



# MENTOR

The Newsletter of Arisia, Incorporated — Number 225 — August 2015

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## Notices

The August Meeting of Arisia, Inc. will be held at Arisia on Tuesday August 11th, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. at NESFA. Directions can be found at <http://www.nesfa.org/clubhouse/>. The quorum for this meeting is 13 based on 51% of the average attendance of the last three meetings (21, 22, and 30). Please send any proxies to [corp@arisia.org](mailto:corp@arisia.org). Proxies do not count towards quorum.

At this meeting, the EBoard will be reporting on a couple of incidents from Arisia '16.

\* The EBoard will be reporting on a decision to send a written warning.

\* The EBoard will be reporting on decision to forward an apology letter.

## July 19, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Date, Time, and Place: The meeting was called to order by Conor Walsh at 2:14 p.m. on Sunday 19 July at Chez Wood, the home of Rick Kovalcik, in Newton, MA.

In attendance: (30 of 72 **voting members**): Anna Bradley, David D'Antonio, Michael Carroll (**non-member**), Daniel Eareckson, Jill Eastlake, Anna Erishkigal (**new member**), Jaime Garmendia, Joel Herda, Lisa Hertel, Fred Isaacs, Ray Isaacs, Suli Isaacs, Rachel Kadel-Garcia, Rick Katze, Michael Kerpan (**non-member**), Rick Kovalcik, Ben Levy, Ken London, Craig McDonough (**non-member**), Amos Meeks (**new member**), Dale Meyer-Curley, Erik Meyer-Curley, Angela Morley (**non-member**), Lia Olsborg, Kris Pelletier, Josh Rachlin, Noel Rosenberg, Kevin Schendell, Skye Scriter (**non-member**), Jude Shabry, David Silber, Kris Snyder, Mike Sprague, Ann Thomas (**non-member**), Tom Traina, Al Walker, Conor Walsh, Tanya Washburn

Proxies (6 valid proxies): Terry Holt to Anna Bradley, Paul Kraus to Al Walker, Carol London to Ken London, Andy Rosequist to Kris Snyder, Mink Rosequist to Kris Snyder, Janet Stickle to Ben Levy

Corrections to the minutes: none

EBoard Report (Conor Walsh): We had an actual in-person meeting, and we discussed several of the outstanding incidents from A'15, and we expect to be able to report out on them at the August meeting.

We also discussed Rick's motion regarding Smofcon scholarships, and refined the draft for this meeting.

We discussed the Lens, the Arisia logo, and the desire of some to replace it. The current logo has issues, primarily in how busy it is, and doesn't scale or reproduce well. We are considering having a contest to replace the logo, and Tom Traina has reviewed our legal options to do this well and ensure we have the legal rights to anything that results.

President's Report (Conor Walsh): For the upcoming annual meeting, there are a number of open positions on the Eboard. Self-nominations sent at least 18 days in advance of the meeting can include a statement of not more than 100 words for inclusion in Mentor.

The President sought the sense of the room on whether exploring a new logo is warranted. He then announced he will be forming an ad-hoc committee to explore the possibility of a contest to replace the logo. There was some discussion that any such contest should explicitly include the option of keeping our existing logo.

Vice President's Report (Anna Bradley): no report

Treasurer's Report (Ben Levy): We have money. If you have questions, please see Mentor or ask me. A more detailed report has been sent to the Clerk for publication in the next Mentor. I have rearranged things slightly in the Treasurer's Report to make the Capital Equipment fund more understandable, by breaking out money we've already allocated out of the fund.

Clerk's Report (Noel Rosenberg): Folks are reminded to submit reports in writing or be subject to the vagaries of the clerk. The attendance list is going around. Membership is \$4 if you join at this meeting, and \$2 after the meeting. I will not be at the August meeting, and will be seeking someone to take notes.

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

A15 Report (Mike Sprague): no report

A15 Treasurer's Report (Alex Latzko): not present, no report

A16 Report (Kris Snyder): I now have a head of Publications, which is being rolled back in under Communications. I have no more senior staff vacancies. I have scheduled out Concomm meetings through the convention. Most but not all of them will be at the hotel. The Westin is doing some construction in Galleria, and we will be losing a bit more space there.

A16 Treasurer's Report (Rick Kovalcik): I sent out a draft of the budget for approval, and it was included in Mentor. Copies are going around.

M to approve the A'16 Budget

MSPU(Kovalcik, Rosenberg): to amend the by reinstating the \$180 income line item for Art Show mail-in fees, and add a \$180 expense line for Art Show

MS(Levy, Katze): to amend the budget by reducing the Dealers Room income line by \$1776 due the loss of space in Galleria. Motion fails few to many.

A question was raised about the Art Show reception, and it was clarified that the Art Show Reception in A'16 would be for Artists, Staff, Dealers, and invited guests only, not the general attendees. At A'15, all of the food was gone within 5 minutes of the start of the event, and we would prefer this to last a bit longer.

Recessed at 2:59 p.m. to further review the budget. Reconvened at 3:05 p.m.

The main motion passed as unanimously as amended.

If you spend money, please fill out an expense report and get it to me.

A17 Report (Anna Bradley): no report

A17 Treasurer's Report (Tom Traina): no report

Budget Committee (Ben Levy): no report

CIC Committee (Rick Kovalcik): The Eboard voted to loan equipment to PiCon, subject to the condition that it be supervised by Arisia staff.

Grants Committee (Conor Walsh for Anna Bradley): We've been attempting to herd the cats. If you are on the committee, please respond to the discussion.

Honors Committee (Joel Herda): no report

Hotel Search (Ben Levy): We're done for now.

IT Committee (Rick Kovalcik): We realized there was a failure in communication with Joel Lord regarding getting outgoing mail set up through that server. We have resolved this and done some testing, and soon will be cutting over the registration system to send through that server. We will be working on getting the mailing lists cut over after Sasquan.

Long Range Planning (Conor Walsh): We are still in the process of finalizing survey questions for A'16. I do not anticipation additional LRP meetings prior to A'16.

Relaxacon Report (Rick Kovalcik): no report

Student Art Contest: (Jacob Lefton): Not present. No report.

Student Writing Contest (Terry Holt): Not Present. No report.

Old Business: none

New Business:

MS(Kovalcik, Rosenberg): to grant Scholarships to Smofcon 2015 in Fort Worth, TX (December 4th to 6th, 2015).

a) To allocate \$1000 for this purpose.

b) People interested in applying for a Scholarship should apply to the Eboard (preferably by email after the September Corporate Meeting and elections).

c) People should apply with a brief description of how their attending Smofcon will benefit fandom (including Arisia) and / or themselves, an estimated budget to attend, a requested amount of funding, and a minimum required amount of funding.

d) The intent of this Scholarship is to help people attend, but not pay the entire cost.

[For example and these are totally random made up numbers: Sandy Fan applies and gives a reason for attending. They say it is going to cost \$350 for airfare, \$300 for hotel (as they would like to be there Friday for the detailed program on X and stay through the end of day on Sunday and will share a room with one other person), and \$100 for food (since breakfast and lunch are usually provided at

Smofcon) for a total of \$750. They are requesting a \$500 scholarship but would accept anything above \$250.]

e) The Eboard should decide how to allocate the Scholarships by November 1st, 2015 based upon all applications it has received by the end of the day scheduled for the October 2015 Corporate Meeting (or the end of day of the third Sunday in October if there is no October meeting scheduled). The Eboard may choose to grant less money than requested or to not grant any money at all to the applicants.

f) While these Scholarships are open to all, if more eligible people apply than can be funded at their requested levels, preference should be given to members of the Arisia Community whose attendance at Smofcon would benefit Arisia.

[For example: If two eligible people from within the Arisia community apply and ask for between \$250 and \$500 each, preference should be given to them.]

g) If after (f) above is taken into account, more eligible applicants remain than can be funded at their minimum required levels, preference should be given to the best cases presented so that they can be funded at their minimum required levels.

[For example: If four eligible people from within the Arisia community apply and ask for between \$250 and \$500 each, they should each be given \$250. If five eligible people from within the Arisia community apply and ask for between \$250 and \$500 each, the Eboard should pick the best four cases. Etc.]

h) Members of the Eboard (voting and ex-officio) are not eligible.

i) Those who attended the 2013 Smofcon in Toronto, Ontario or the 2014 Smofcon in Manhattan Beach, CA are not eligible.

j) All Scholarship recipients should report back to the Arisia Corporation by email what they learned and/or benefited from at Smofcon. [Note "should"] They are encouraged to share their report with the Eboard first. They may also give a verbal summary of their report at a Corporate meeting in addition to sending email.

k) All receipts must be submitted for reimbursement by March 31st, 2016. Any unused money will revert to unrestricted funds. [Note "must".]

MS(Fred Isaacs, Jill Eastlake): to amend to require the report prior to being reimbursed. Motion dies 0 to many.

MS(McDonough, Traina): to add "and/or accounting purposes." after "for reimbursement" in part k. MPU(Rosenberg, Kovalcik) to amend by replacement to add a new section l "l) Scholarship funds may be advanced to scholarship recipients at the discretion of the Eboard." accepted as friendly passes.

Main motion passes unanimously as amended.

MSPU (Rosenberg, Bradley) to hold the October Corporate meeting on October 20, 2015 at 7:30p.m., likely at NESFA. MSPU (Bradley, Rachlin) to move this MIT, assuming we can get a room.

M(Rosenberg) to confirm the default date of the November Corporate meeting dies for lack of a second. MS (Bradley, Kovalcik) to hold the November Corporate meeting on Sunday, November 8, 2015 at noon at the Westin. MSPU(Kovalcik, chorus) to table this to the August meeting.

Announcements:

Conor Walsh announced his intention to run for re-election as President.

Ben Levy announced his intention to run for re-election as Corporate Treasurer.

Corporate Dues for next year are due by August 31, 2016 and can be given to the Treasurer or paid via Paypal at <http://corp.arisia.org/membership> .

The next Arisia open brainstorming session will be held Sunday 26 July at 2:00pm at the Westin Boston Waterfront Hotel in the Stone room.

The August Corporate meeting will be on Tuesday 11 August, 2015 at 7:30pm at NESFA.

There are now 31 days to opening ceremonies at Sasquan. Volunteering gets you a discount on membership. See Jill Eastlake if you are interested in volunteering. Site Selection for the 2017 Worldcon will be held at Sasquan. The mail-in deadline for Site Selection ballots is August 10, 2015 and the at-con deadline is August 21, 2015. Voting for the 2015 Hugo awards must be done by July 31, 2015.

Kris Snyder will be holding a gaming event at her house in NH on Saturday, September 5, from noon to 6 p.m.. Arisia Staff will be invited. A detailed announcement will go out in email, and RSVPs are requested.

NESFA is having its Annual picnic at Larz Anderson Park in Brookline on Sunday September 6, from 3-7 p.m..

The September Annual Corporate meeting will be on Sunday September 20, 2015 at 1:00pm at the Westin Boston Waterfront Hotel to be followed at 4:00pm by an Arisia '16 ConComm.

The October Corporate meeting will be on Tuesday 20 October, 2015 at 7:30pm at MIT.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m..

## Treasurer's Report July 2015

June 30, 2015			Change vs last month
Odd Year - A13		\$58,475.03	-\$84.15
Even Year - A14		\$17,284.65	\$334.90
Helsinki in 2017 - USA		\$7,080.75	\$578.76
<b>Corporate</b>			
<b>Reserved/Unspent</b>			
Two years expenses (CDs)	\$41,650.62		\$1.45
Grant Fund	\$6,700.00		\$0.00
Capital Equipment Fund Unallocated	\$3,482.09		-\$875.25
Capital Equipment Fund Allocated	\$1,000.00		-\$1,000.00
Training Fund	\$1,229.00		\$0.00
Scholarship(?) Fund	\$0.00		\$0.00
Pi-Con	\$0.00		-\$679.26
Voted Expenses (excludes budget)	\$253.56		-\$2,321.75
Unspent Budget	\$1,403.68		-\$1,050.93
<b>Total Reserved</b>		<b>\$55,718.95</b>	<b>-\$5,866.68</b>
<b>Unallocated Funds</b>		<b>\$43,301.67</b>	\$2,503.09
<b>Total Corporate Funds</b>		<b>\$99,020.62</b>	<b>-\$3,363.58</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>\$181,861.05</b>	<b>-\$2,534.07</b>
<b>Total Corporate Income</b>		<b>\$1,097.37</b>	\$1,058.46
<b>Total Corporate Expenses</b>		<b>-\$3,722.43</b>	<b>-\$2,532.18</b>

### Budgeted Spent

<b>Total Expenses 2014/2015</b>	<b>-\$21,450</b>	<b>\$-20,046.32</b>
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Out of budget Spending		
Grants		\$0
Training Fund		-\$60
Voted Expenses		-\$13,438
Capital Equipment		-\$1,915
<b>Total</b>		<b>-\$15,414</b>

<b>Combined Expenses Total</b>		<b>-\$35,460</b>
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## Membership List (as of 07/07/2015)

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

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

## Committee Lists

<b>Budget Committee:</b> Ben Levy (chair), Rachel Kadel-Garcia, Alex Latzko, Alan McAvinney	<b>IT Committee:</b> Alex Latzko (chair), Rick Kovalcik, Michael Leuchtenberg, Ben Levy, Skip Morris, Noel Rosenberg, Sharon Sbarsky, Nicholas Sheckman
<b>Comps Committee:</b> Mike Sprague (chair), David D'Antonio, Kathryn Kun, Danielle Reese, Skip Morris, Jaime Garmendia	<b>Ombuds Committee:</b> Rachel Silber (chair), Anna Bradley, David D'Antonio, Jaime Garmendia, Rick Kovalcik, Kathryn Kun, Sharon Sbarsky, Kris Snyder
<b>Grant Committee:</b> Anna Bradley (chair), David D'Antonio, Fred Isaacs, Janet Stickle	<b>Long Range Planning Committee:</b> Conor Walsh
<b>Honors Committee:</b> Joel Herda (chair), Bridget Boyle, Rick Kovalcik	<b>Relaxacon Committee:</b> Rick Kovalcik
<b>Hotel Search Committee:</b> Ben Levy (chair), Kris Snyder, Rachel Silber	<b>Student Art Contest Committee:</b> Jacob Lefton
<b>Inventory Control Committee:</b> Rick Kovalcik (chair), Lia Olsborg, hobbit, Lisa Hertel	<b>Student Writing Contest Committee:</b> 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 tntraina@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
Arisia '17 Conchair	Anna Bradley	vicepresident@arisia.org
Arisia '17 Treasurer	Tom Traina	tntraina@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	Tom Traina
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	Jaime Garmendia

## 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	<b>August</b>	<b>\$02</b>

## Upcoming Events and Meetings

Tuesday, August 11, 2015, 7:30 p.m.: Arisia Corporate Meeting at NESFA

Wednesday-Saturday, August 19-23, 2015: Sasquan, the 73rd World Science Fiction Convention in Spokane, Washington, USA

Saturday, September 6, 2015, 3:00 p.m.: NESFA annual picnic, Larz Anderson Park, Brookline, MA – all fans welcome: <http://www.nesfa.org/intimes.html>

Sunday, September 20, 2015, 1:00 p.m.: Arisia Corporate Meeting in the Webster room at the Westin Boston Waterfront Hotel – **Note Time Change**

Sunday, September 20, 2015, 4:00 p.m.: Arisia ConComm in the Webster room at the Westin Boston Waterfront Hotel

Tuesday, October 20, 2015, 7:30 p.m.: Arisia Corporate Meeting at MIT.

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