace the show. If we don't build a fourth cart, we could overload the existing ones to 51 pipes each, which would be 153 or 20 more than we currently have. These will be between \$10 and \$15 each, so possibly as much as \$525.
- 12 new wheels for the three existing long-pipe carts, with the same bearings but a smaller wheel diameter so they don't have to be tipped to clear door frames. Probably between \$240 and \$300. We'll be able to use the old wheels on other road cases.
- a special low profile extension cord with integrated cord cover, for the Art Show. \$53.56 including shipping.
- 50 sheets of corrugated black plastic from Uline.com for sign shop for the gridwall kiosks. \$326.71 including shipping.

An amendment to add "up to \$2750.00" after "to fund" was accepted as friendly. MPU as amended.

M(Snyder) to amend the Bylaws, Article X: Operating Philosophy by adding the phrase "who is willing to make room for others" to the end of the current text. This would update the entire section to read:

"ARTICLE X: OPERATING PHILOSOPHY
10.1 The primary operating philosophy of Arisia, Inc., which all of its activities should try to promote, is that there is room in fandom for everyone who is willing to make room for others."

Said motion having been presented to the clerk with the signatures of the following five corporate members: Kris "Nchanter" Snyder, Tanya Washburn, Anna R. Bradley, Terry L. Holt, Noel Rosenberg, it was placed on the floor for discussion.

MSPU (Levy, Latzko) to go into Committee of the Whole to discuss this motion.

MSPU (Katze, Suli Issacs) to come out of the Committee of the Whole and table the motion to the February meeting.

MSP (Rosenberg, Bradley) (many to 1) to set the date and time of the February Corporate Meeting to Sunday, February 22, 2015 at 2PM, location TBD.

MSP (Schectman, ?) (many to NESFA in joke) set the March Corporate to Tuesday, March 24, 2015 @ 7:30PM, probably NESFA

Announcements:

The December Arisia ConComm meeting will be on Thursday, December 18, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at The Westin Boston Waterfront Hotel.

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Arisia 2015 runs from Friday, January 16, 2015 to Monday, January 19, 2015 at The Westin Boston Waterfront Hotel.

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The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 PM.

Treasurer's Report October 2014

Oct 31, 2014			Change vs. last month
Odd Year - A13		\$45,318.88	\$5,362.91
Even Year - A14		\$9,283.71	-\$32,059.52
Helsinki in 2017 - USA		\$1,608.47	\$78.00
Corporate			
Reserved/Unspent			
Two years expenses (CDs)	\$41,640.39		\$1.36
Grant Fund	\$700.00		\$0.00
Capital Equipment Fund	\$1,732.04		\$0.00
Training Fund	\$1,289.00		\$0.00
Scholarship(?) Fund	\$0.00		\$0.00
Voted Expenses (excludes budget)	\$12,500.00		\$0.00
Unspent Budget	\$15,818.41		-\$1,260.89
Total Reserved		\$73,679.84	-\$1,259.53
Unallocated Funds		\$31,040.09	\$29,993.02
Total Corporate Funds		\$104,719.93	\$28,733.49
Total Assets		\$160,930.99	\$2,114.88

Total Corporate Income		\$94.36	-\$675.97
Total Corporate Expenses		-\$1,269.89	-\$197.82

Reports have been updated as of October to move the US Helsinki bid committee account outside of the "Reserved" section.

Treasurer's Report November 2014

Nov 30, 2014			Change vs last month
Odd Year - A13		\$69,079.46	\$23,760.58
Even Year - A14		\$2,000.00	-\$7,283.71
Helsinki in 2017 - USA		\$1,076.85	-\$531.62
Corporate			
Reserved/Unspent			
Two years expenses (CDs)	\$41,641.39		\$1.00
Grant Fund	\$700.00		\$0.00
Capital Equipment Fund	\$1,732.04		\$0.00
Training Fund	\$1,289.00		\$0.00
Scholarship(?) Fund	\$0.00		\$0.00
Voted Expenses (excludes budget)	\$12,500.00		\$0.00
Unspent Budget	\$12,967.18		-\$2,851.23
Total Reserved		\$70,829.61	-\$2,850.23
Unallocated Funds		\$37,988.55	\$6,948.46
Total Corporate Funds		\$108,818.16	\$4,098.23
Total Assets		\$180,974.47	\$20,043.48

Total Corporate Income		\$12.76	-\$81.60
Total Corporate Expenses		-\$3,012.18	-\$1,742.29

Membership List (as of 12/30/2014)

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

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

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 Shectman
Comps Committee: Mike Sprague (chair), David D'Antonio, Kathryn Kun, Danielle Reese, Skip Morris, Jaime Garmendia	Ombuds Committee: Rachel Silber (chair), Anna Bradley, David D'Antonio, Jaime Garmendia, Rick Kovalcik, Kathryn Kun, Sharon Sbarsky, Kris Snyder
Grant Committee: Anna Bradley (chair), David D'Antonio, Fred Isaacs, Janet Stickle	Long Range Planning Committee: (vacant)
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, hobbit, Lisa Hertel	Student Writing Contest Committee: Terry Holt (chair), Kris Pelletier, Anna Bradley, Mike Sprague

2014-2015 Executive Board (Eboard)

President	Conor Walsh	president@arisia.org
Vice President	Anna Bradley	vicepresident@arisia.org
Corporate Treasurer	Benjamin Levy	treasurer@arisia.org
Clerk	Noel Rosenberg	clerk@arisia.org
Members-At-Large	Jaime Garmendia Rachel Kadel-Garcia Tom Traina	jaime@arisia.org rachelkg@arisia.org tntaina@arisia.org
Arisia '15 Conchair	Mike Sprague	conchair@arisia.org
Arisia '15 Treasurer	Alex Latzko	con-treasurer@arisia.org
Arisia '16 Conchair	Kris Snyder	conchair@arisia.org
Arisia '16 Treasurer	Rick Kovalcik	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	Arthur Ercolini
12	Persis Thorndike	27	Benjamin Levy
13	Rachel Silber	28	Angela Morley
14	Janet Stickle	29	David Silber
15	Mike Sprague	30	Spare

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

Upcoming Events and Meetings

Sunday, January 4, 2015, 2:00 p.m.: Arisia ConComm Meeting at The Westin Boston Waterfront Hotel

Friday, January 16, 2015 to Monday, January 19, 2015: Arisia 2015 at The Westin Boston Waterfront Hotel

Sunday, January 18, 2015, 2:30 p.m.: Arisia Corporate meeting in the Burroughs room at The Westin Boston Waterfront Hotel

Saturday, February 7, 2015, 1:00 p.m.: Arisia 2015 Debrief at the Davis Square VFW Hall, Somerville, MA

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