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About the Meeting

The next corporate meeting of Arisia, Inc. will be held on **Tuesday, August 20, 2024 at 7:00 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 July corporate meeting was **12**, based on 51% of the average attendance of the last three meetings $((25+22+18)/3 \times 0.51) = 12$. The quorum for the August corporate meeting will be **11**.

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.

July 20, 2024 Corporate Meeting Summary

The meeting was conducted over Zoom and called to order at **2:00 PM**. There were 23 members attending:

Wendee Abramo
Joseph Andelman
Julia Austein
Priscilla Ballou
Andrew Brockert
Daniel Eareckson
etana
Rick Kovalcik
Sue Kramer
Henry Leong
Megan Lewis
Ken London
Claudia Mastroianni
Dale Meyer-Curley

Elliott Mitchell
Jason Schneiderman
phi Sheckman
Mike Sprague
Rachel Tanenhaus
Ilene Tatroe
Mike Tatroe
DJ Toland
Nightwing Whitehead

Proxies:

- Regis Donovan to Claudia Mastroianni (accepted)
- Erik Meyer-Curley to Dale Meyer-Curley (accepted)
- Sharon Sbarsky to Rick Kovalcik (accepted)

Corrections to and approval of the May 2024 Minutes:

Rachel suggested that the statement that the July meeting would be on July 24 be corrected to say July 21. The June 2024 minutes were accepted with this correction via voice vote.

EBoard Report:

The EBoard voted to loan fans for Corsi-Rosenthal boxes to Albacon and Readercon. The EBoard also voted to appoint Ilene Tatroe to the IRMC.

President's Report:

None.

VPs Report:

None.

Treasurer's Report:

1. Three and a half years ago, our Anti-Racism Committee recommended that the Arisia corporation move our bank accounts and credit card to Black-owned banks. We opened a new bank account at OneUnited bank shortly after that and let our Bank of America credit cards expire. It took some time to ensure that all of our finances were moved over to the new bank accounts so that the old ones could be closed, and to find a suitable credit card issuer for our needs. As of this month these processes are complete. The old Bank of America bank accounts are now closed and we have a new credit card from M&F Bank, suitable for transactions that place a hold on the account, such as renting trucks.

2. Arisia owns a copy of a not-for-profit generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) accounting manual, and phi was looking through it recently to see where we needed to update our practices. One surprise he found was that when we authorize expenses outside of a budget, those authorizations do not expire at the end of a fiscal year, but remain in place indefinitely. If we only spend part of the money, the remaining part should be reserved until it is either spent or revoked. The recommended course of action is to review the outstanding authorizations at the end of each fiscal year and bring the authorizing body a list of which ones to keep. In our case the authorizing body is the corporation.

phi doesn't know how to figure out which unspent authorizations might be in effect under these rules. Fortunately he doesn't have to list the ones we're sunsetting, only the ones we're keeping. If there are any authorizations we decide we want to re-make we can always do that. He believes that our ongoing authorizations, such as rent, are now all included in a budget, so they will not be affected.

This is the first corporate meeting after the end of the FY23-24 fiscal year. Therefore phi moved that none of the unspent non-budgetary authorizations from previous fiscal years should continue in effect. The motion was seconded and passed via voice vote.

3. Now that we are in a new fiscal year, the last remaining vendor deposit (with the UPS store) can be applied to our mailbox fee for this year. This simplifies our financial report, and phi has made a few simplifying or clarifying format changes as well.

The A25 and FY24-25 corporate reserved funds are intended to show how much money we need to set aside to wind up with no further shortfall in available funds because of those activities. Until A25 has a budget, phi is using their income numbers as an approximation for this impact. In other words, the presumption, for now, is that A25 income is for A25 to spend and that it will do so.

Date	7/15/2024	
Assets		
Bank accounts	\$67,574.73	
Total assets		\$67,574.73
Reserved funds		
Arisia 2025 income	\$4,825.00	
Remaining FY24-25 corporate budget impact	\$1,668.11	
Snow fund	\$51,458.64	
Training fund	\$1,022.00	

Total reserved funds		\$58,973.75
Net unrestricted funds		\$8,600.98

Clerk’s Report:

None.

A25 Con Comm Report:

The Con Chairs have finalized and announced the A25 Writer and Artist Guests of Honor (Moniquill Blackgoose and Sarah Morrison). The Con Chairs are working to identify a Fan Guest of Honor and hope to announce that soon. While they do not yet have a Communications Division Head, they have had the amazing support of an interim social media and graphic design volunteer, and will soon onboard a social media volunteer to continue that work. As a result, they have a revamped social media request form for Divisions to submit requests for social media posts and future progress reports! Speaking of, their first progress report is in process and will be released by the end of this July. They met with the Arisia Treasurer last week and have been working on preparing a budget that can be reviewed by current Division Heads before they submit it to the Corporation. They did a walkthrough of the hotel and loved it! They can’t wait for everyone to see it.

They have set the calendar for Division Head & Convention Committee meetings for the year. They will be provided for Mentor and are already on the Arisia calendar. The first Division Head meeting will be this Thursday, July 25 via Zoom from 7-9 pm, and Team Voltron asks that all Division Heads attend, and if they have an Assistant Division Head to invite them along. The Con Chairs are working with the Hotel Division Head to have the August Division Head meeting at the hotel, so that date is to be determined. The team is still recruiting for the following Division Head positions: Communications, Food, Guest of Honor, Treasurer, and Tech. If you’re interested in any of those positions, please contact conchair@arisia.org!

If you’d like to help, A25’s little astronaut marketing team (did you catch the most recent dab-stronaut on a flyer?) could use YOU to help them find great volunteers! Maybe even you? Also, promote the con wherever you have social media, ask for flyers to spread, and talk us up to your friends and organizations! Bring us on your podcasts, streams, or other fun ways to reach folks. Remember, we are choosing our own adventures at Arisia 2025.

Committee Reports:

Budget:

None.

Corporate Communications:

(Members: Rachel)

None.

Corporate Inventory Control (CIC):

(Members: Rick, Ben, Skip)

None.

Discord:

(Members: Justin, Dan A., Jason)

None.

Fundraising:

None.

Grants:

(Members: Mike S.)

This Committee has been suspended until finances get stabilized.

Hotel Search Committee:

(Members: Vivian, phi, Ben)

None.

Incident Response Management Committee (IRMC):

(Vivian, etana, Claudia, Jaime, Kris, Ilene)

None.

IT:

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

The IT Committee is working on a shared Google Workspace and e-mail repository. The repository enables shared inboxes where multiple people can collaborate. Existing addresses will be moved over as forwards and not shared inboxes except by request. The timeline for carrying out this project is no later than mid-August. If you need a shared inbox sooner, let the IT Committee know and they'll work on it. You may be able to move existing files to a shared account.

Postmaster:

(Sharon, Rick, Ben, phi, Mike T.)

None.

Social:

(Mike S., Vivian)

None.

Student Contests:

(members needed)

None.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

None.

The Corporation voted via a show of hands to set the October corporate meeting date for **Tuesday, October 15 at 7:00 PM.**

Announcements:

- The Corporation is seeking a Con Chair or Con Chair Team for Arisia 2026. Please let the EBoard know if you are interested in finding out more, and remember that asking for information about a role does not automatically mean that you are signing up to perform that role.
- The Corporate meeting scheduled for Sunday, September 22 will include EBoard elections. If you think you might be interested but want more information, please contact the EBoard. If you know of someone who might be a good candidate, talk to them. Again, asking for information about a role does not automatically mean that you are signing up to perform that role. Vivian plans to run for President, Mike plans to run for Vice President, and phi plans to run for Treasurer. Feel free to run against them. Julia and etana, as part of the Con Chair team, will not be eligible to serve as elected EBoard members, and will not be running for Member at Large. Rachel plans to run for Clerk but is happy to support anyone else who is excited to run for the position. Claudia is undecided at this time.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:39 pm.

Calendar

Corporate Meetings

- Tuesday, August 20, 2024 at 7:00 pm
- Sunday, September 22, 2024 at 2:00 pm
- Tuesday, October 15, 2024 at 7:00 pm

Arisia 2025 Division Head Meetings

- Thursday, July 25, 2024 at 7:00 pm (Zoom)
- August 2024, TBD (in person at the hotel)
- Thursday, September 12, 2024 at 7:00 pm (Zoom)
- Sunday, October 6, 2024 at 2:00 pm (in person at the Watertown Public Library)
- Thursday, November 7, 2024 at 7:00 pm (Zoom)
- Sunday, December 8, 2024 at 2:00 pm (Zoom)
- Sunday, January 5, 2025 at 2:00 pm (Zoom)

Arisia 2025 Con Comm Meetings

- Sunday, September 15, 2024 at 2:00 pm (in person, TBD)
- Tuesday, October 15, 2024 at 7:00 pm (Zoom)
- Sunday, November 17, 2024 at 2:00 pm (in person, TBD)
- Thursday, December 12, 2024 at 7:00 pm (Zoom)
- Thursday, January 9, 2025 at 7:00 pm (Zoom)

Other Meetings and Events

Upcoming Conventions

- Wicked ComiCon will be on August 10-11 at the Westin Boston Seaport - <https://www.wickedcomiccon.com/>

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

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
Vivian Abraham
Wendee Abramo
Joseph Andelman
Inanna Arthen
Julia Austein
Priscilla Ballou
E.J. Barnes
Fred Bauer

Rob Bazemore
Anna Bradley
Andrew Brockert
Nicholas Brown
Rebecca Brumberger
Adam Burdick
Brendon Chetwynd
Brian Cooper
Skyler Crossman
Regis Donovan
Jan Dumas
Daniel Eareckson
etana
Kelly Fabijanac
Sabina Fecteau
Allison Feldhusen
Jaime Garmendia
Adrian Gunn
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
Noel Rosenberg
A. Joseph Ross
Sharon Sbarsky
Richard Schmeidler
Cate Schneiderman
Jason Schneiderman
JB Segal
Kylie Selkirk
Nicholas "phi" Shectman
Cris Shuldiner
Mike Sprague
Mary Stock

Rachel Tanenhaus
 Ilene Tatroe
 Mike Tatroe
 Gail Terman
 DJ Toland
 Melia Vaden
 Wendy Verschoor
 Alan Wexelblat
 Michelle Wexelblat
 Nightwing Whitehead
 Glen Williams

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 '25 Con Chairs	Wendee Abramo, Julia Austein, etana, and Dale Meyer-Curley	conchair@
Arisia '25 Treasurer	TBD	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
Discord: Justin duCoeur (chair), Dan Abraham, Jason Schneiderman
Fundraising - donations@: Nicholas "phi" Schectman (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 Abraham (chair), Benjamin Levy, Nicholas "phi" Shectman
Incident Response Management Committee (IRMC) (incidents@): Claudia Mastroianni, etana (advisory members: Jaime Garmendia, Kris Pelletier, Vivian Abraham), Ilene Tatroe
IT (it@): Rick Kovalcik, Benjamin Levy, Nick Brown, Sharon Sbarsky, Nicholas "phi" Shectman, Mike Tatroe, Daniel Abraham
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@): Mike Sprague (chair), Vivian Abraham
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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