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About the Next Meeting

The next corporate meeting of Arisia, Inc. will be held on May 22 at 2:00 PM **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 April corporate meeting is 17, based on 51% of the average attendance of the last three meetings $((34+40+)/3 \times 0.51) = 16.32$).

Please send all proxies for the **May** corporate meeting in advance by email to corp-proxies@arisia.org, and CC the proxy holder.

The May corporate meeting was called to order on April 12th at 7:04pm by Nicholas "phi" Shectman, President, via Zoom.

The quorum for the April 2021 corporate meeting was 17, based on 51% of the average of the last three meetings (Jan: 41, Feb: 25, Mar:32). Thank you to ___ for notetaking. Thank you to ___ for queue minding.

Attendance:

Phi
Rick Kovalcik

Julia Austein
Claudia Mastroianni

Vivian Abraham
Jan Dumas

Lisa Hertel
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Alan Wexelblat
Michelle Wexelblat
Sharon Sbarsky
Megan
Ken London
Ilene Tatroe
Melissa Kaplan
Allison F

Rachel Tanenhaus
Jodie Lawhorne
Jennifer
Fitzsimmons-Gauger
Richard Schmeidler
Dan Toland
Joseph Andelman
Inanna Arthen
Elliot M
Nick Brown

Dr. Karen
Wendy Abramo
Mike Tatroe
James Boggie
Mike Sprague (via phone)
Henry Leong
Nightwing Whitehead

Proxies:

Alex Morgan to Vivian Abraham
EJ Barnes to Jan Dumas
Priscilla Ballou to Melissa Kaplan
Regis Donovan to Claudia Mastroianni
JB Segal to Allison Feldhusen

Agenda:

- Reports
- Election
- New Business: Bylaws amendment is discussed in this meeting and then automatically tabled to the May meeting.

Corrections to the minutes:

March minutes: approved 20-0
Still waiting on October, November, December. We do have the raw notes for these, but have not caught up with the backlog yet.

Eboard report:

We did not take any actions this month.

In particular, there is a grant in front of the Grant Committee which we did not consider, because we don't have a recent financial report and we wanted to make sure the membership had that before asking them to vote on grants.

Wex asks if people signing on electronically to co-sponsor a bylaws amendment is kosher. Claudia and phi both believe it is and nobody opposes.

Officer reports:

President's Report

I have been in touch with board members from Readercon, Firefly, and Wiscon on various topics. I'm looking forward to building relationships with these and other organizations and possibly collaborating on trainings or other topics.

I authorized a \$135 payment to ASCAP for the virtual Arisia 2021, which I believe did use music for some events. This is a lower number than usual because we were under 1500 people. It goes up if we pass 1500 and again at 3000. They understand that there was no event in 2022. We do not have an updated invoice yet, so this has not actually been paid.

The Chicago Worldcon is likely to want to borrow art show equipment from us. This would be a mix of equipment we use at Arisia and equipment from Lunacon that is in Haverhill but which we don't use. There will likely be prep work on this equipment, which I will be asking them to provide volunteers for.

I owe the anti-racism training an answer that I don't have yet on how we can spend our training grant money. I haven't forgotten.

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July meeting date (a weekend)

July 17 2:00 PM via Zoom (by a vote of 19 to 1)

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Treasurer's Report

- Dues of \$10 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.

If you would like to request a waiver for whatever reason, please send an email request to eboard@.arisia.org

Committee reports:

Anti-Racism: We're looking into trainings and funding, possibly as a joint venture with another group seeking training.

Arisia 2023 Convention: GoH stuff is in the works. Looking to fill in the org chart. In particular, anyone interested in liaising with the Boston Book Festival for Arisia should contact Jodie. We also still need a treasurer. Concom is scheduled for Wednesday, April 27, 7:30.

IRMC: We are again looking for new people! It would be wonderful if we could clear the backlog before next con. 3-5 hours/week per person is what is cited as the time commitment but any amount helps! Melissa Kaplan, Wex, Vivian A, and Jodie L. are all points of contact. In the last year the committee went through about 80% of the backlog. Let's see if we can do the rest!

Question: How would you characterize that last 20%? Wex w Vivian: we prioritized ones that 1) were a safety concern, 2) ones that included members of programming or staff, or 3) ones where we wanted to make permanent resolutions to earlier temporary or one-year actions.

What's left are stalled investigations and fairly minor incidents, and in some cases recusals will block progress.

IT Committee: No updates. Updates soon.

Election:

/phi calls for nominations.

Jan Dumas nominates herself.

At 7:42, we adjourn for 10 minutes so Neelix can take a bathroom break and so can anybody else who needs to. Some smoffing may have occurred regarding equipment in storage and union hotels.

Returning from break:

Lisa asks if Jan is overcommitted. Jan thinks she's just committed enough.

Claudia says Jan has been the one dealing with the Mentor backlog and has been wonderful there.

/phi calls again for any other nominations.

Voting in progress

Jan is elected Treasurer!

Congratulations. We will have a new special election for member at large next month.

New Business:

Wex: Proposes something regarding electronic signatures for bylaws. Claudia asks if this is what we want to do as opposed to accepting /phi's ruling that electronic signatures are kosher. There is discussion. We do a straw poll on whether /phi should deem the bylaws amendment submitted. The straw poll says yes and it is so deemed.

Wex: Puts forward a bylaws amendment to make co conchairs official. This has happened unofficially a couple times, but it would be good for the bylaws to match reality, and for everyone with conchair responsibility to have the conchair title. The proposed bylaws changes are numerous to make this change, because there are many places a conchair is referred to in the bylaws and so there are many linguistic changes necessary. The one change that is not purely linguistic is in response to Ben pointing out that a single definition could resolve many ambiguities (rather than having to flesh out details repeatedly throughout the bylaws). So the proposed change is to add one definition, and make many minor grammatical changes to suit.

Any questions?

Jodie: I think it's a good idea, but what if two people want to run with different ideas of how the con would run?

Wex: The team or individuals decide privately whether they are running as a team or not, and then the team or individual is appointed, and its internal workings are not really a corporate matter.

/phi agrees

Wex: The ability to remove a chair and to overrule a chair both exist. Now it would be the power to remove a member of the team and to overrule the decision of any member of the team. (This is a power of the eboard and then of the corporation at the next meeting.)

The motion is now tabled to the next meeting, when we can vote on it.

Announcements:

- BARCC walk team fundraising has been awesome. Come join the walking team. The walk is dog-friendly, and Ayanna Pressley will be there again.
- MCFI relaxacon May 13-15, see mail to staff-discuss (which will be resent to corp if needed)
- Comics in Color will be in Boston this year: April 23
- Upcoming corporate meetings May 22, June 16 7:00 PM - 9, July 17 2pm.
- NESFA picnic Aug 21 3pm at Lars Anderson Park in Brookline.
- Albacon has set a date for the convention September 16 - 18, 2022 Location to be decided soon

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.