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About the Meeting

The next corporate meeting of Arisia, Inc. will be held on Sunday, July 25 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 July corporate meeting is 16, based on 51% of the average attendance of the last three meetings $((33+32+29)/3 \times 0.51) = 15.98$).

Please submit proxies 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. Please send all proxies for the **July** corporate meeting to corp-proxies@arisia.org, and CC the proxy holder.

June Corporate Meeting Summary

The June corporate meeting was called to order on June 22 at 7:05 PM by Nicholas "phi" Sheckman, President, via Zoom. •The quorum for the June 2021 corporate meeting was 17, based on 51% of the average of the last three meetings. Thank you to Julia Austein and etana for note taking. Thank you to Jan Dumas for queue minding.

There were 33 members attending:

Wendee Abramo	Lisa Hertel	Sharon Sbarsky
Inanna Arthen	Rick Kovalcik	Richard Schmeidler
Julia Austein	Jodie Lawhorne	Cate Schneiderman
Priscilla Ballou	Megan Lewis	Kylie Selkirk
E.J. Barnes	Ken London	Nicholas "phi" Sheckman
Jan Dumas	Claudia Mastroianni	Mike Sprague
etana	Elliott Mitchell	Maria Taranov
Kelly Fabijanic	Alex Morgan	Ilene Tatroe
Jennifer Fitzsimmons-Gauger	Kris Pelletier	Mike Tatroe
Jaime Garmendia	Melissa "MPA" Perreira-Andrews	Dan Toland
	Karen Purcell	Alan Wexelblat
		Nightwing Whitehead

Proxies:

1. Jan Dumas* to **Nightwing Whitehead**
2. Anna Bradley to **Alan Wexelblat**
3. Michelle Wexelblat to **Alan Wexelblat**
4. Regis Donovan to **Claudia Mastroianni**
5. Persis Thorndike to **Rick Kovalcik**
6. Tanya Washburn to **Mike Sprague**
7. Rachel Tanenhaus to **Cate Schneiderman**
8. Daniel Miller to **E.J. Barnes**

*Jan Dumas returned 7:45pm

Corrections to the May 2021 Minutes:

MOTION to accept minutes PASSES

Officer and Committee Reports**Eboard report:**

The Eboard voted to appoint Priscilla B, Alan W, Melissa K to the IRMC. This also requires a corporate vote. In recent years Civet (the registration system) has moved to a pricing scheme where each spring we are billed \$1 per attendee at that January's con. This makes our assignment of the spring payment to the following convention no longer correct from a budgeting point of view and we voted to assign the 2020 and 2021 payments to their respective conventions. That leaves 2020 on the hook for two payments budget wise. The payments have been made, but we think it takes a corporate vote to retroactively authorize the spring 2019 payment as not an Arisia 2020 expense. The Arisia 2019 books are closed, and we don't want to open them. We will treat the spring 2019 Civet payment as a corporate expense.

In addition, the Eboard voted to approve 1 dues waiver and discussed the issue of meeting locations going forward. At this time and due to the bylaws change voted upon by the Corporation in 2020, meetings will remain remote until further notice.

MOTION to appoint Priscilla Ballou, Alan Wexelblat, and Melissa Kaplan **PASSED**

MOTION to make the Arisia 2019 Civet payment a corporate expense. Motion **PASSED**.

We are looking for an A'23 conchair! We are very interested in group proposals (conchair team) and have had some interest in people who might be part of a group. If you are interested, contact Phi or the Eboard.

Officer reports:**President Report**

The next meeting to set a date for is September, which defaults to 2pm on the third Sunday of the month, which is the 19th.

MOTION to set meeting for September to 2pm on the 19th on Zoom **PASSED**

Treasurer's report:

Dues to join at this meeting are \$6. I was unable to send the 2021-2022 corporate budget draft to the corporation within 12 days' notice. I will send it for July's corporate meeting. I request that Mike Sprague pay \$1375 rent for Arisia storage through July 2021.

MOTION to authorize paying the July rent of \$1375 in advance of the July corporate meeting. **PASSED**

COMMITTEE REPORT:

Anti-Racism Report

We met to discuss our project goals for 2021-2022. We are continuing to edit the good reads account of books for our members and others to read in order to address anti-racism. We welcome suggestions and conversation about that resource. We are also in the process of finding an external consultant to review the work we've done so far and the work we need to do. This consultant would be a paid person. Once we find a person who is a good fit and is willing then we will draft a request for permission. We have lost one committee member because Alan Wexelblat has joined the IRMC and has stepped down from Anti-Racism, we look forward to his good work there.

Arisia 2021:

Get your lingering expenses in, as A'21 is still open. In particular, the Civet bill is being paid per new policy, and the receipt for technology purchases for the artist guest of honor?

Arisia 2022

Nothing major is going on. We are working on filling positions. Onboarding is up and running and we are open to ideas and volunteers

Grant committee

Received a request for a grant from Medford Public Library. They are moving locations Sep. 2021 and are asking for grants to add Sci-fi/Fantasy content. Asking for \$5000: \$4500 for adding books and \$500 for dvds. They "would be happy to label items as purchased with Arisia Grant."

Title of project: All the Science Fiction and Fantasy at the Library

Summary of proposed project: In September 2021, the MPL will be moving into a new library building. We are asking for this grant to add lots of new and classic SF and Fantasy books to our adult collection. The new space is bigger and we will finally have a lot of room for our collections to grow. We ran out of shelf space in our old building, and as a result, the SF/Fantasy collections were limited. Instead of a mix of classic and new titles, we skewed towards new and mainstream. There was not room for classic titles or complete series or many titles from independent publishers. It was a popular collection rather than a comprehensive one.

In the new building there will be room for more- we will fill in the runs of series, stock older works of authors, purchase more diverse titles, and add classics. Our collection should be a place where users can sample what's new and read diverse voices, but also go back and read older titles that influenced the development of the genre. We want to have something for everyone. Plus all the Terry Pratchett in print.

We are asking for \$5000. While we do receive a materials allocation in funding from the city, those funds only cover new materials. This project to expand and update the collection will only be possible with grant funding. \$4500

would allow us to add between 300-400 titles to the book collection. The remaining \$500 would be used for the purchase of SF/Fantasy DVDs. Any smaller amount would also help with this project. We will be ordering new materials this summer so that when we open in October the shelves will be full of wonders. We would be delighted to put a bookplate in each title indicating that it was purchased with an ARISIA grant.

Project start date: Materials to be ordered in Summer 2021

Project end date: October 2021 (or when all items are received)

Number of individuals directly participating in/benefitting from this project: We average close to 200,000 visitors per year. We are members of the Minuteman Library Network and our items are loaned to the patrons of the forty member libraries.

Amount Requested: \$5000.00"

The Grant Committee **recommendation is that we grant them \$2500**. We will be sending a copy of this to the Corp list in order to have a vote on it at the July Corp meeting.

The idea was \$2,500 to this goal.

Incident Review and Management Committee report

MOTION temporarily appoint Dan Abraham until 10/1/2021 to organize all IRMC documents & create an organizational system, then train a member of the IRMC to continue to keep that system going. PASSED

MOTION to call the question and MOTION PASSES

IT Committee

Have been working on solving the email problem. Continue to implement the solution we came up with. Minor glitch in setting it up. If anyone sees any issues from Monday (the 21st of June) on then please let us know. We were using host gator to clean up dreamhost info that annoys gmail. Gmail was also complaining about too much from dreamhost but now we will have our own line that won't be over trafficked by others.

Old Business: None

New Business:

There is some interest in restarting the social committee. If you are, please contact eboard@arisia.org

Discussion of management of Arisia's digital content has come up. Once upon a time there was a digital asset management committee and that might be a way to solve that mess. If you have interest in being a part of the digital asset management committee please contact Alan Wexelblat.

Announcements:

- June Con Comm Meeting: Saturday, June 26 at 2pm via Zoom
- July Corporate Meeting: Sunday, July 25 at 2pm via Zoom
- August Corporate Meeting: Tuesday, August 17th at 7pm via Zoom
- September Corporate Meeting: Saturday, September 19 at 2pm via Zoom

- Albacon will be taking place Friday 9/17-Saturday 9/18 <insert link>
- Haverhill Artwalk 3-7pm 2nd Saturday of every month in building storage is in. Those who would like to be involved talk to Lisa Hertel
- Revere Sand Sculpting festival is the 1st weekend of August
- Room reservations for 2021 Worldcon in DC - discon3.org. Hugo voters packet is out, now is a good time to look at it
- There are positions for the con opening up over the year, if you are interested but don't see a position that fits get it touch at tas@arisia.org or go to <https://www.arisia.org/Volunteer>
- University of Massachusetts Science Fiction Society (USFS) has lost a space at UMass Amherst campus. There is somewhat of a letter writing project for this. Arisia came out of that and if you know any UMass Amherst folks they might appreciate support

Membership List

This membership list is as of 6:40 PM on 06/24/2021. Please report any corrections to clerk@arisia.org. Names in italics are non-voting members.

Daniel R. Abraham	Lisa Goldstein	Kim Riek
Vivian Abraham	Orlit Groeschler	Noel Rosenberg
Wendee Abramo	Erik H	Andy Rosequist
Joseph Andelman	Lisa Hertel	Mink Rosequist
Inanna Arthen	Sol Houser	<i>A. Joseph Ross</i>
Julia Austein	Crystal Huff	Joan Ruland Donnelly
Priscilla Ballou	Lenore Jean Jones	Sharon Sbarsky
E.J. Barnes	Rachel Kadel	Richard Schmeidler
Fred Bauer	Melissa Kaplan	Cate Schneiderman
<i>Rob Bazemore</i>	Terry Karney	Jason Schneiderman
Robert Berlet	Rick Kovalcik	JB Segal
James Boggie	Chris Lahey	Seph
Bridget Boyle	Alex Latzko	Nicholas "phi" Sheckman
Anna Bradley	Jodie Lawhorne	<i>Cris Shuldiner</i>
Jonathan Breindel	Henry Leong	David Silber
Nicholas Brown	Benjamin Levy	Rachel Silber
Marc Brunco	Megan Lewis	Mike Sprague
Shen C	Ken London	Mary Stock
Brendon Chetwynd	Glenn MacWilliams	Sandy Sutherland
Adama Cohn	Claudia Mastroianni	Rachel Tanenhaus
<i>Brian Cooper</i>	Will McMain	Maria Taranov
Heather Cougar	Penelope Messier	Ilene Tatroe
Tom Coveney	Daniel Miller	Mike Tatroe
Elizabeth Crefin	Elliott Mitchell	Gail Terman
David D'Antonio	Andromeda Mizuno	Emily Tersoff
Regis Donovan	Hope Moore	Persis Thorndike
Kaiden Drew	Alex Morgan	Dan Toland
Jan Dumas	Skip Morris	Dorothy Trachtenberg
Daniel Eareckson	Lia Olsborg	Ed Trachtenberg
etana	<i>Sheila Oranch</i>	Melia Vaden
Kelly Fabijanic	Kris Pelletier	Conor Walsh

Allison Feldhusen Jennifer Fitzsimmons-Gauger Dan Franklin Jaime Garmendia	Melissa "MPA" Perreira-Andrews Karen Purcell Danielle Reese Shannon Reilley	Tanya Washburn Alan Wexelblat Michelle Wexelblat Nightwing Whitehead
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Executive Board - eboard@

President	Nicholas "phi" Sheckman	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

Anti-Racism Committee - arc@: etana (chair), Vivian Abraham, Jan Dumas, Ken London, Karen Purcell, Nightwing Whitehead
Budget - budget@: Kris Pelletier (chair), Kelly Fabijanac, 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, Benjamin Levy, Skip Morris
Corporate Sales TBD
Digital Assets Management - dam@: (no chair), Anna Bradley, Rachel Kadel, Jess Steytler, Alan Wexelblat
Fundraising - donations@: Matt Ringel (chair), Addie Abrams, Kris Pelletier, Nicholas "phi" Sheckman, Rachel Silber
Grants - grantsrequest@: Mike Sprague (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" Sheckman, Ellie Younger
Incident Review and Management - incidents@: Jodie Lawhorne (chair), Melissa Perreira-Andrews, Vivian Abraham, Priscilla Ballou, Jaime

Garmendia, Melissa Kaplan, Will McMain, Kris Pelletier, Kim Riek, Alan Wexelbalt,
IT - it@: Gail Terman (chair), Rick Kovalcik, Benjamin Levy, Sharon Sbarsky, Nicholas “phi” Shectman, Mike Tatroe, Alan Wexelblat
Location Search [no email]: Gail Terman (chair), etana
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@: Rick Kovalcik (chair)
Social [no email]: (no 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 ebboard@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

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 PM.