



# Mentor

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*The January corporate meeting was called to order on January 16th at 1:05 pm by phi,  
President, via Zoom.*

## Attendance 41 + 3 proxies

Gail Terman  
Claudia Mastroianni  
Erik H  
Shen C  
Ilene Tatroe  
Kylie Selkirk  
EJ Barnes  
Alex Morgan  
Mike Tatroe  
Priscilla Ballou  
Eugene Heller  
Ken London  
Lisa Opus Goldstein  
Elliot Mitchell

Debbie Terman  
Vivian Abraham  
Nicholas Schectman  
Rachel Tanenhaus  
Nightwing Whitehead  
Joseph Andelman  
Inanna Arthen  
Henry Leong  
Sabina  
Rick Kovalcik  
Cate Schneiderman  
Paul Selkirk  
Mike Sprague  
Dennis D Duquette

Julia Austein  
Jodie Lawhorne  
Ruth Schoonover-Field  
Liz Zitzow  
James Boggie  
Hobbit  
etana  
Pacita Prasarn  
Bunny Industries  
Andy Rosequist  
Megan Lewis  
Sharon Sbarsky  
Erik Meyer-Curley

**Proxies:**

- Lisa Hertel to Kylie Selkirk accepted
- Lenore Jean Jones to Vivian Abraham accepted
- Danny Miller to E.J. Barnes accepted

**Corrections to the minutes:**

Moot as minutes have not yet gone out.

**Eboard report:**

We voted to make a late Arisia 2020 reimbursement for equipment damaged at con.

/phi: I updated the A23 code of conduct. Our policies allow us to make small changes to make new policies fit as long as we report what those changes are to the corporation. I changed capitalization and removed a parenthetical explaining that The Watch was what we called security. There is also a spot in the CoC where “The Watch” referred to the HQ location and not to the team, so I left the “Team” off of “Arisia Safety” there.

(Some discussion of what this means. New CoC is on the A’23 page and in the Reg system for next year memberships.)

We have gotten about \$3,000 in donations in the last two weeks to help defray our expenses. This is a good start and thank you to everyone who has contributed.

**Officer reports:****President’s Report**

Some of the grants we applied for are contingent on us actually running a con, including the one we’ve gotten so far. I am discussing with MCC how to address this. There are other programs that the money might be able to be reallocated to.

Nominations are open for Conchair for Arisia 2024 \*and\* for 2025. I have more leads than I did last month but still nothing to announce at this meeting. I will let the corporation know when we proceed to interviews.

### **Treasurer's Report**

- Dues of \$16 paid today before the end of this meeting will grant voting rights for the next corporate meeting. They can be paid by check or paypal at [corp.arisia.org/membership](http://corp.arisia.org/membership). If you would like to request a waiver for whatever reason, please send an email request to [eboard@](mailto:eboard@).

We have about \$80,000 in bank accounts or other cash equivalents, about \$40,000 in liabilities including memberships and vendor space sold, and about \$20,000 in upcoming expenses, mostly on rent. Arisia 2022 has unspent

### **Committee reports:**

#### **Arisia 2021:**

/phi: A few outstanding issues. We resolved some payment of large-ish ticket items and there isn't much outstanding. But we have not made a bottom line yet. /phi hopes the bottom line will not be necessary for constructing future conventions, since it was not in person and hopefully they will. MA Cultural Council will definitely want to hear from us regarding Card to Culture memberships, at least.

We probably made money, due in no small part to people voluntarily registering at the higher \$75 rate.

Cate: Nothing to add here, will send some data on to /phi.

#### **Arisia 2022 Convention:**

Vivian: Hi! We have no convention. Gail and hobbit and Opus were in great part responsible for the online gathering we do have, thank you.

Most of what we've been doing for the last couple of weeks were rounds of negotiations with the hotel (and thank you to \*everyone\* who participated in that), and then trying to unspend as much as we could from the budget, then working on rollovers to A'23. I believe all of those have happened in their proper categories.

We have spent some \$ we can't get back. \$450 on communications, \$500 on film, \$1500 on badge printer rentals (we did get to test that they work with our software), we have some non-shelf-stable supplies like hand sanitizer. I plan to donate those (to homeless shelters, etc. Suggestions welcome.)

A'22 would like to spend the following additional money (within our budget, but since we're not having a con): Gift baskets to GoHs, Westin staff, donations in GoHs names, Andrea offered to donate money to Arisia, so that will happen. :) These will probably be smaller than if we'd had a con. We'd like to offer refunds to the dealers who don't want to roll over their fees. We owe rent to the corp for storage. We have grant money we're not sure is ours, yet. We received those \$3000-ish in donations.

We could ask others to donate in the directions indicated by our GoHs.

Please fill out your pre-con timesheets, for con organizers to understand, and because they will count toward A'23 hours. If you want to not get a comp membership in return, there's a checkbox for that.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Cl-objwPJq9U3OtNOM1zuEDTOpik8jO3icgre9LoQQZg/edit#gid=0>

### **Arisia 2022 Treasury:**

**Cate:** Send reimbursement forms! If you spent any money on behalf of Arisia we want to pay you back. If you're thinking of just keeping the item and paying for it yourself, it is actually EASIER for us if we reimburse you and then you donate that same amount to Arisia via paypal. Talk to Cate if you have questions about this.

By February 5 would be REALLY AWESOME, because Cate is 8 months pregnant.

We will reimburse you!

 Arisia 2022 Expense Form

/phi: It is important to submit your expenses. We can cover them, especially thanks to staff who have made great efforts to minimize our expenses. We really want to record anything you are

donating to Arisia, for multiple reasons: it indicates community support, it lets us know what is going on in terms of what things cost, and it lets us know we don't have outstanding debts.

A'23: Memberships are for sale, but we covered that.

**CIC:**

Rick: With regard to storage, reminder that after Boskone Arisia will be getting the three new yellow sets of shelves, and in future white goes to NESFA, yellow goes to Arisia. Also, does anyone know what happened to the Brothers Art Show printer? It may be buried somewhere in Storage. Lisa can't make it today, but she has pointed out that storage is sort of a mess, and it would be good to get a handful of people there to organize, and maybe get rid of some items. Rick suggests Saturday March 5, a few weeks before Passover. Rick will mail SA and C to see if anyone has a problem with those dates. The project can continue on March 12 if needed.

Julia A: When last in storage in early January, she believes Art Show had two of the big printers and two smaller printers (one of which was a Brother, which we weren't going to use). Don't know if that helps.

Rick: Maybe we'll find it in March.

The other question is, have we done anything about renewing the lease?

/phi: We have tried and not heard back from the landlord. Also, they've been sending us invoices without the inflator mentioned in our original lease. The renewal for anyone actually paying rent doesn't seem to be a priority for her.

**IT:**

Gail: Our email system has had some problems that are very technically complicated and black hole-like. I would like us to switch to something someone else manages, like, Google Workspace. I know some people have reservations. I would be glad to entertain other free-to-nonprofits solutions. Since September is the \*wrong\* time for this, this time of year is better for looking at this. Please find Gail on Slack or other non-email methods.

Rick: I think the problems come from dreamhost, not Joel's server.

Gail: That may well be true.

Ilene: If we are moving to Google, does that mean that we as Arisia will have a central location for all our files? As opposed to being dispersed onto various members' Google drives?

Gail: It doesn't automatically mean that. I'd like it to mean that. It would be great to have some of the official accounts tied to gmail. But it won't inherently mean things aren't on people's own google drives. That would need to be by divisions and groups setting policies.

(Chat indicates some other cons are doing well with GSuite)

Rick: Arisia does have a GSuite. We could start creating folders under it and create one per convention, and could start that now.

Gail: The main thing blocking me, after \*time\* is who is an admin? Ben, maybe Gail, maybe Rick?

/phi: appointed Erik to the IT committee.

### **ARC:**

etana: we are actively seeking members: etana@arisia, or contact Vivian Abraham, Nightwing Whitehead, Jan Dumas, Ken London, other members. Or email [arc@arisia.org](mailto:arc@arisia.org)

### **Old Business:**

Motion: After consulting with eboard, pallet jack has been disposed of. Pallets really are the best way to move many things. Motion to spend up to \$600 for a new good quality pallet jack.

Rick prefers to leave this tabled until we know our finances better.

### **New Business:**

Date of April meeting

Tuesday April 12 at 7 pm? Moved and seconded.

Motion passes (not quite unanimously) 19-1.

**Announcements:**

- March meeting is: Sunday March 20 at 2 pm.
- Buy Arisia swag! Masks at [arisia.org/masks](https://arisia.org/masks)

Boskone: Feb 18-20, both virtual and onsite volunteers welcome; especially program ops and zoom hosts

Erik H: There's a year-round Arisia discord, join and have fun!

/phi: Anything anyone wants to ask or contribute before we adjourn?

Meeting was adjourned at 2:14 pm.