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About the Meeting

The next corporate meeting of Arisia, Inc. will be held on **Sunday, March 24, 2024 at 2:00 pm ET on Zoom**. The corresponding agenda will be distributed over the corp-announce email list in advance of the meeting.

The quorum for the February corporate meeting is **13**, based on 51% of the average attendance of the last three meetings $((26+21+27)/3 \times 0.51) = 13$.

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.

February 13, 2024 Corporate Meeting Summary

The meeting was conducted over Zoom and called to order at **7:31 PM**. There were 30 members attending:

Daniel Abraham
Vivian Abraham
Wendee Abramo
Joseph Andelman
Julia Austein
Priscilla Ballou
E.J. Barnes
Andrew Brockert
Delenn Brumberger
Rebecca Brumberger
Skyler Crossman
Jan Dumas
Sabina Fecteau
Allison Feldhusen
Rick Kovalcik

Henry Leong
Ken London
Elliott M.
Claudia Mastroianni
Dale Meyer-Curley
Erik Meyer-Curley
Sharon Sbarsky
Jason Schneiderman
Kylie Selkirk
Mike Sprague
Rachel Tanenhaus
Ilene Tatroe
D.J. Toland
Wendy Verschoor
Nightwing Whitehead

Proxies:

- etana to Rachel Tanenhaus (accepted)
- JB Segal to Allison Feldhusen (accepted)

Corrections to and approval of the January 2024 Minutes:

A motion was made to amend January minutes to indicate that the February meeting would take place over Zoom, which was not what was written in the draft, and to correct the date of the membership list.

The January minutes were approved unanimously as amended via a show of hands.

EBoard Report:

None.

President's Report:

Vivian discussed a plan for a ConChair team for Arisia '25. Vivian has talked to a bunch of people who are interested in being on the ConCom for Arisia 2025, which is a Corporate committee. Committees can have long- or short-term purposes. This committee will figure out who among them will be on the ConChair team, and those people will be interviewed by the EBoard. The EBoard will then make a recommendation to the Corporation, and the Corporation will vote on the recommendation. The ConComm Committee is nominated by Vivian to be:

Julia Austein
Dale Meyer-Curley
Wendee Abramo
Daniel Abraham
etana

The Corporation voted unanimously by a show of hands to approve these nominations.

VPs Report:

None.

Treasurer's Report:

phi was unable to attend the meeting, but sent the following report:

Arisia 2024 looks like it will just about break even after making its payment to corporate for rent and such. I have recorded \$115,859.00 in income and \$102,397.11 in expenses including that payment. Excluding budget lines where I know the expenses are complete, there is \$16,103.37 of remaining budget. This includes some payments that have been made but not yet cleared, some expenses that I know have been made but not reimbursed, some expected expenses (like our registration system license fee) that have not been made but whose amounts are reasonably well known, and some lines where I don't know what expenses are outstanding so all I have to go on is the amount that was originally budgeted. I expect some of that last category will be under budget or not have any additional expenses. Whether Arisia 2024 makes or loses money will depend mostly on how many of those there are.

Members then stated on the record that phi is fantastic. phi's hard work on getting grants is what made the difference for this year's Arisia budget.

Clerk's Report:

None.

A24 Con Comm Report:

The Arisia 2024 debrief will be on Sunday, February 18, 2024 at 1:00 pm for staff. Thanks to everyone who made the con possible!

A25 Con Comm Report:

Dale introduced herself as a member of the newly-approved Arisia 2025 ConCom and welcomed feedback and input.

Committee Reports:

Corporate Communications:

(Member: Rachel)

We need to indicate on the web page that Rachel is in charge of this committee, not Claudia.

Corporate Inventory Control:

(Members: Rick, Ben, Skip)

Things were sent out to and returned from Boskone. One of our CRT TVs was dropped and broken on the way to/from Arisia. Rick would like a \$25 allocation to dispose of it through City of Newton Recycling. Vivian approved this.

Hotel Search Committee:

(Members: Vivian, phi, Ben)

We are reviewing draft contracts from multiple hotels for MLK Weekend. The Westin has offered us the weekend before MLK Weekend, which would be right in the middle of a COVID spike. We do not have a contract offer from the Westin.

IRMC:

(Members: Vivian, Claudia, etana, Delenn, Nightwing)

IRMC has no report because the IRT reports from Arisia 2024 have not yet been transferred to the IRMC. This should happen by the March meeting.

IT:

(Members: Gail, Rick, Sharon, Nick, Ben, phi, Mike T.)

Vivian asked if the EBoard can help support the IT Committee in switching over to Google Suite. We should also organize e-mail aliases.

Student Contests:

This committee needs members.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

Sabina suggested that students could submit work to Masquerade, Art Show, and other creative endeavors at Arisia, and invite colleges to view student work as part of their portfolio submissions. The membership concluded that is an idea that should probably wait to be submitted to a ConChair team, but can definitely be brought up once we have one. Jan also suggested that we could invite editors and publishers to view written work. Ilene said that colleges may not show up, except possibly local ones. Arisia does have student writing and art contests, but hasn't lately had the people power to make them happen. Members suggested that before expanding beyond those, Arisia should revive them in the first place. These contests did involve professionals. Rick suggested that folks without other convention responsibilities are usually the people most likely to be able to run these contests. Delenn noted that to bring younger people in we need targeted outreach to high schools, promotion via YouTube, and other relevant social media, and to promote our comp system.

The Corporation voted unanimously via a show of hands to set the May corporate meeting date for **Sunday, May 19, 2024 at 1:00 pm.**

Announcements:

The Arisia 2024 staff debrief will take place over Zoom on Sunday, February 18, 2024 at 1:00 pm.

The Boston Science Fiction Film Festival will run from February 14-25. More information is available at www.bostonscifi.com/festival.

House of Toast says thanks to everyone and is excited for next year.

Debrief notes from Division Heads (DHs) and Area Heads (AHs) can be submitted through Google Forms this year. If you are a DH or AH and didn't get the link, send e-mail to debrief@arisia.org and it will be sent to you.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Calendar

Corporate Meetings

- Sunday, March 24, 2024 at 2:00 pm
- Tuesday, April 16, 2024 at 7:30 pm
- Sunday, May 19, 2024 at 1:00 pm

Other Meetings and Events

- Staff debrief - Sunday, February 18, 2024 at 1:00 pm over Zoom

Upcoming Conventions

- Readercon - July 11-14, 2024, Boston Quincy Marriott, Quincy, MA

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

Corporate Financials

Date:	2/13/2024		
Assets:			

Bank accounts:		\$117,222.07	
Vendor deposits:		\$664.55	
Total assets:			\$117,886.62
Liabilities:			
Excess MCC funding:		\$2,522.00	
Artist payments:		\$30,624.00	
Unspent Arisia 2024 budget:		\$16,103.37	
Arisia 2025 income:		\$4,390.00	
Reserved funds:			
Equipment fund:	\$0.00		
Grant fund:	\$0.00		
Snow fund:	\$50,674.64		
Training fund:	\$1,022.00		
Total reserved funds:		\$51,696.64	
Total liabilities:			\$105,336.01
Net unrestricted funds:			\$12,550.61

At the corporate meeting at 2 pm on March 24, we will be voting on a FY23-24 corporate budget and a FY24-45 corporate budget.

The FY23-24 fiscal year is more than half over and there is not really an opportunity to increase our income numbers. The proposed budget numbers are items we would spend if no budget were passed.

The FY24-25 budget returns to our best practice of predicting what our basic recurring income and expenses will be excluding SMOFcon scholarships and student contests, and setting a convention payment so that the budget covers those expenses. Scholarships and student contests have then been funded from convention surpluses, which on average have been more than enough to cover this. Arisia 2024 is not likely to have \$4,000 in surplus, but Arisia 2023 had a large surplus and enough remains of that money to cover scholarships to SMOFcon 41 and the Arisia 2025 student contests.

		Year to date	FY23-24 Budget	FY24-25 Budget
Income:				
	Dues	\$1,258.00	\$1,258.00	\$1,200.00
	Donations	\$331.91	\$350.00	\$350.00
	Credit Card Cash Back	\$53.28	\$75.00	\$100.00

		Year to date	FY23-24 Budget	FY24-25 Budget
Income:				
	Interest Income	\$6.81	\$10.00	\$20.00
	Convention Payment	\$19,000.00	\$19,000.00	\$24,000.00
Total Income		\$20,650.00	\$20,693.00	\$25,670.00
Expenses:				
	Bank Fees	\$85.00	\$145.00	\$145.00
	Paypal Fees	\$53.60	\$55.00	\$55.00
	Filing Fees	\$53.50	\$53.50	\$53.50
	Mailbox	\$356.40	\$356.40	\$356.40
	Storage Rent	\$11,016.00	\$17,652.00	\$20,300.00
	Liability Insurance	\$1,123.36	\$1,123.36	\$1,200.00
	D&O Insurance	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,050.00
	Elections	\$90.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
	Zoom Account	\$79.75	\$79.75	\$79.75
	Website & IT	\$1,453.85	\$2,356.50	\$2,048.52
	Student Contests	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00
	SMOFcon Scholarships	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Total Expenses		\$14,311.46	\$22,921.51	\$29,388.17
Net Surplus/(Deficit)		\$6,338.54	-\$2,228.51	-\$3,718.17

Membership List

This membership list is as of 11:00 PM on 1/24/2024. 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” Shectman	
<i>Rob Bazemore</i>	<i>Cris Shuldiner</i>	
Anna Bradley	Mike Sprague	
Andrew Brockert		
Nicholas Brown	Mary Stock	
Rebecca Brumberger	Rachel Tanenhaus	
Adam Burdick	Ilene Tatroe	
Brendon Chetwynd	Mike Tatroe	
<i>Brian Cooper</i>	Gail Terman	
Skyler Crossman		
Regis Donovan	DJ Toland	
Jan Dumas	Melia Vaden	
Daniel Eareckson		
etana	Wendy Verschoor	
Kelly Fabijanic	Alan Wexelblat	
Sabina Fecteau	Michelle Wexelblat	
Allison Feldhusen	Nightwing Whitehead	
Jaime Garmendia		
Adrian Gunn	Glen Williams	
Joel Herda		
Lenore Jones		
Melissa Kaplan		
Rick Kovalcik		
Sue Kramer		
Adria Kyne		
Henry Leong		

Megan Lewis		
Ken London		
Claudia Mastroianni		
Dale Meyer-Curley		
Erik Meyer-Curley		
Elliott Mitchell		
Hope Moore		
Skip Morris		
Lia Olsborg		
Kris Pelletier		
Danielle Reese		
Phoebe Roberts		

Executive Board - eboard@

President	Vivian Abraham	president@
Vice President	Mike Sprague	vice-president@
Treasurer	Nicholas "phi" Schectman	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

Anti-Racism Committee (arc@) (No chair), Vivian Abraham, etana, Dan Franklin, Ken London, Nightwing Whitehead
Budget (budget@) Nicholas "phi" Schectman (chair), Kelly Fabijanac, Rachel Kadel, Alex Latzko, Benjamin Levy, Tom Traina, Ellie Younger
Corporate Communications (corpcomms@) Rachel Tanenhaus (chair), Justin du Coeur, Lenore Jean Jones, Ilene Tatroe, Julia Austein

Corporate Inventory Control (cic@): Rick Kovalcik (chair), Benjamin Levy, Skip Morris
Fundraising - donations@: Nicholas "phi" Shectman (chair), Addie Abrams, Kris Pelletier, Julia Austein, Matt Ringel, Rachel Silber
Grants (grantsrequest): Mike Sprague (chair), Joseph Andelman, David D'Antonio
Hotel Search (hotelsearch): Vivian (chair), Benjamin Levy, Nicholas "phi" Shectman
Incident Response Management Committee (IRMC) (incidents@): Vivian Abraham (chair), Claudia Mastroianni, etana, Delenn Brumberger Nightwing Whitehead, (advisory members: Jaime Garmendia, Melissa Kaplan, Kris Pelletier)
IT (it@): Gail Terman (chair), Rick Kovalcik, Benjamin Levy, Nick Brown, Sharon Sbarsky, Nicholas "phi" Shectman, Mike Tatroe
Location Search (no email address): Gail Terman (chair), etana, Sol Houser
Long Range Planning (lrp@): (No chair), Anna Bradley, Heather Cougar
Mailing List Monitoring (monitor@): Claudia Mastroianni and Rachel Tanenhaus
Postmaster (postmaster@): Sharon Sbarsky (chair), Rick Kovalcik, Benjamin Levy, Nicholas "phi" Shectman, Mike Tatroe (advisory member)
Social (social@): (chair), Jan Dumas, Melissa Kaplan, Kim Riek, Mike Sprague, Alan Wexelblat
Student Contests (student-contests@): In need of members

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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