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About the Meeting

The next corporate meeting of Arisia, Inc. will be held on **Thursday, December 21, 2023 at 7:30 pm ET 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 November corporate meeting is **14**, based on 51% of the average attendance of the last three meetings $((31+29+21)/3 \times 0.51) = 14$.

Please submit proxies in advance by email to corp-proxies@arisia.org (a mailing list which will be seen by some corporate members) and CC: the proxy holder.

November 12, 2023 Corporate Meeting Summary

The meeting was conducted over Zoom and called to order at **6:03 PM**. There were 26 members attending:

Wendy Abramo
Joseph Andelman
Julia Austein
Priscilla Ballou
E. J. Barnes
Nick Brown
Regis Donovan
Jan Dumas
etana
Allison Feldhusen
Melissa Kaplan
Rick Kovalcik
Henry Leong
Megan Lewis
Ken London

Claudia Mastroianni
Sharon Sbarsky
Jason Schneiderman
Kylie Selkirk
Nicholas “phi” Shechtman
Mike Sprague
Rachel Tanenhaus
Ilene Tatroe
Mike Tatroe
D.J. Toland
Edward Trachtenberg

Proxies:

JB Segal to Allison Feldhusen
Nightwing Whitehead to Jan Dumas
Cate Schneiderman to Jason Schneiderman
Priscilla Ballou to etana

Corrections to and approval of the May, June, July, and October 2023 Minutes:

The revised May 2023 minutes were approved with corrections unanimously via voice vote (15 for, 0 against).

The revised June 2023 minutes were approved with corrections unanimously via voice vote (16 for, 0 against).

The July 2023 minutes were approved with corrections unanimously via voice vote (16 for, 0 against).

The October 2023 minutes were approved with corrections unanimously via voice vote (16 for, 0 against).

EBoard Report:

The EBoard voted to spend \$100 for filters for the Corsi-Rosenthal boxes Arisia is loaning to SMOFcon. In addition, the EBoard voted to spend \$300 for ADA-compliant cord covers for the Tech Division that will last for many years. These covers will enable people with mobility devices to traverse cords that have been run across paths of travel at Arisia events.

President’s Report:

None

VPs Report:

None

Treasurer's Report:

The Corporation has signed a lease with our storage space. The new lease includes a slight increase in rent, which will get a bit larger in future years of the lease. The Corporation's Snow Fund will therefore increase, and this will be reflected in the next financial report.

Clerk's Report:

Rachel discussed the role of the Corporate Communications Committee. In the recent past, this committee has assisted the Clerk. As Clerk, Rachel mostly could use help with looking over draft minutes for errors and stylistic suggestions, and occasional note-taking at meetings. If committee members are interested in being called on to help with these things from time to time, that could be one purpose for the committee. Priscilla volunteered to help proofread minutes. Committee nominations can only be carried out by the Arisia President, who was not present, so this issue will be addressed at the December meeting.

A24 Con Comm Report:

Programming, Fast Track, Youth Services, Gaming, and Events are proceeding and are in Ilene's wheelhouse. Social media notices about the convention and related preparations have gone out regularly. Melissa is meeting with the hotel to discuss a new BEO system. The Con Chairs have signed contracts for sound equipment for Tech and radios for Safety, and are about to put in an order for masks for Safety. Guest of Honor travel arrangements have been made. The Con Chairs are requesting art for convention materials from the Artist Guest of Honor. Truck drivers have been identified for Logistics.

Committee Reports:

Anti-Racism Committee:

The committee's Chair indicated that the committee had disbanded in 2022, but other members of the committee responded that they had not known. Members agreed that no vote had been taken to disband the committee. Several members had quit the committee and meetings had suffered from scheduling and attendance issues. Upon reflection, the Chair stated that the committee had been inactive rather than disbanded, and no one else had been interested in joining. The Chair then resigned, but announced that the committee's reading list still exists on Goodreads. Also, the Chair had previously conducted a listening tour of Comics in Color on behalf of the committee, of which the Con Chairs had been unaware. The Con Chairs asked for notes from this tour. The Chair will send a committee report next week.

The Vice President, who was chairing the meeting, called for a ten-minute break.

Corporate Inventory Control:

Kylie Selkirk is interested in being on the Corporate Inventory Control (CIC) committee. This will be addressed at the December meeting, since only the President can nominate people to committees and the President is not in attendance.

Student Contests:

Megan is reaching out to Kris Pelletier for information on how to get the contests started up again.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

The Corporation voted to set the February corporate meeting date for **Tuesday, February 13, 2024 at 7:30 pm.**

Announcements:

- House of Toast has put out an announcement that they are raising awareness of an upcoming IndieGoGo campaign to raise money for their party at Arisia 2024.
- Melissa went to Panethnic Pourovers, an AAPI-owned cafe, to bring them the book Light From Uncommon Stars, by 2024 Author Guest of Honor Ryka Aoki, and leave some Arisia flyers. The cafe is lovely and people should go there, and Emily the owner wants more people from Arisia to come. There's manga in the basement! It is not wheelchair-accessible, but the owner is working on getting grants to fix that. They, like us, are into community and education and anti-racism.
- SMOFcon will take place December 1-3, Providence, RI. Arisia provides scholarships. There are some discount rates on the website, including for folks accompanying active attendees but just want to hang out, first-timers, retired SMOFs, etc. Accessible by commuter rail and Amtrak from South Station.

Meeting adjourned at 7:41 pm.

Calendar

Corporate Meetings

Thursday, December 21, 2023 at 7:30 pm

Sunday, January 14, 2024 at 1:00 pm

Tuesday, February 13, 2024 at 7:30 pm

Current Meetings and Events (as of 11/12/23)

- Fri 12/1-Sun 12/3 - Smofcon

Upcoming Conventions

December 1-3, 2023 - Smofcon

Please also see <https://corp.arisia.org/calendar>.

Corporate Financials

Date:	12/1/2 023		
Next Convention:	A24		
Assets:			
Bank accounts:		\$119,8 25.64	including Paypal
Vendor deposits:		\$308.1 5	ASCAP
Total assets:			\$120,1 33.79
Liabilities:			
Excess MCC funding:		\$2,522 .00	This is money, mostly for an in-person anti-racism training that got cancelled because of COVID, that we owe back to MCC because we didn't spend it in time.
Refundable Arisia 2024 income:			One of several different ways to say how much money belongs to the convention.
Registration:	\$27,42 5.00		
Art Show:	\$3,696 .00		
Dealers:	\$10,68 0.00		
Total refundable convention income:		\$41,80 1.00	
Reserved funds:			

Equipment fund:	\$0.00			we moved \$1,542.27 out of this fund in February 2020.
Grant fund:	\$0.00			
Snow fund:	\$50,67 4.64			Two years' expenses, not including Student Art and Student Writing contests.
Training fund:	\$1,022 .00			
Total reserved funds:		\$51,69 6.64		
Total liabilities:			\$96,01 9.64	
Net unrestricted funds:			\$24,11 4.15	Things like Student Contests and the SMOFcon scholarships come out of this

Membership List

This membership list is as of 7:00 PM on 10/20/2023. Please report any corrections to clerk@arisia.org. Names in italics are non-voting members.

Daniel R. Abraham	Noel Rosenberg	
Vivian Abraham	<i>A. Joseph Ross</i>	
Wendee Abramo	Sharon Sbarsky	
Joseph Andelman	Richard Schmeidler	
Inanna Arthen	Cate Schneiderman	
Julia Austein	Jason Schneiderman	
Priscilla Ballou	JB Segal	
E.J. Barnes	Kylie Selkirk	
Fred Bauer	Nicholas "phi" Sheckman	
<i>Rob Bazemore</i>	<i>Cris Shuldiner</i>	
Anna Bradley	Mike Sprague	
Nicholas Brown	Mary Stock	
Rebecca Brumberger	Rachel Tanenhaus	
Adam Burdick	Ilene Tatroe	
Brendon Chetwynd	Mike Tatroe	

<i>Brian Cooper</i>	Gail Terman	
Regis Donovan	DJ Toland	
Jan Dumas	Melia Vaden	
etana	Wendy Verschoor	
Kelly Fabijanic	Alan Wexelblat	
Sabina Fecteau	Michelle Wexelblat	
Allison Feldhusen	Nightwing Whitehead	
Adrian Gunn	Glen Williams	
Lenore Jones		
Melissa Kaplan		
Rick Kovalcik		
Sue Kramer		
Henry Leong		
Megan Lewis		
Ken London		
Claudia Mastroianni		
Dale Meyer-Curley		
Erik Meyer-Curley		
Elliott Mitchell		
Hope Moore		
Skip Morris		
Lia Olsborg		
Danielle Reese		
Phoebe Roberts		

Executive Board - eboard@

President	Vivian Abraham	president@
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Vice President	Mike Sprague	vice-president@
Treasurer	Nicholas "phi" Shectman	treasurer@
Clerk	Rachel Tanenhaus	clerk@
Members-At-Large	Julia Austein	at-large@
	etana	
	Claudia Mastroianni	
Arisia '24 Con Chairs	Melissa Kaplan and Ilene Tatroe	conchair@
Arisia '24 Treasurer	Bill Sherman	con-treasurer@

Committee Membership

<p>Anti-Racism Committee (arc@) (No chair), Vivian Abraham, etana, Dan Franklin, Ken London, Nightwing Whitehead</p>
<p>Budget (budget@) Nicholas "phi" Shectman (chair), Kelly Fabijanic, Rachel Kadel, Alex Latzko, Benjamin Levy, Tom Traina, Ellie Younger</p>
<p>Corporate Communications (corpcomms@) Claudia Mastroianni (chair), Justin du Coeur, Lenore Jean Jones, Ilene Tatroe, Julia Austein</p>
<p>Corporate Inventory Control (cic@): Rick Kovalcik (chair), Benjamin Levy, Skip Morris</p>
<p>Fundraising - donations@: Nicholas "phi" Shectman (chair), Addie Abrams, Kris Pelletier, Julia Austein, Matt Ringel, Rachel Silber</p>
<p>Grants (grantsrequest): Mike Sprague (chair), Joseph Andelman, David D'Antonio</p>
<p>Hotel Search (hotelsearch): Vivian (chair), Benjamin Levy, Nicholas "phi" Shectman</p>
<p>Incident Response Management Committee (IRMC) (incidents@): Vivian Abraham (chair), Claudia Mastroianni, etana, Delenn Brumberger Nightwing Whitehead, (advisory members: Jaime Garmendia, Melissa Kaplan, Kris Pelletier)</p>
<p>IT (it@): Gail Terman (chair), Rick Kovalcik, Benjamin Levy, Nick Brown, Sharon Sbarsky, Nicholas "phi" Shectman, Mike Tatroe</p>
<p>Location Search (no email address): Gail Terman (chair), etana, Sol Houser</p>
<p>Long Range Planning (lrp@): (No chair), Anna Bradley, Heather Cougar</p>
<p>Mailing List Monitoring (monitor@): Claudia Mastroianni and Rachel Tanenhaus</p>
<p>Postmaster (postmaster@): Sharon Sbarsky (chair), Rick Kovalcik, Benjamin Levy, Nicholas "phi" Shectman, Mike Tatroe (advisory member)</p>
<p>Social (social@): (chair), Jan Dumas, Melissa Kaplan, Kim Riek, Mike Sprague, Alan Wexelblat</p>

Student Contests (student-contests@):

Megan Lewis (chair) Anna Bradley, Johnny Healey, Allison Holt, Terry Holt, Skip Morris, Abby Noyce, Kris Pelletier, Mike Sprague, Carolyn VanEselstine, Conor Walsh

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 ebboard@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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