



# Mentor

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## About the Next Meeting

The next corporate meeting of Arisia, Inc. will be held on July 17, at 2:00 PM **via Zoom**, using the link that has been distributed over the corp-announce list for previous meetings. The quorum for the July corporate meeting is **13**, based on 51% of the average attendance of the last three meetings (*Apr:33, May:26, June:16*)/3×0.51=12.75 ).

Please send all proxies for the **July** corporate meeting in advance by email to [corp-proxies@arisia.org](mailto:corp-proxies@arisia.org), and CC the proxy holder.

### Meeting minutes for Corp meeting June 16th, 7:00 PM

Attendees (16 members)

Vivian Abraham

E J Barnes

Priscilla Ballou

Jan Dumas

Rick Kovalcik

Mike Sprague

Nicholas "phi" Sheckman

Ilene Tatroe

Inanna Arthen

Ken London

Jodie Lawhorne

Sharon Sbarsky

Rachel Tanenhaus

Lisa Hertel

Mike Tatroe

Henry Leong

Proxies

Alex Morgan to Vivian Abraham - Yes

Nighting Whitehead to Jan Dumas - Yes

Danny Miller to E.J. Barnes -Yes

**Corrections to the minutes**, not quite yet. See Clerk's Report

**Meeting called to order at 7:10pm**

**Eboard reports**

We on-boarded Inanna. Welcome and thank you for joining us!

We met and mostly talked about things the convention needs.

As I mentioned in email, we finally heard back from the landlord and expect to sign a lease through January 2024. But the landlord has not actually gotten us the paperwork for this yet. This means we can have a corporate vote after all instead of having the eboard act on the corporation's behalf.

MOVED to renew the storage lease at \$1435 per month through January 2024.

Discussed if we downsize it will take at least two years for us to downsize our storage.

Took a vote to approve the contract for new lease - motion passed unanimously

Jan asked if it would be easier to have someone talk to the landlord, Phi said they preferred to do all communications via email to create a paper trail.

**President's Report**

MOVED to set the September annual meeting to 2pm Sunday September 18 via Zoom. This is really the only option given the holiday schedule, so apologies to Albacon for meeting during their weekend.

Suggested that we do an evening meeting on Sunday after the Albacon teardown. Should we start at 6 PM or 7 PM? Phi put to a vote 10 voted for 6 PM 4 people voted for 2 PM 5 people voted for 7 PM

Official voting for 6PM on Sunday Sept 18 unanimously

No questions for President

### **Vice President's Report**

None

### **Treasurer's Report**

Phi and Jan went to OneUnited Bank on Tuesday and were able to reactivate the inactive account. We were told that to add new signatures we would have to remove people because there is a limit to the number of people allowed as signatories. The current list of signatures is Phi, Kelly, Kris, and Cate. I (Jan) need to be added to that list. People who wish to be taken off this account only have to go to the bank and request removal. This must be done in person.

The check we received from the City of Boston was deposited in the OneUnited Bank account. Checks for the OneUnited Bank account have been ordered, they have not arrived. It is not a concern, because we do not yet have a need for them yet.

Plans are being made for future trips to OneUnited Bank to complete the transfer to the new Treasurer.

Plans are being made to transfer all funds currently at Bank of America to OneUnited Bank.

Questions for Treasurer

Rachel suggests we try to work something out with Cate. Vivian suggested we push back with the bank. Rachel will coordinate. Vivian will call the bank and suggest other methods. Phi: the bank will tell you a different thing depending on who you talk to. We could go back and see if we can get better deals. In the past just coming in full on attorney works, a notarized document might work better than getting people to come in person. Vivian and Phi will look into that. Jan is available if anyone wants to go in person.

We will also need a Convention Treasurer.

## **Clerk's Report**

Mentors have been completed, I (Jan) needs one person or persons to review the documents, then one person to send to email list and another person to release the documents

Phi: this can be anyone on the communication committee not just someone on the eboard

Priscilla Ballou offered her services to review the Mentors, and has been voted to join the corp communication committee by unanimous decision

## **Member at Large Reports (if Needed)**

None.

## **Arisia 2023 Con Chair Report**

Jodie: just a couple things – working on staffing, meeting with the e board, reaching out to people for treasurer position, getting suggestions on people to reach out to. Trying all methods - This week doing direct emails to people to reach out. Has 16 people on a list to reach out.

Going to meet with Lisa next week. Wanted to remember what Vivian used for mass mailings to all Arisia attendees. Vivian remembered it was Mail Chimp that allowed us to send emails to people who agree that they want to get emails from us. Must send out all the information you want for the month.

Sharon: Because you are sending out this request to so many people, are you telling them other people are getting this request, are you letting them know that other people are also being offered this position.

Vivian: I don't think we have a problem with this level of staff we have now. I am sure with the number of staffing we have now if the position has been filled other positions will be available.

Sharon: Say "I am really interested in you volunteering for this position."

Vivian: Just say "we have a ton of positions available. I was thinking of you maybe for this post."

Jodie: I can do that.

Jodie: So I have been monitoring the discussions concerning social media and passwords, That is going to be on my list of things to focus on so that once I finish getting these letters out that will be my next task.

I had thought it was going to be in September but now Sept is a bad month, you will see options on an outdoor meeting. Not so much an outdoor meeting as an outdoor meetup. Willing to do a

gathering. That will be coming out, I have to ask a couple of people budget wise where is that going to play.

Vivian: The corp can pay for that.

Phi: If meeting space costs up to 50 dollars we can just do.

Mike S has a job description he will be posting on Monday morning. Jan can make job postings for other openings unless Jodie wants me to hold off. Jodie: Do it,

Phi: We have Mail Chimp credits that end in July.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Anti Racism Committee**

Phi joined us and told us we have training money! Money that we have to use by the end of the month or it goes away! So we discussed upcoming anti racism training. Sadly Jan's favorite group is full for the next session.

We discussed having a group to attend the local in-person "White People Challenging Racism" which has 7 spots still open. Dr Karen mentioned a training she wanted to take in her area as well. As a reminder our meetings are always listed on the Arisia calendar and are open to any member of the corporation. Our recommended book list is available on goodreads where we are listed as [arc@arisia.org](mailto:arc@arisia.org) .

### **CIC**

Last year we said that the convention mask policy goes to all Arisia spaces and that included Arisia storage.

### **Old Business**

None.

Meeting called to a close at 7:50 PM

### **Announcements**

Concomm meeting June 28 (Tuesday) 7:30pm

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