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About the Next Meeting

The next corporate meeting of Arisia, Inc. will be held on June 13 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 May corporate meeting is 17, 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 **June** Corporate meeting in advance by email to corp-proxies@arisia.org, and CC the proxy holder.

Attendance

Jan Dumas
Nightwing Whitehead
Ilene Tatroe
Nicholas "phi" Sheckman
Mike Tatroe
Gail Terman
Rick Kovalcik
Elliott Mitchell

Priscilla Ballou
Ken London
Etana
Joseph Andelman
E.J. Barnes
Jason Schneiderman
Mike Sprague
Alex Morgan

Nick Brown
Sharon Sbarsky
Claudia Mastroianni
Rachel Tanenhaus
DJ Toland
Wendee Abramo

Proxy List

Melissa Kaplan to Nick Brown OK

Regis Donovan to Claudia Mastroianni OK

Meeting opened at 2:02 PM

Executive Board Reports

The EBoard approved Bill S. as Treasurer for Arisia 2024. This is the only position that the EBoard approves that also is required to be a Corporate member. Bill has until September to attend a Corporate meeting and get voting rights.

The EBoard also looked into insurance for Directors and Officers (D&O) and got a quote. Phi talked to other groups and found that they had paid more for their insurance. Our current insurance doesn't cover as much as we thought and does not have D&O coverage. EBoard members are interested in acquiring D&O coverage not only for their own individual benefit but because not having it might be a barrier to people running for EBoard. Our by-laws allow us to indemnify officers and phi will research whether that can be done by the EBoard or if it requires a Corporate vote.

The EBoard voted to loan out box fans to Readercon and CO2 monitors to Wiscon.

The date for the August meeting was set for August 24th at 7:00 PM.

President's Report

The next grant application deadline is coming later in the year. We have always gotten the festivals grant when we've applied for it, and we'll be applying again.

Vice President's Report

No report.

Treasurer's Report

No report.

Clerk's Report

The Clerk is again healthy and thanks everyone for their support. She is grateful to the person who took notes last month.

Members at Large

No Reports

Arisia 2024 Con Chairs' Report

All Division Heads and Treasurer have been appointed. The con is looking for Area Heads. Look at the org chart; it is up to date. If you want to return for a role and haven't talked to the relevant Div Head, reach out to them. The next ConCom meeting will be on Sunday. There will be no ConCom meeting in July; the following one will be on August 17th. We're ramping up planning for the in-person part of the con, but still planning some remote activities.

The con will still have mask and vax policies. Expect to wear masks and need to have been vaccinated.

We have been working harder on marketing. Several people including etana tabled at the Watch City Steampunk Festival in Waltham and gave out all the Arisia postcards they had. Yesterday, Vivian, Melissa, and Ilene went to LadiesCon in Somerville. Many attendees there said they used to go to Arisia. Quite a few had left due to having kids, not realizing we have child care at the con. One person thought we were an anime con. Arisia volunteers took many names of people who wanted further info on the con. One person said they used to be a vendor but stopped attending Arisia and left when the con got rid of Dealers' Row. Dealers' Row is not coming back because it means that people wind up alone in a room with a stranger and that has led to some pretty bad stuff. Dealer's Row is also hard to navigate for neuroatypical folks, people with vision impairments, and service dog handlers.

The Con Chairs will be proposing a bylaws change. At the moment, all senior Con staff must be Corporate members. The Con Chairs believe that it is beneficial for staff to be Corporate members, but that senior staff should not have to pay dues or request a dues waiver and having to do so may be a barrier to people volunteering as senior staff. The proposed bylaws change will exempt senior staff from paying Corporate dues from the time they are invited to be Division Heads or Con Chairs until the end of the convention, unless they choose to do so. This may help bring in new members and potential senior staff.

Further discussion occurred regarding issues around requesting dues waivers, classism and privilege, the value of Corporate membership, solidifying people's relationships with Arisia, lowering barriers to participation, and Arisia culture.

Melissa and Ilene will formally propose the bylaws change at the next Corporate meeting.

Committee Reports

IT Committee Report

A brief discussion of moving files to Google Drive occurred.

Announcements

Arisia 2024 Author Guest of Honor Ryka Aoki will be at Wiscon 2023.

The UMass Amherst Science Fiction Club has no place to store their book collection now that the university has gotten rid of club spaces. Some of the people who founded Arisia were members of that

club. Discussion of whether or not we could offer some of our storage space occurred. They may be looking for both storage and library space, which would require semi-public access. Also there is no good transportation between our storage space and UMass Amherst. Someone can reach out to them and find out what help they need and whether it's anything we can provide. We do store other groups' items, but it's not clear that our insurance covers that.

The link for SMOFcon is available on the Arisia website. There are a number of different rates for the con. People are encouraged to book their hotel rooms. Arisia may be giving SMOFcon scholarships. COVID policies regarding vaccination and masking have not yet been decided, but will probably be based on CDC recommendations and similar to Readercon's.

Meeting called at 3:18pm

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
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 on the form at <https://corp.arisia.org/membership>. (You do not need a PayPal account to use your debit or credit card with PayPal.)

Arisia's mailing address is:

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Calendar

Corporate Meeting

April 27th, 2023 at 7:00 PM

May, 21, 2023 at 2:00 PM

Convention Meeting

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

Upcoming Conventions

March 23 - 28, 2023 Pax East

April 7 -9 2023 Anime Boston

April 29, 2023 Boston Comics in Color

May 23, 2023 LadiesCon

Membership List

Viviam Abraham

Wendee Abramo

Joseph Andelanm

Priscilla Ballou

E.J. Barnes

Fred Bauer

Rob Bazemore

James Boggie

Bridget Boyle

Anna Bradley

Nicholas Brown

Chen C

Brendon Chetwynd	Terry Karney	Richard Schmeidler
Brian Cooper	Rick Kovalcik	Cate Schneiderman
Heather Cougar	Chris Lahen	Jason Schneiderman
Tom Coveney	Alex Latzko	JB Segal
David D'Antnoio	Henry Leong	Seph
Regis Donovan	Megan Lewis	Cris Shuldiner
Kaiden Drew	Ken London	David Silber
Jan Dumas	Glenn MacWilliams	Rachel Silber
Daniel Eareckson	Claudia Mastroianni	Mike Sprague
etana	Penelope Messier	Mary Stock
Kelly Fabijanac	Daniel Miller	Rachel Tanenhaus
Sabina Fecteau	Elliott Mitchell	Maria Taranov
Allison Feldhusen	Hope Moore	Ilene Tatroe
Jennifer Fitzsimmons-Gauger	Alex Morgan	Mike Tatroe
Dan Franklin	Skip Morris	Gail Terman
Jamie Garmendia	Lisa Olsborg	Emily Tersoff
Lisa Goldstein	Kris Pellietier	Persis Throndike
Erik H	Melissa "MPA" Perreira-Andrews	Dan Toland
Lisa Hertel	Danielle Reese	Dorothy Trachenberg
Sol Houser	Shannon Reilley	Melia Vaden
Crystal Huff	Noel Rosenberg	Alan Wexelblat
Lenore Jean Jones	A Joseph Ross	Michelle Wexelblat
Melissa Kaplan	Sharon Sbarsky	Nightwing Whitehead