



# MENTOR

**Mentor, The Newsletter of Arisia, Incorporated**  
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## **Announcements:**

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The next Corporate Meeting will be on Monday May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 7:30 PM at the NESFA Clubhouse, 504 Medford Street, Somerville, MA 02143, <http://www.nesfa.org/clubhouse/location.html>. The quorum for this meeting is 14 based on 51% of the average of the last three meetings  $((26+24+27)/3*.51=13.09)$ .

At that meeting we will be voting on a grant request from the Locus Science Fiction Foundation for \$2,800 in funding for the annual Locus Awards. The Grants Committee and Eboard both voted to recommend funding this grant. The full text of the grant request can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/2016-arisia-locus-grant>.

There are also two Bylaws amendments on the table for which notice is given:

Motion to amend Bylaws 2.4(j) to insert the words “including their name” after Convention Chair

(j) The announcement of the appointment by the Eboard of a Convention Chair **including their name**, and the subsequent vote of approval by the membership under Section 6.2 (a).

Motion to amend Bylaws 6.7(b) to add the words “subject to the approval of the Executive Board” at the end.

6.7 Assistant Convention Chairperson(s)

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(b) This section does not limit the authority of the Convention Chairperson to appoint additional Assistant Convention Chairperson(s) **subject to the approval of the Executive Board**.

This Mentor includes the minutes from the April 2017 meeting.

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## **Announcement of Nexus Elements Gaming May Event:**

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From Kevin A. Schendell

Welcome to the world of Nexus Elements Gaming, a Live Action Role Playing game based in an original world. It is our goal to provide a fun and safe playing environment for both Adventurers and Game Cast alike. We strive to make an exciting and enjoyable game for all those who attend.

Our May Event opens at Camp Denison in Georgetown, MA May 19-21st. Details for our game can be found on <https://nexuselements.com/>. Don't want to spend an entire weekend at a game you never tried before? Don't worry! We have Saturday only rates as well!

The sooner you register, the less you have to pay at the door, and if you sign up for a season pass, you get an even bigger discount.

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## Minutes of the Arisia Meeting of 25 April 2017:

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The meeting was called to order by Kris Snyder at 7:50 PM at the NESFA Clubhouse, 504 Medford St., Somerville, MA.

In attendance (27 members):

Anna Bradley, Todd Cooper, Daniel Eareckson, Kelly Fabijanic, Jaime Garmendia, Jaelen Hartwin, Taylor Hartwin, Lisa Hertel, Rick Katze, Rick Kovalcik, Benjamin Levy, Cody Mattes, Elliott Mitchell, Abby Noyce, Peter Olszowka, Kris Pelletier, Noel Rosenberg, Andy Rosequist, Mink Rosequist, Sharon Sbarsky, Kevin Robbins Schendell, Nicholas Shectman, Kris "Nchanter" Snyder, Mike Sprague, Persis Thorndike, Tom Traina, Ellie Younger, and Emily Coombs (non-member).

The quorum for the next meeting is 14 based on 51% of the average of the last three meetings  $((26+24+27)/3 \cdot .51=13.09)$ .

Proxies (16 proxies):

Diana Hsu to Anna Bradley, Maria Eskinazi to Rick Kovalcik, Rachel Silber to Nicholas Shectman, Eric Meyer-Curley to Kris Pelletier, Crystal Huff to Mike Sprague, Mike Kerpan to Rick Katze, Jason Melchert to Daniel Eareckson, Dale Meyer-Curley to Jaime Garmendia, Mary Olszowka to Peter Olszowka, Karen Purcell to Benjamin Levy, Diane Martin to Rick Kovalcik, Tanya Washburn to Anna Bradley, Terry Holt to Mike Sprague, Skip Morris to Benjamin Levy, David D'Antonio to Peter Olszowka, and Jeff Keller to Persis Thorndike.

Corrections to the November, December, January, February, or March minutes:

None.

Officer and Committee Reports:

Eboard (Kris "Nchanter" Snyder):

We lent some stuff to Lunacon and it returned.

We (just now) authorized spending \$500 out of the Capital Equipment Fund for Art Show Equipment. No single item is over \$100 here; the most expensive thing is a \$90 paper cutter that can cut hundreds of sheets at a time. There are also miscellaneous hand tools, electrical repair components, spare parts, containers, and a small but sturdy folding table that's more the right size for Student Art Contest than anything in the hotel's inventory.

The Eboard has chosen Daniel Eareckson as Conchair for Arisia 2019 subject to Daniel agreeing to Eboard approval of his Assistant Conchairs similar to what we have been doing for the Convention Treasurer. This needs to be approved by the membership. There was a request for a secret ballot. Rick Katze and Sharon Sbarsky were appointed tellers. The results of the vote were 35 yes, 5 no, 2 abstain for a total of 42 votes.

President (Kris "Nchanter" Snyder):

At the request of the Student Contest Committee, I am appointing Terry Holt as Chair of the Student Writing Contest Sub-Committee and Jaelen Hartwin as Chair of the Student Art Contest Sub-Committee and adding Johnny Healey, Allison Holt, and Carolyn VanEseltine to the committee. The membership approves by acclamation. I am appointing Ellie Younger to Budget Committee. Again, the membership approves by acclamation.

Vice President (Cody Mattes):

No report.

Clerk (Rick Kovalcik):

There is an attendance list at the head table. We think we have noted everyone, but if you aren't sure, you should check. Water and similar are available in the black fridge. Soda and similar are available in the white fridge. Food trash should go into the covered blue trash can. We thank NESFA for the use of their clubhouse.

Treasurer's Report (Benjamin Levy):

We received a check for \$1000 from NESFA for the 100 copies of The Halcyon Fairy Book which they bought. Including this check, we made about \$2000 profit (\$11,000 in expenses and \$13,000 in income). As usual we have money; please see Mentor for details.

Members-At-Large:  
No report(s).

A'16 Conchair (Kris "Nchanter" Snyder):  
No report.

A'16 Treasurer (Rick Kovalcik):  
We reported last time how much profit we made. I'm still working on updating the individual expense lines in the budget to reflect what we spent.

A'17 Conchair (Anna Bradley):  
I think my Convention Treasurer has some things to say.

A'17 Treasurer (Tom Traina):  
I'm working on catching up on paying Expense Reports. I understand more expense reports are coming. Please get your expense reports in so that we can figure out if we made or lost money.

A'18 Conchair (Jaime Garmendia):  
I have appointed Kathryn Kun as GOH Liaison. That completes my senior staff as thanks to the Eboard appointment of Daniel Eareckson as A'19 Chair, I now have all my senior staff including ACCs. I've asked the Hotel Search Committee about function space in the Aloft. I will bring that up on Corp List once I have information back. All Div Head meetings have been set. As of tomorrow all ConCom Meetings will be set. Sorry there isn't more news, but life has been crazy. Our apartment is now a movie set for Netflix. A'18 bought an ad at Wiscon. We are throwing parties at Wiscon and Readercon. Our Fan GOH Mikki Kendall will be at both.

A'18 Treasurer (Ellie Younger):  
I'm clearing time out of my schedule to start working on the budget.

A'19 Conchair (Daniel Eareckson):  
I am chair.

Budget (Benjamin Levy):  
We are working on a 2017-2018 Corporate Budget. It should hopefully be available to be approved by the June Meeting.

CIC (Rick Kovalcik):  
Our lease on storage is up in Jan. The building is willing to renew our lease at \$14.50 per square foot given it is interior space (vs. the \$20 per square foot they are now getting for most space). There are two options for getting more space in the building. Andrew Bressen has 300 or 400 square feet, about half his space, which he is willing to lease us for about \$400 per month but he is concerned about too many people having access and it is on a floor with only one elevator. About 300 square feet will be available directly from the building on the other side of the third floor starting in June. This would be about \$375 per month. Lisa would like the opportunity to look for other options outside the building before we decide. There was a discussion of the Tucker Storage Facility. We will take this up again next month.

Corporate Welcoming Committee (Daniel Eareckson):  
Hello. Welcome. The Corporate website has some great information. Daniel said Tom Traina has some information. Tom Traina has put together a video on Meeting Procedures. He is looking for someone to do a voice over for him.

Grants Committee (Cody Mattes):  
Nothing this meeting. There will be something in May.

Hotel Search Committee (Kris Snyder):  
The Westin has contacted me and asked to start negotiations for 2020. There is a city wide group in 2020 that has space in 2020 on the Thursday of Arisia load-in. Motion out of committee to authorize the committee chair to negotiate a contract with the Westin for 2020 subject to Eboard approval of the contract. Friendly amendment to negotiate for 2020 and 2021 if the Westin is amenable. Passes.  
At the request of the A'18 Chair we approached Starwood informally about using the function space at the Aloft for the Special Project. We are waiting to hear back.

Honors Committee (Anna Bradley):  
No report.

IT Committee (Peter Olszowka):  
No report.

Logo Committee (Conor Walsh via email):  
Not present; no report.

Long Range Planning Committee (Conor Walsh):  
Not present; no report.

Relaxacon Committee (Ellie Younger):  
There will be a Relaxacon. Please come.

Student Contests Committee (Kris Pelletier):  
We have a bunch of new members. The committee now consists of Kris Pelletier (chair), Jaelen Hartwin (Student Art Contest Chair), Terry Holt (Student Writing Contest Chair) Anna Bradley, Johnny Healey, Allison Holt, Fred Isaacs, Skip Morris, Abby Noyce, Mike Sprague, Carolyn VanEseltine, and Conor Walsh.

Old Business:  
None.

New Business:  
Motion to authorize the Clerk to destroy the ballots for A'19 Conchair (Kovalcik, Many seconds). Passes.

Moved to amend Bylaws 2.4(j) to insert the words "including their name" after Convention Chair.

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[Signed by Rick Kovalcik, Kris Snyder, Sharon Sbarsky, Lisa Hertel, and Anna Bradley.]

Rick explained that this omission was an oversight when (j) was added to the Bylaws. He gave the example that if Fred and Mary were running for Conchair, Fred might not be controversial but Mary might be; so it would be best to inform the membership who was picked so they could try to attend or send a proxy if it was controversial, etc. Nchanter agreed that this was a loophole which she used but which should be closed.

This is automatically tabled until notice is given.

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[Signed by Rick Kovalcik, Sharon Sbarsky, Lisa Hertel, Rick Katze, and Anna Bradley.]

Rick gives the justification that this is similar to what happens with the Convention Treasurer now. There used to be only one Assistant Convention Chairperson. Now there is more than one. The ACCs wield significant power and are important in setting the tone of the Arisia and insuring year to year continuity. Therefore it seems a good idea that

the additional ACCs also get run by the Eboard. This has also come up the last two years in Eboard deliberations over Conchair.

There were many speeches for (as summarized above) and against (this is not really necessary as there are other ways of dealing with this already and is bordering on micromanaging).

This is automatically tabled until notice is given.

Sharon mentions that she had suggested on Corp a way of injecting money from the profits of one Arisia to a future Arisia. Motion to go into Committee of the Whole. Many seconders. Passes. ... Much discussion. ... Motion to come out of Committee of the Whole with a recommendation to form an Ad Hoc Committee with Sharon as Chair to explore the idea of inter-Arisia pass-long funds and come back with a recommendation. Seconded. Passes. We are now out of committee of the whole. Motion to form the committee passes. Please see Sharon if you are interested in joining the committee.

The May Corporate meeting is 7:30 PM on Monday May 15<sup>th</sup> at the NESFA Clubhouse in Somerville.

The June Corporate meeting is 2:00 PM on Sunday June 18<sup>th</sup> at the Westin Boston Waterfront in Boston. Lisa Hertel agrees to take minutes as the Clerk, Rick Kovalcik, will hopefully be at a Worldcon76 San Jose Div Head meeting in California that weekend.

Motion to set the July Corporate meeting at 2:00 PM on Sunday July 23rd at Rick Kovalcik's home in Newton with Corporate Cookout to follow (Kovalcik, Nchanter). Passes.

There will be a Programming Brainstorm meeting on Sunday 6/25 [at 2:00 PM] at the Westin.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:40 PM. Minutes taken and submitted by Rick Kovalcik.

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### Treasurer's Report – April 2017:

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<b>April Report as of March 31, 2017</b>			<b>Change vs last month</b>
<b>Odd Year - A17</b>		\$43,212.38	<b>-\$13,463.20</b>
<b>Even Year - A16</b>		\$34,156.32	\$0.00
<b>Corporate</b>			
<b>Reserved/Unspent</b>			
Two years expenses (CDs)	\$41,674.69		\$1.25
Grant Fund Available	\$6,820.09		\$1,120.09
Grant Fund Allocated	\$0.00		<b>-\$5,000.00</b>
Capital Equipment Unallocated	\$1,119.24		<b>-\$616.55</b>
Capital Equipment Allocated	\$1,000.00		<b>-\$2,703.37</b>
MCFI/CostumeCon	\$822.01		\$110.00
Training Fund	\$1,657.00		\$0.00
GOH Book	\$1,092.69		<b>-\$4.31</b>
Relaxacon	\$465.02		\$353.37
Scholarship(?) Fund	\$0.00		\$0.00
Voted Expenses (excludes budget)	\$975.00		\$775.00
Unspent Budget	\$9,455.67		<b>-\$3,256.83</b>
<b>Total Reserved</b>		<b>\$65,081.41</b>	<b>-\$9,221.35</b>
<b>Unallocated Funds</b>		<b>\$22,730.25</b>	<b>-\$6,249.46</b>
<b>Total Corporate Funds</b>		<b>\$87,811.66</b>	<b>-\$15,470.81</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>\$165,180.36</b>	<b>-\$28,934.01</b>
<b>Total Corporate Income</b>		<b>\$32.09</b>	<b>-\$215.31</b>
<b>Total Corporate Expenses</b>		<b>-\$12,339.36</b>	<b>-\$9,630.85</b>

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## Membership List:

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*This membership list is as of 5/1/2017.*

*Names in Italics are non-voting honorary members.*

Dawn Ash	Rachel Kadel-Garcia	Sheila Oranch
<i>Rob Bazemore</i>	Jeanne Kahn	Kris Pelletier
Melissa Beetham	Walter Kahn	Karen Purcell
Bridget Boyle	Terry Karney	Danielle Reese
Anna Bradley	Rick Katze	Mark Richards
Andrea Carney	Jeff Keller	Nicole Robinson
Mieke Citroen	Allan Kent	Noel Rosenberg
Adam Cohn	Michael J Kerpan	Andy Rosequist
<i>Brian Cooper</i>	Rick Kovalcik	Mink Rosequist
Todd Cooper	Paul Kraus	<i>Joe Ross</i>
Tom Coveney	Suzanne Labonville	Sharon Sbarsky
Elizabeth Crefin	Alex Latzko	Kevin Robbins Schendell
Mary Catelynn Cunningham	Paul "PJ" Letersky	Richard Schmeidler
David D'Antonio	Benjamin Levy	Jason Schneiderman
Elka Tovah Davidoff	Carol London	Kristin Seibert
Jaquelin Davison	Ken London	Jude Shabry
Daniel Eareckson	Glenn MacWilliams	David Shaw
Don Eastlake	B. Diane Martin	Nicholas Sheckman
Jill Eastlake	Cody Mattes	Dave Shevett
Angela Ercolini	Alan McAvinney	<i>Cris Shuldiner</i>
Arthur Ercolini	Craig McDonough	Rachel Silber
Maria Eskinazi	Felicia McGinty	Kris Snyder
Kelly Fabijanac	James Meickle	Mike Sprague
John Francini	Jason Melchert	Persis Thorndike
Jaime Garmendia	Dale Meyer-Curley	Tom Traina
Jaelen Hartwin	Erik Meyer-Curley	Pat Vandenberg
Taylor Hartwin	Elliott Mitchell	Kiran Wagle
Joel Herda	Angela Morley	Mark Waks
Lisa Hertel	Skip Morris	Al *Hobbit* Walker
Terry Holt	Dan Noé	Conor Walsh
Diana Hsu	Abby Noyce	Tanya Washburn
Crystal Huff	Lia Olsborg	Jacqueline Wolpoe
Fred Isaacs	Mary Olszowka	Ian Waters
Ray Isaacs	Peter Olszowka	Ellie Younger
Suli Isaacs		

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## Executive Board (Eboard):

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President	Kris “Nchanter” Snyder	president@arisia.org
Vice President	Cody Mattes	vicepresident@arisia.org
Corporate Treasurer	Benjamin Levy	treasurer@arisia.org
Clerk	Rick Kovalcik	clerk@arisia.org
Members-At-Large	Diana Hsu	dromeda@arisia.org
	Abby Noyce	abby@arisia.org
	Peter Olszowka	petero@arisia.org
Arisia ’16 Conchair	Kris Snyder	nchanter@arisia.org
Arisia ’16 Treasurer	Rick Kovalcik	con-treasurer@arisia.org
Arisia ’17 Conchair	Anna Bradley	conchair@arisia.org
Arisia ’17 Treasurer	Tom Traina	con-treasurer@arisia.org
Arisia ’18 Conchair	Jaime Garmendia	conchair@arisia.org
Arisia ’18 Treasurer	Ellie Younger	con-treasurer@arisia.org
Arisia ’19 Conchair	Daniel Eareckson	conchair@arisia.org
Arisia ’19 Treasurer	<i>TBD</i>	con-treasurer@arisia.org

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## Committees:

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*Committees remain as appointed until the new president appoints new committees.*

<b>Budget:</b> Benjamin Levy (chair), Rachel Kadel-Garcia, Alex Latzko, Tom Traina, Ellie Younger
<b>Corporate Inventory Control:</b> Rick Kovalcik (chair), Jaelen Hartwin, Angela Morley, Peter Olszowka
<b>Corporate Welcoming:</b> Daniel Eareckson (Chair), Anna Bradley, Rick Katze, Abby Noyce, Tom Traina.
<b>Grants:</b> Cody Mattes (chair), Anna Bradley, David D’Antonio, Rick Katze, Noel Rosenberg
<b>Honors:</b> Anna Bradley (chair), Fred Isaacs, Mike Sprague
<b>Hotel Search:</b> Kris “Nchanter” Snyder (chair), Joel Herda, Benjamin Levy, B. Diane Martin, Ellie Younger
<b>IT:</b> Peter Olszowka (chair), Rick Kovalcik, Benjamin Levy, Cody Mattes, Abby Noyce, Noel Rosenberg, Sharon Sbarsky
<b>Logo:</b> Conor Walsh (chair), Anna Bradley, David D’Antonio, Sharon Sbarsky
<b>Long Range Planning:</b> Conor Walsh (chair), Anna Bradley, Mink Rosequist
<b>Relaxacon:</b> Ellie Younger and Johnny Healey (chairs)
<b>Student Contests:</b> Kris Pelletier (chair), Jaelen Hartwin (Student Art Contest Chair), Terry Holt (Student Writing Contest Chair) Anna Bradley, Johnny Healey, Allison Holt, Fred Isaacs, Skip Morris, Abby Noyce, Mike Sprague, Carolyn VanEseltine, Conor Walsh

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**Storage Key List:**

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*If you need access to Arisia storage and do not have a key, email [keys@arisia.org](mailto:keys@arisia.org) and all key holders will receive your request.*

Key#	Holder
1	Landlord
2	Noel Rosenberg
3	Skip Morris
4	Craig McDonough
5	Dave Shevett
6	Phi Sheckman
7	Dan Noé
8	Mike Trachtenberg
9	*hobbit*
10	Rick Kovalcik
11	Crystal Huff
12	Persis Thorndike

Key#	Holder
13	Rachel Silber
14	Janet Stickle
15	Mike Sprague
16	Lia Olsborg
17	Anna Bradley
18	Peter Olszowka
19	Alex Latzko
20	David Shaw
21	Tom Traina
22	Sharon Sbarsky
23	Lucky
24	Pat Vandenberg

Key#	Holder
25	Kristin Seibert
26	Thumper
27	Benjamin Levy
28	Angela Morley
29	David Silber
30	Jaime Garmendia
31	Rick Katze
32	Landlord
33	Daniel Eareckson
34	Diane Martin
35	Lisa Hertel
36	Kim Van-Auken

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**Mentor Subscription Information:**

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*Subscription to Mentor of Arisia is included with Corporate Membership. 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	December	\$18	March	\$12	June	\$6
October	\$22	January	\$16	April	\$10	July	\$4
November	\$20	February	\$14	<b>May</b>	<b>\$8</b>	August	\$2

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**Calendar:**

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**Monday, May 15h, 7:30 PM:** Arisia Corporate Meeting – NESFA Clubhouse, Somerville, MA

**Sunday, June 18th, 2:00 PM:** Arisia Corporate Meeting – Westin Boston Waterfront Hotel, Boston, MA

**Sunday, June 25th, 2:00 PM:** Arisia Programming Brainstorm Meeting – Westin Boston Waterfront Hotel, Boston, MA

**Sunday, July 23rd, 2:00 PM:** Arisia Corporate Meeting, Cookout to Follow – Rick Kovalcik’s Home, Newton, MA