



Mentor

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About the Meeting

The next corporate meeting of Arisia, Inc. will be held on **Sunday, March 21 at 2pm via Zoom**. The link to the meeting and corresponding agenda will be distributed over the corp-announce email list in advance of the meeting.

The quorum for the March corporate meeting is **18**, based on 51% of the average attendance of the last three meetings $((34+40+34)/3 \times 0.51) =$.

Please submit proxies for the **March** corporate meeting in advance by email to corp-proxies@arisia.org (a mailing list which will be seen by all subscribed corporate members) and CC the proxy holder.

Corporate Meeting Summary

The meeting was conducted over Zoom and called to order on **Tuesday, February 23 at 7:04 PM** by Nicholas “Phi” Sheckman, President.

There were 34 members attending:

Vivian Abraham	Jodie Lawhorne	Cate Schneiderman
Wendee Abramo	Henry Leong	JB Segal
Julia Austein	Benjamin Levy	Kylie Selkirk
Priscilla Ballou	Ken London	Nicholas “Phi” Sheckman
Jan Dumas	Claudia Mastroianni	David Silber
Kelly Fabijanec	Elliott Mitchell	Mike Sprague
Jennifer Fitzsimmons-Gauger	Melissa “MPA: Perreira-Andrews	Maria Taranov
Jaime Garmendia	Karen Purcell	Ilene Tatroe
Lisa Hertel	Shannon Reilley	Mike Tatroe
Melissa Kaplan	Sharon Sbarsky	Dan Toland
Rick Kovalcik	Richard Schmeidler	Alan Wexelblat
	Rachel Tanenhaus	Michelle Wexelblat

Proxies:

1. Danny Miller to **Jan Dumas**
2. E J Barnes to **Jan Dumas**
3. Alex Morgan to **David Silber**

4. Michelle Wexelblat to **Alan Wexelblat**
5. Sandy Sutherland to **David Silber**
6. Anna Bradley to **Alan Wexelblat**
7. Gail Terman to **Vivian Abraham**
8. Regis Donovan to **Claudia Mastroianni**
9. Megan Lewis to **Benjamin Levy**
10. Lenore Jean Jones to **Sharon Sbarsky**
11. Allison Feldhusen to **JB Segal**
12. Daniel Abraham to **Vivian Abraham**
13. Jason Schneiderman to **Rachel Tanenhaus**
14. Alan Wexelblat to **Michelle Wexelblat**
15. Karen Purcell to **Claudia Mastroianni**

Thank you to our notetaker Julia Austein and our queue minder Jan Dumas!

Motion to accept December & January 2020 minutes (Mentor) passed.

In Memoriam, Cassandra Lease:

Cassandra Lease died on February 2, 2021.

Cass epitomized the spirit of the larger Arisia community bringing accountability to the corporation in November of 2018. She had never been a corporate member before, but stepped forward as a new member, as a spokesperson for the community within the corporation, and then as a board member, and others followed her. She helped facilitate a smooth transfer of power and put tremendous effort into the work Arisia faced over the following year. She was strong in her commitment to safety and diversity and skilled in her—and our—expression of that commitment.

As we grieve and move forward, may we honor her memory by working together, being brave enough to speak our minds and our truth, and continuing our efforts to make Arisia a safer, more diverse place.

A gofundme for funeral expenses has been set up at <https://www.gofundme.com/f/cassandra-lease-memorial>

Officer and Committee Reports

Eboard report:

As reported last month, we are in the process of applying for a \$3,000 Universal Participation grant from the Massachusetts Cultural Council. We have passed the first gate and the deadline for completing the second gate application is this Friday (February 26). There is enough grant money to fund most of the organizations that have gotten this far, so we are optimistic. There is also a \$10,000 “best of” grant which is much more of a long shot. We are also looking at other grants.

We have a proposal to upgrade the memory in the sixteen registration computers so they can run Windows 10 instead of Windows 7 without being vastly slower than before. We have not taken a formal vote on this but expect to approve an expense of between \$20 and \$25 each, or \$320 to \$400 total.

For some time we have been intending to open new bank accounts to resolve an ownership issue with the existing accounts. We have received a recommendation from the Anti-Racism Committee (ARC) to open the new accounts at OneUnited Bank, which is the only Black-owned bank in Massachusetts. We are awaiting additional information about the account types there to ensure they meet our needs before acting on this proposal.

President's report:

At etana's request, I am appointing Dan Franklin to the Anti-Racism Committee.

There is an Incident Report (IR) that the eBoard has voted on, but which we were unable to send to the Corporate list within the approved-upon time. This will be sent out prior to the March 2021 corporate meeting in order to be reported out.

Motion: Set the date of the May 2021 Corporate meeting to Sunday, May 16th at 2pm - *Passes*

Treasurer's report:

Dues to join Arisia today are \$14. If paid prior to the end of the meeting, today will count as your first meeting towards membership, so you will gain voting/proxy rights at the next meeting. There were no out-of-budget spending items in January, 2021 to report.

Arisia 2021:

The treasury books are not yet closed on the convention, however it is not expected to result in a surplus or revenue. We had fewer registrations overall compared to in-person convention years, but many of the virtual ticket holders paid the higher ticket price. We have not yet decided which organization to donate the \$1,000 fund to once the books close on Arisia 2021.

Arisia 2022:

Functioning as a team, the Arisia 2022 conchair includes Gail Terman and Jodie Lawhorne alongside Vivian Abraham. Divisions are being redrawn as Teams, and many have hit the ground running! We are trying to get an early start to reduce the amount of stress later. Positions will be posted as teams decide their layout. We are planning a meeting some time in March called, "It's not October, let's talk about Zambia." If you are interested in getting involved with that, please email [conchair](#).

The Town Hall occurred in February and while attendance was low, there were many useful things brought up. It did feel very community-oriented. There were requests to hold additional Town Halls and listening sessions. These would be separate from ConComms or Corporate meetings. Email [conchair](#) to give feedback if you were unable to attend.

Register: <https://2022.arisia.org/>

Anti-Racism Committee:

The ARC has been working on an official page for the Arisia Corporate website. We have collected books and training resources on the website and our GoodReads account. We also continue to invite additional people who would like to join the committee. Meetings are open to the public; email arc for more information.

IT Committee:

IT Committee received notices about various Google voice numbers being removed due to lack of use. There is a need to check each number and reinstate ones that are still being used for Corporate and Convention business.

Arisia now has an official Arisia Zoom account, and it is in use today!

Unfinished Business:

None.

New Business:

MOTION to move to committee of the whole *Passes*

MOTION to come out of the committee of the whole *Passes*

MOTION coming out of committee of the whole to make the following addition to the Code of Conduct: "Assistive devices (hearing aids, power chairs, etc.) must be considered an extension of their users' bodily autonomy with regard to touching, photographing, and other conduct. Service dogs, as defined by the ADA, are also an extension of their handlers and must not be touched, photographed, or otherwise impeded without permission of their handler."

MOTION to table *Passes*

Announcements:

- Nominations for Arisia 2023 Conchair are open! Contact president@ or eboard@
- Joco Cruise Virtual is free! Virtual cruise is from April 10th to 14th online!

See also: <https://corp.arisia.org/calendar>

Membership List

This membership list is as of 8:00PM on 4/14/2021. Please report any corrections to clerk@arisia.org. Names in italics are non-voting members.

Daniel R Abraham
Vivian Abraham
Wendee Abramo
Joseph Andelman
Julia Austein
Priscilla Ballou
E.J. Barnes

Sol Houser
Diana Hsu
Crystal Huff
Lenore Jean Jones
Rachel Kadel
Melissa Kaplan
Terry Karney

Mink Rosequist
A. Joseph Ross
Sharon Sbarsky
Richard Schmeidler
Cate Schneiderman
Jason Schneiderman
JB Segal

Fred Bauer	Rick Kovalcik	Seph
<i>Rob Bazemore</i>	Chris Lahey	Nicholas “Phi” Shectman
James Boggie	Alex Latzko	<i>Cris Shuldiner</i>
Bridget Boyle	Jodie Lawhorne	David Silber
Anna Bradley	Henry Leong	Rachel Silber
Jonathan Briendel	Benjamin Levy	Mike Sprague
Nicholas Brown	Megan Lewis	Mary Stock
Jacqui Bryant	Carol London	Sandy Sutherland
Brendon Chetwynd	Ken London	Rachel Tanenhaus
Kirsten Chetwynd	Glenn MacWilliams	Maria Taranov
<i>Brian Cooper</i>	Claudia Mastroianni	Ilene Tatroe
Heather Cougar	Will McMain	Mike Tatroe
Tom Coveney	Penelope Messier	Gail Terman
Elizabeth Crefin	Daniel Miller	Emily Tersoff
David D’Antonio	Elliot Mitchell	Persis Thorndike
Regis Donovan	Hope Moore	Dan Toland
Kaiden Drew	Alex Morgan	Dorothy Trachtenberg
Jan Dumas	Skip Morris	Ed Trachtenberg
Daniel Eareckson	Lia Olsborg	Melia B Vaden
etana	Kris Pelletier	Conor Walsh
Kelly Fabijanic	Melissa “MPA” Perrier-Andrews	Tanya Washburn
Allison Feldhusen	Dr. Karen Purcell	Alan Wexelblat
Jennifer Fitzsimmons-Gauger	Danielle Reese	Michelle Wexelblat
Dan Franklin	Shannon Reilley	Nightwing Whitehead
Jamie Garmendia	Kim Riek	
Lisa Goldstein	Noel Rosenberg	
Erik H	Andy Rosequist	
Lisa Hertel	Shen C	

Executive Board - eboard@arisia.org

President	Nicholas “phi” Shectman	president@
Vice President	Mike Sprague	vice-president@
Treasurer	Kris Pelletier	treasurer@
Clerk	etana	clerk@
Members-At-Large	Claudia Mastroianni	at-large@
	Melissa Perreira-Andrews	
	Jodie Lawhorne	
Arisia '22 Con Chair	Vivian Abraham	conchair@
Arisia '22 Treasurer	Cate Schneiderman	con-treasurer@

Committees

Note: if your name appears on a committee and you no longer wish to be a part of that committee, please email clerk@arisia.org to resolve. Thank you!

Anti-Racism Committee - arc@ etana (chair), Vivian Abraham, Jan Dumas, Alan Wexelblat, Karen Purcell, Dan Franklin
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Budget - budget@: Kris Pelletier (chair), Kelly Fabijanic, Rachel Kadel, Alex Latzko, Benjamin Levy, Tom Traina, Ellie Younger
Corporate Communications - corpcomms@: etana(chair), Justin du Coeur, Lenore Jean Jones, Ilene Tatroe, Julia Austein
Corporate Inventory Control - cic@: Rick Kovalcik (chair), Lisa Hertel, Ben Levy, Skip Morris
Corporate Sales: Dan Toland
Digital Assets Management - dam@ (no chair), Anna Bradley, Sol Houser, Rachel Kadel, Jess Steytler, Alan Wexelblat
Fundraising - donations@: Matt Ringel (chair), Addie Abrams, Kris Pelletier, Nicholas “phi” Shectman, Rachel Silber
Grants - grantsrequest@: Rachel Silber (chair), Joseph Andelman, David D’Antonio, Ilene Tatroe
Hotel Search - hotelsearch@: Kris “Nchanter” Snyder (chair), Joel Herda, Benjamin Levy, Diane Martin, Andy Rosequist, Nicholas “phi” Shectman, Ellie Younger
Incident Review and Management - incidents@: Melissa Perreira-Andrews (chair), Vivian Abraham, Jaime Garmendia, Will McMain, Kris Pelletier, Kim Riek
IT - it@: Gail Terman (chair), Rick Kovalcik, Benjamin Levy, Sharon Sbarsky, Nicholas “phi” Shectman, Mike Tatroe, Alan Wexelblat
Long Range Planning - lrp@: (No chair), Anna Bradley, Heather Cougar
Mailing List Monitoring [no email]: Claudia Mastroianni and Rachel Tanenhaus
Postmaster - postmaster@: Sharon Sbarsky (chair), Rick Kovalcik, Benjamin Levy, Nicholas “phi” Shectman
Relaxacon - relaxacon@: Sol Houser and Rick Kovalcik (chairs)
Social [no email]: Sol Houser (chair), Jan Dumas, Melissa Kaplan, Kim Riek, Mike Sprague, Alan Wexelblat
Student Contests - student-contests@: Kris Pelletier (chair), Anna Bradley, Johnny Healey, Allison Holt, Terry Holt, Skip Morris, Abby Noyce, Mike Sharrow, Mike Sprague, Carolyn VanEseltine, Conor Walsh

Storage Keyholders - keys@arisia.org

Current keyholders are: Julia Austein, Fred Bauer, Lisa Hertel, Diana Hsu, Rick Kovalcik, Paul Kraus, Ben Levy, Skip Morris, Dan Noé, Kris Pelletier, Kristin Seibert, Nicholas “phi” Shectman, David Silber, Al *Hobbit* Walker, Ellie Younger

Subscription and Dues Information

Subscription to Mentor is included with corporate membership. Corporate membership runs from September 1st to August 31st and requires a dues payment of \$24. Dues are prorated on a monthly basis for members joining throughout the year. Requests for dues waivers may be submitted by email to the Executive Board at eboard@arisia.org.

September	\$24	December	\$18	March	\$12	June	\$6
October	\$22	January	\$16	April	\$10	July	\$4
November	\$20	February	\$14	May	\$8	August	\$2

Calendar

- **March Corporate Meeting:** Sunday, 21 March 2pm
- **April Corporate Meeting:** Thursday, 22 April 7pm
- **May Corporate Meeting:** Sunday, 16 May 2pm

Please also see <https://corp.arisia.org/calendar>.

Meeting adjourned at 9:23PM