



# MENTOR

The Newsletter of Arisia, Incorporated — Number 226 — September 2015

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## Notices

The (September) Annual Meeting of Arisia, Inc. will be held on Sunday September 20th, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. at the Westin Boston Waterfront Hotel. 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 (22, 30, and 31). Please send any proxies to [corp@arisia.org](mailto:corp@arisia.org). Proxies do not count towards quorum.

At this meeting, elections will be held for all officer positions, and the EBoard will be reporting on an incident report from Arisia '15:

\* The EBoard will be reporting on a decision to place a one year attendance restriction on a member. The Eboard will also report on a new incident report from Arisia '14:

\* The EBoard will be reporting on a decision to take no further action on a case.

## August 11, 2015 Meeting Minutes

**Date, Time, and Place:** The meeting was called to order by Conor Walsh at 7:44 p.m. on Tuesday, August 11, 2015 at the NESFA Clubhouse in Somerville, MA. Notes were taken by Rick Katze, substituting for the Clerk, Noel Rosenberg.

**In attendance:** (31 of 74 voting members): Anna Bradley, Daniel Eareckson, Patrick J Flaherty, Jaime Garmendia, Lisa Hertel, Terry Holt, Dana Hsu (**new member**), Crystal Huff, Fred Isaacs, Ray Isaacs, Suli Isaacs, Rachel Kadel-Garcia, Rick Katze, Angela Kessler (**non-member**), Jeremy Kessler (**new member**), Rick Kovalcik, Ben Levy, Dale Meyer-Curley, Erik Meyer-Curley, Kris Pelletier, Josh Rachlin, Andy Rosequist, Mink Rosequist, Sharon Sbarsky, Kevin Schendell, Nicholas Sheckman, Rachel Silber, Kris Snyder, Mike Sprague, Persis Thorndike, Tom Traina, Amol Vaidya, Al Walker, Conor Walsh.

**Proxies (2 valid proxies):** Alex Latzko to Rick Kovalcik, Michael Leuchtenberg to Kris Snyder.

Bridget Boyle to Alex Latzko failed since Alex was not present at the meeting.

**Corrections to the minutes:** none

**EBoard Report** (Conor Walsh):

The EBoard has received a request for a grant of \$1000 from NESFA for their New Voices initiative which will be implemented at Boskone 53. NESFA has already approved a budget item of \$1000 for it. The intent is to defray part of the cost of improving diversity in the Boskone Program. The EBoard is still discussing the matter.

Rachel Kadel-Garcia reported the following: At Arisia 2015 a member, while very sleep-deprived, was wandering the hotel looking for his room on all the wrong floors. He started to follow some young women into their room and was unable to explain himself. He wrote an explanation of his disturbing behavior and an apology, which we forwarded to the reporting parties.

Rachel Kadel-Garcia reported the following: At Arisia 2015, two staff members were yelling at one another in a public area of the hotel, and also yelled at Arisia Security staff who came to ask them to calm down. We sent them a warning to keep their arguments to private areas. They then made it known that they felt they should have been told sooner that there was a complaint against them and that they should have been given a better opportunity to tell their side of the story. In addition one of them requested to be called by a member of the EBoard. We have the phone number. Conor asked that Rachel Kadel-Garcia take possession of the phone number for now.

**President's Report** (Conor Walsh): Conor purchased a trade paperback copy of Edward E Smith's Triplanetary which is the first volume of the Lensmen series. The names Arisia and Mentor are both derived from this series. He thought it appropriate that he finally read the series. After he finishes it, it will be stored at Arisia storage and will be available for others to read. He noted that the original hardback versions of the books now each go for hundreds of dollars. Conor described the story as

“pulpy.” The President reported to the membership that he would be discussing with the EBoard the procedure for mailing the printed copies of Mentor to those people still receiving paper copies since, while Rick Katze is taking notes for the meeting, he is not an officer of the corporation, and therefore there was an issue of privacy to consider. He also requested the membership to email him any thoughts on the matter that they thought appropriate. Suli Isaacs noted that Rick already knew her address and probably knew a number of the addresses in question.

**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. The numbers for the Capital Equipment fund have been adjusted to include the LED bulbs. 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): Noel submitted the following report by e-mail. Folks are reminded to sign in, and to submit reports in writing or be subject to the vagaries of the clerk and/or the note-taker. Membership is \$2 if you join at this meeting, and \$24 after the meeting. I’d like to thank Rick Katze for taking notes tonight while work has me in GA. Finally, I’d like to announce my candidacy for Vice President of Arisia, Inc.

**Members-At-Large Reports** (Jaime Garmendia, Rachel Kadel-Garcia, Tom Traina): Tom announced that he is running for Vice-President.

**A15 Report** (Mike Sprague): no report

**A15 Treasurer’s Report** (Alex Latzko): Not present. Rick Kovalcik reported that there were two bills outstanding totaling about \$1000.

**A16 Report** (Kris Snyder): The next Arisia open staff meeting will be held Sunday September 20, 2015 at 4:00pm at the Westin Boston Waterfront Hotel in the Webster room following the September Corporate Meeting at 1 PM. A complete list of future meetings can be found on the Arisia calendar.

**A16 Treasurer’s Report** (Rick Kovalcik): Please send all expense reports to me.

**A17 Report** (Anna Bradley): Nothing to report since everything is focused on A16.

**A17 Treasurer’s Report** (Tom Traina): Treasury will have money to spend.

**Budget Committee** (Ben Levy): no report.

**CIC Committee** (Rick Kovalcik): The equipment loaned to PiCon has been returned. We are sending Sasquan “Fast Track” supplies, hence the donation of \$500. Everything has been packed and shipped to Sasquan.

**Grants Committee** (Anna Bradley): A request for a grant of \$2500 for the to Locus Awards Ceremony has been referred to the Exec Board which has not yet voted on the matter.

**Honors Committee** (Joel Herda): Not present: no report.

**Hotel Search** (Ben Levy): The new Element hotel is taking reservations for Arisia weekend starting at \$203 per night. Aloft says it’ll open February 4th, but is not taking reservations until March 4th. It looks like rooms will start at \$377.

**IT Committee** (Rick Kovalcik): We will be working on getting the mailing lists moved over after Sasquan.

**Long Range Planning** (Conor Walsh): We are still in the process of finalizing survey questions for A’16.

**Relaxacon Report** (Rick Kovalcik): Conor indicated that Rick would appreciate a rest and that a new volunteer would be appreciated. Rick offered to supply a beer to said volunteer. The volunteer gets to choose the beer.

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

**Student Writing Contest** (Terry Holt): There will be one. She is preparing a flyer and people who can take said flyers to other conventions or venues where such flyers can be posted should talk to her.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:**

**MS** (Shectman, ?) to allocate \$10,000 to the Capital Equipment Fund. There was some discussion about what was already in the fund and what amounts had been previously allocated. The issue was raised that there should be no point of failure if the computer went down. Kris Snyder thought that the motion should be tabled until an actual proposal to buy things had been prepared but did not actually raise the motion to table. It was noted that this could be delayed until November after more information had been developed.

**MSPU** (Shectman, Rachlin) to postpone this until

September.

**MSPU** (Andy Rosequist, Rachlin) to Modify Convention Policies, Section V (Registration), subsection e (no-charge memberships), item 5. by substituting the following language:

*5 i. Tabletop Game Masters scheduled to run four and one half (4.5) or more hours of gaming for four (4) or more players shall be given a full weekend membership. Each 1.5 hours of scheduled game time shall be counted as a programming item for purposes of comp membership as in Convention Policy V.e.4.*

*ii. LARP Moderators shall be considered "Event Organizers" for the purpose of the policy in Convention Policy V.e.4., and shall be able to designate a reasonable number of assistants as Event Participants.*

**MSPU** to set the November Corporate Meeting on Saturday, November 14, 2015 at 2pm at MIT. Conor asked someone to confirm this with MIT. (The default date was the 15th which NESFA has already scheduled.)

**MSPU** to set the December Corporate Meeting on Tuesday, December 8, 2015 at 7:30pm at NESFA.

**Announcements:**

Lisa Hertel announced her candidacy for Clerk.

Rachel Kadel-Garcia announced her candidacy for Member-at-Large.

Josh Rachlin announced his candidacy for Member-at-Large.

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> .

Kris Snyder will be holding a gaming event at her house in NH on Saturday, September 5, from noon to 6 p.m. Please feel free to bring board and card games. Arisia Staff are invited. A detailed announcement has gone out in email, and RSVPs are requested directly to her via her e-mail.

In-con-ceivable is scheduled for August 28-30th in Northampton, MA. See <http://www.in-con-ceivable.com/>

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

NESFA will be streaming the Hugo's live on its big screen at the NESFA Clubhouse starting about 11pm on 8/22. This is an open invitation.

**Adjourned** at 8:42 p.m.

## Treasurer's Report August 2015

July 31, 2015			Change vs last month
<b>Odd Year - A13</b>		<b>\$58,475.03</b>	\$0.00
<b>Even Year - A14</b>		<b>\$18,256.62</b>	\$971.97
<b>Helsinki in 2017 - USA</b>		<b>\$7,698.05</b>	\$617.30
<b>Corporate</b>			
<b>Reserved/Unspent</b>			
Two years expenses (CDs)	\$41,651.78		\$1.16
Grant Fund	\$6,700.00		\$0.00
Capital Eq Unallocated	\$2,482.09		\$0.00
Capital Equipment Allocated	\$1,809.14		\$0.00
Training Fund	\$1,229.00		\$0.00
Scholarship(?) Fund	\$0.00		\$0.00
Voted Expenses (excludes budget)	\$253.56		\$0.00
Unspent Budget	\$23,632.53		\$22,228.85
<b>Total Reserved</b>		<b>\$77,758.10</b>	\$22,230.01
<b>Unallocated Funds</b>		<b>\$21,262.52</b>	<b>-\$22,230.01</b>
<b>Total Corporate Funds</b>		<b>\$99,020.62</b>	\$0.00
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>\$183,450.32</b>	\$1,589.27
<b>Total Corporate Income</b>		<b>\$2.08</b>	<b>-\$1,095.29</b>
<b>Total Corporate Expenses</b>		<b>-\$1,188.41</b>	\$2,534.02

## Membership List (as of 09/07/2015)

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

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

## Committee Lists

<b>Budget Committee:</b> Ben Levy (chair), Rachel Kadel-Garcia, Alex Latzko, Alan McAvinney	<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
<b>IT Committee:</b> Alex Latzko (chair), Rick Kovalcik, Michael Leuchtenberg, Ben Levy, Skip Morris, Noel Rosenberg, Sharon Sbarsky, Nicholas Shectman	

## 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.

<b>September</b>	<b>\$24</b>	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, 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.

Saturday, November 14, 2015, 2:00 p.m.: Arisia Corporate Meeting at MIT.

Tuesday, December 8, 2015, 7:30 p.m.: Arisia Corporate Meeting at NESFA.



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