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About the Next Meeting

The next corporate meeting of Arisia, Inc. will be held on July 23, 2023, 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 July corporate meeting is 16, based on 51% of the average attendance of the last three meetings $((16+22+25)/3 \times 0.51) = 11$).

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

Attendance

Nicholas "phi" Shectman
Rick Kovalcik
Jan Dumas
Jason Schneiderman
Sharon Sbarsky
Priscilla Ballou
Ilene Tatroe
D.J. Toland
Joseph Andelman

Rachel Silber
Elliott Morgan
Alex Morgan
Nightwing Whitehead
Allison Feldhusen
Claudia Mastroianni
Henry Leong
Mike Sprague
Ken London

Wendy Abramo
Nick Brown
Gail Terman
Richard Schmeidler
E.J. Barnes
Mike Tatroe
Rachel Tanenhaus

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm

Proxy List

Melissa Kaplan to Ilene Tatroe Yes
etana to Rachel Tanenhaus Yes
Vivian Abraham to Ilene Tatroe Yes
JB Segal to Allison Feldhusen Yes
Regis Donovan to Claudia Mastroianni Yes

Corrections to minutes - None

Executive Board's Reports

The EBoard voted to:

- approve a dues waiver
- loan the Corsi-Rosenthal boxes to Readercon
- approve Bill Sherman as the Con Treasurer for Arisia 2024

The EBoard also purchased insurance for Arisia's Directors and Officers.

President's Report

After some discussion, the Corporation voted to schedule the September Corporate meeting and elections for Sunday, September 17 at 7:35 pm.

Vice President's Report

None

Treasurer's Report

None

Clerk's Report

At the May meeting, the Clerk was asked for a list of key-holders to Arisia storage. She found a list from 2021 which contains 15 names, some of whom are no longer Corporate members. If you are a key-holder, please notify the Clerk.

The Clerk appreciates the continued concern for her health.

Member at Large Report

None

Arisia 2024 Con Chair Report

Arisia 2024 now has a Con Treasurer. Volunteers staffed Arisia tables at the Watch City Steampunk Festival and LadiesCon. Some folks signed up for memberships as a result

of this outreach. Folks hadn't known about us or didn't realize we were as family-friendly as we were. If you're going to relevant events, let Con leadership know and they can give you some Arisia postcards to disseminate.

The con has gotten out its first Progress Report and is now spinning up its COVID Advisory Committee. Con leadership is also discussing the remote aspects of the con. The plan is to bring back the Con Suite and other food, but the COVID Advisory Committee will provide guidance.

There will be no ConCom meeting in July, and the next meeting will be in August.

Committee Reports

Corporate Inventory Control Report

The building where Arisia storage is located is being sold to one of the other tenants, and our lease is up in February of 2024. The building is in the process of being handed over to the new landlord. We haven't heard any real updates lately, but the last time phi was there, the old landlord still had furniture for sale and didn't appear to be in a huge rush. The new landlord will find it easier to negotiate with us than with for-profit tenants, because they get to take our rent off of their taxes. We don't know how they'll value our space or how negotiations will go for our new lease yet.

IT Committee Report

The IT Committee is looking for new members, particularly someone with executive functioning. Nick Brown volunteered and was unanimously appointed to the IT Committee via voice vote.

New Business

The following bylaws change was proposed:

Current Bylaw - 6.8

6.8 All senior staff (e.g. the ConChair, Assistant ConChair(s), Treasurer, and Division Heads) must be General members of the Corporation. If the ConChair or Eboard wishes to appoint a member of the senior staff who is not already a General member, that person must immediately join the corporation and has until four (4) months before the convention for which they are appointed to achieve General membership status. The Executive Board may waive General membership requirement for a stated cause, if replacement within four (4) months of the convention becomes necessary.

Recommended Changes - 6.8

All senior staff (e.g. i.e., the ConChairs, Assistant ~~ConChairs~~ ConChair(s), Treasurer, and Division Heads) must be General members of the Corporation. If the ConChairs or Eboard wishes to appoint a member of the senior staff who is not already a General member, that person **immediately becomes a General member of the Corporation** ~~must immediately join the corporation~~ and has until four (4) months before the convention for which they are appointed to achieve General membership status.

Senior staff will not be required to pay dues during any years they are in a senior staff role, although they may voluntarily do so. This means that if a senior staff member's role crosses membership years, they are granted an unpaid membership for both years. Senior staff who are already members of the Corporation will not receive a refund if they are appointed as senior staff after they have paid their dues for that year. A year is defined as starting on the full dues payment date, and ending with the following full dues payment date, as determined by the Membership.

Should a senior staff member resign from their role prior to the convention, they still retain their membership until the start of the next membership year.

As General members of the Corporation, senior staff are granted voting rights at the end of the first meeting the member attends after joining, as stipulated in Article 1.1(a). The Executive Board may waive these General membership requirements for a stated cause, if replacement within four (4) months of the convention becomes necessary.

Sponsors:

Ilene Tatroe, phi Schectman, Dan Tolland, Gail Terman, Priscilla Ballou, Wendy Abramo, Claudia Mastroianni, Alex Morgan, Mike Sprague, Rachel Tanenhaus

The proposal was discussed and then tabled. Voting on this proposal will take place at the July Corporate meeting.

Announcements

Pax West will take place on September 1-4, 2023.

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 a 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:

Arisia, Inc.

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Calendar

Corporate Meeting

August 24, 2023, 7:00 PM

September 17, 2023, 7:35 PM Elections

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.

- July TBD A'24 DH Meeting
- Thursday, August 17, 2023, 7:30 PM A24 ComCom Meeting

- Sunday, September 10, 2023, 5:00 PM A24 Com Com Meeting

Upcoming Conventions

June 19, 2023, Juneteenth

July 14 - 16 2023 Readercon

July 20 - 23 2023 NASFic Pemmi-con

July 28 - 30 2023 Revere Sand Sculpting Festival

September 8 - 10, 2023 Albacon

September 29 - October 1, 2023, Capclave

October 13 - October 15, 2023, MCFI Relaxacon Dennisport

October 18 - October 22 World Science Fiction Convention in Chengdu, China

Membership List

Vivian Abraham

Wendee Abramo

Joseph Andelman

Priscilla Ballou

E.J. Barnes

Fred Bauer

Rob Bazemore

James Boggie

Bridget Boyle

Anna Bradley

Nicholas Brown

Chen C

Brendon Chetwynd

Brian Cooper

Heather Cougar

Tom Coveney

David D'Antnoio

Regis Donovan

Kaiden Drew

Jan Dumas

Daniel Eareckson

etana

Kelly Fabijanac

Sabina Fecteau

Allison Feldhusen

Jennifer Fitzsimmons-Gauger

Dan Franklin

Jamie Garmendia

Lisa Goldstein

Erik H

Sol Houser

Crystal Huff

Lenore Jean Jones

Melissa Kaplan

Terry Karney

Rick Kovalcik

Chris Lahen

Alex Latzko

Henry Leong

Megan Lewis

Ken London

Glenn MacWilliams

Claudia Mastroianni

Penelope Messier

Daniel Miller

Elliott Mitchell

Hope Moore

Alex Morgan

Lisa Olsborg

Kris Pelletier

Melissa "MPA" Perreira-Andrews

Danielle Reese

Shannon Reilley

A Joseph Ross

Kylie Selkirk

Sharon Sbarsky

Richard Schmeidler

Cate Schneiderman

Jason Schneiderman

JB Segal

Seph

Cris Shuldiner

David Silber

Rachel Silber

Mike Sprague

Mary Stock

Rachel Tanenhaus

Maria Taranov

Ilene Tatroe

Mike Tatroe

Gail Terman

Emily Tersoff

Persis Thorndike

Dan Toland

Dorothy Trachtenberg

Melia Vaden

Alan Wexelblat

Michelle Wexelblat

Nightwing Whitehead