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About the Next Meeting

The next corporate meeting of Arisia, Inc. will be held on March 25, at 7:00 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 March corporate meeting is 16, based on 51% of the average attendance of the last three meetings $((34+40+25)/3 \times 0.51) = 16.32$).

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

Attendance at February 23 meeting

Jan Dumas
Nightwing Whitehead
Jason Schneideran
Phi Schectman
Rick Kovalcik
Ilene Tatroe
Joseph Andelman
Priscilla Ballou

Elliott Mitchell
Etana
Richard Schmeiderman
Mike Sprague
Wendy Abramo
Allison Felman
JB Segal
E.J. Barnes

Rebecca Brumberger
Ken London
Sharon Sbarsky
Dan Tolland
Kelly Fabijanac
Henry Leong

Proxy List

Regis Donovan to Claudia Mastroianni accepted
Melissa Kaplan to Ilene Tatroe accepted

Meeting called to order at 7:03 PM

Meeting minutes accepted - Mentor for October 2022 and November 2022

Motion to accept meeting minutes through November meeting Motion passes

Executive Board Reports

Phi (President) speaking unless otherwise noted

- We opened nominations for Convention Chair of Arisia 2025. If interested in being Con Chair or you think you might be interested and want to chat to prior to Con Chairs about the position, please email eboard@arisia.org
- We have some incident reports (IR s) that will not be published in Mentor.
- We've heard a rumor that where Arisia storage is located will be sold to a non-profit. We have concerns about a possible rent increase; we do not know what will happen at this time.. We've heard Historic New England may be buying the building and there may be some benefits to a non-profit renting to another non-profit
- Big exciting news! We got a big grant from the Massachusetts Cultural Council. \$16,000 of non-restricted funds, for a total of \$25,250 in grants so far including money passed to us from Discon III, the 79th World Science Fiction Convention (Worldcon).
- There is an outstanding grant heard we've been informed we're getting priority for but have not heard anything about the current status of said grant.
- We have paperwork we were behind on but caught up on. Specifically the paperwork is Form PC but it is currently filed. I filed back in November 2022 and they have no issues with us. Form PC is filed annually by all nonprofit charitable organizations conducting business in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The Form PC is what grants us permission to submit for grants and waivers. We existed for decades without using that but we have to apply for permission for grants from the state. We have some other state filings that are in process.

Jan speaking unless otherwise noted

- I filled out the change of officer forms in 2022, I do not have the change of officers report for the 2021 elections

President's Report

Looking for volunteers to join the Hotel Search Committee. We have one year left on our contract with the Westin. We might want to talk to the Park Plaza, the Omni and others to hear back from the hotel and talk to them

The other thing I do from the President's Report is to set the date for the next meeting we are set through April.

Comments:

Elliott M: I just want to ask to discuss the possibility of being in person again, is that a good or bad idea.

Phi: this is a thing that we can change after the date we have designated Zoom as a location. We can change location, and we can decide to do it with less than 3 months notice. That said, I am not prepared to say where we would be.

Sharon: I see where on google calendar where April meeting is

Phi: Could be that someone was busy running con at the time.

Mike: What are the times for April meeting?

Phi: 7pm for May and I just asked for 2:00 pm for May any other discussion

MOVED To set the date of the May meeting to May, 21st at 2pm. Motion passed.

Illene: I want to thank phi for going above and beyond to get awesome grants

Phi: thanks for saying that

Vice President's Report

No report

Treasurer

Etana speaking unless otherwise noted

If you paid via PayPal and you don't see yourself reflected on our current membership list, email treasurer@arisia.org if you feel like you are unsure of your membership status. That was one thing. The other thing is we have money and we are super excited YAY!

Rick: Has the Eboard has made a decision with keeping the current charge machines for use or discarding them and going with pay by phone {Square Pay}.

Etana: We have not talked about Square but they are in favor of using it instead of the old charge machines. We have not had a vote yet.

Phi: Did Kelly want to chime in on this?

Rick The charge machines failed to access the internet at Arisia (2023). The Paypal goggles did not work. Had to go to Square

Phi: Speaking of square they have features that if credit cards had the

Kelly: I would love to get rid of the charge machines

Etana: Those of us who work Reg, there is no charge needed we can all use them and people can use their phones I called them the tap tap, those little swipe machines

Phi: getting a non profit discount from square using...

Nick: speaking for art show easier to take allows more payment options. I believe the sale in question was Apple pay. 2 thumbs up for keeping taps

Rick: Discon 3 bought things that don't use phone and they are in Phicon possession that could pass on to smof con could pass off to bosk could pass off to Arisia

Phi: Any other questions for the Treasurer?

Clerk

Have sent December and January Mentors to Eboard. Will be up to date soon.

Members at Large

No report

Committee Reports

Incident Review and Management (Incidents)

- 2 reports from A22 where people had to hear from people will continue
- 1 report from A20
- 2 reports from A23 not ready to report to group
- 4 A21 reports have been organized, have all information from email, and have confirmed with reporters
- 22 A23 reports including those from before and after 2023 con. In all but 2 cases have confirmed receipts from reporter

Announcements

Mike: People have been asking about the Arisia Socials. Arisia Socials have been handled by several people, most recently Team Arisia Services.

Socials are based around the idea of having outside con get together for volunteers, attendees, and anyone interested in Arisia. Key factors in locations for the Socials were"

* Keep it low cost or free

* Close to public transportation

* Accessible

We had several events including gaming days at Pandemonium Books in Cambridge and at the Armory in Somerville, a picnic on Boston Common, and at least one bowling night.

Currently, the Arisia Socials Committee is not active. If anyone is interested in reviving the Arisia Socials Committee or just has some neat ideas for future Arisia Socials please contact

the Arisia Eboard at eboard@arisia.org or start a thread in the #general channel on the Arisia Staff Slack.

Meeting ended at 8:00 PM

Subscription and Dues information

Membership runs from September 1st to August 31st (*) and costs \$24 for the year. Dues are pro-rated on a monthly basis for members joining throughout the year. Subscription to the Arisia, Inc. newsletter, *Mentor of Arisia*, is included with corporate membership.

New members must attend one meeting after joining to receive voting privileges at subsequent meetings.

Pay for the month in which the next corporate meeting will take place (per the [calendar](#)).

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

If you cannot afford to purchase a membership, you may reach out to the Executive Board at eboard@arisia.org and request a dues waiver.

You can pay in cash at a corporate meeting, mail a check for the appropriate amount to Arisia, or use the PayPal button below. (You do not need a PayPal account to use your debit or credit card with PayPal.)

Arisia's mailing address is:

Arisia, Inc.

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Calendar

Corporate Meeting

March 25, 2023 Saturday 7:00 PM via Zoom

April 27th, 2023 Thursday via Zoom

May 21, 2023 2:00PM via Zoom

Convention Meeting

Arisia 2023 Debrief Sunday February 25, 2023 3:00 PM via Zoom

Current Meetings and Events (as of 3/19/23)

Key ConComm, DH, Town Hall, Corps, ConChair Team and other cons we may want to attend or are attending.

- Sun 3/19 - 6:30 PM - ConComm
- Thur 3/23 - Sun 3/26: PAX East

- Sat 3/25 - 7:00 PM - Corp
- Sun 4/2 - 1:30 PM - Arisia Town Hall
- Sun 4/23 - 3:00 PM - ConComm
- Thur 4/27 - 7:00 PM - Corp
- Sat 4/29: Comics in Color
- Tues 5/9 - 7:30 PM - ConComm
- Sat 5/20 - LadiesCon (table)
- Sun 5/21 - 2:00 PM - Corp