



# Mentor

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## About the Meeting

The next corporate meeting of Arisia, Inc. will be held on **Sunday, May 18, 2025 at 2:00 pm ET over Zoom**. The corresponding agenda will be distributed over the corp-announce email list in advance of the meeting.

The quorum for the April corporate meeting was **19**, based on 51% of the average attendance of the last three meetings  $((23+55+31)/3 \times 0.51) = 19$ . The quorum for the May corporate meeting will be 20.

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

## April 29, 2025 Corporate Meeting Summary

The meeting was conducted over Zoom and called to order at **7:03 PM**. There were 27 members attending:

Wendee Abramo  
Rob Allison  
Joseph Andelman  
Priscilla Ballou  
Rebecca Brumberger  
Adam Burdick  
Allison Feldhusen  
Lisa Opus Goldstein  
Charles Hannum  
Carolyn Heald  
Joel Herda  
Rick Kovalcik  
Henry Leong  
Ken London

Claudia Mastroianni  
Elliott Mitchell  
Sarah Morrison  
Charles Olson  
Antonia Pugliese  
Laurel Richman  
Sharon Sbarsky  
Kylie Selkirk  
Nicholas “phi” Shectman  
Mike Sprague  
Rachel Tanenhaus  
D.J. Toland  
Violet Zitola

**Proxies:**

- Jason Schneiderman to Rachel Tanenhaus (approved)
- JB Segal to Allison Feldhusen (approved)

**Non-members:**

E.J. Barnes

**Approval of the March 2025 Minutes:**

A motion was made to accept the minutes. **MOTION PASSES.**

**EBoard Report:**

The EBoard voted to loan equipment to the New England Folk Festival Association (NEFFA).

**President’s Report:**

Mike appointed the following people to the Long Range Planning (LRP) Committee: Tanya Washburn (chair), Dan Toland, Julia Austein, and Henry Leong. These new members would join existing member Nicholas “phi” Shectman.

A motion to accept those members to the LRP Committee was seconded and a voice vote was held. **MOTION PASSES.**

**VPs Report:**

None.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

phi reported some outstanding items on the books for Arisia 2025. If you are expecting reimbursement for an expense related to the convention, please contact phi at [treasurer@arisia.org](mailto:treasurer@arisia.org).

### **Clerk's Report:**

Rachel found some more errors in the committee lists, and will be updating them. Please check both committee lists in Mentor and e-mail any errors you see to [tikva@arisia.org](mailto:tikva@arisia.org). She will also be reaching out to people listed on committee lists to confirm their membership.

### **Member-At-Large's Report;**

None.

### **A25 Con Comm Report:**

None.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### Budget:

phi (Chair), Kelly Fabijanic

None.

#### Corporate Communications:

Rachel T. (Chair)

None.

#### Corporate Inventory Control (CIC):

Ben, Skip, phi

phi bought new locks for the Arisia storage space, but has not yet installed them, in part because NEFFA has not yet returned the gear they borrowed and wouldn't be able to do so if the locks were changed. phi also bought some padlocks for locking up trucks when Arisia rents them. These padlocks use the same keys as the new storage locks. In the past when Arisia has rented trucks, we have used locks from NESFA, which required NESFA key-holders to be available.

The CIC is interested in cleaning out and paring down the items Arisia has in storage, possibly over the summer. Some things have already been marked up for disposal.

#### Discord:

(No Chair), Justin, Ken, Will, Jason, Andrew

None.

Fundraising:

phi (Chair), Julia

None.

Grants:

(No Chair), Joseph

This Committee has been suspended until finances are stabilized.

Hotel Search Committee:

phi, Ben, Kelly

None.

Incident Response Management Committee (IRMC):

(No Chair), Jaime (advisory member), Kris P. (advisory member), Rachel T., Megan, Will

Rachel reported on five IRs for which the IRMC has made recommendations. The EBoard voted to uphold the IRMCs recommendations on all five.

*Report #1: Lost Kid-in-Tow*

The IRMC received a report that at Arisia 2025, a lost kid-in-tow was reunited with their family, but convention staff did not follow established policy in the process. The IRMC recommends new training for black ribbon wearers (senior staff and Safety Division staff) on the lost child policy.

*Report #2: Disturbance in Gaming*

The IRMC received a report that at Arisia 2025, a pick-up tabletop game developed a large crowd and intruded on a LARP. This was resolved at-con and did not involve a Code of Conduct violation. The IRMC recommends no further action.

*Report #3: Rude Attendee*

The IRMC received a report that at Arisia 2025, an attendee was rude and belligerent to a Team Arisia Services volunteer while trying to get permission to use an unassigned convention room. As the rude attendee could not be identified, this report is closed with no further action.

*Report #4: Mobility Scooter*

The IRMC received a report that at Arisia 2025, an attendee left their mobility scooter in the hallway during a panel, causing a fire safety hazard. The IRMC recommends no further action

related to Code of Conduct issues, and refers the matter to the Access Division to provide better guidance on mobility scooter usage to future attendees.

*Report #5: Kid on Balcony*

The IRMC received a report that at Arisia 2025, an attendee placed their small child on the 2nd floor balcony railing. While this was a questionable parenting decision, there was no apparent immediate danger, so the IRMC is recommending no further action.

IT:

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

The IT Committee has moved Arisia from the previous complicated and unreliable patchwork e-mail infrastructure to Google Workspace. They noticed and fixed one e-mail list that was bouncing, so they will check the other lists. If you notice anything weird happening with Arisia-related e-mail, please contact [it@arisia.org](mailto:it@arisia.org).

Long Range Planning (LRP):

Tanya (chair), phi, Dan T., Julia, Henry

The LRP can be contacted at [lrp@arisia.org](mailto:lrp@arisia.org)

Postmaster:

Sharon (Chair), Ben, phi, Mike T. (Advisory)

None.

Social:

Mike S.

None.

Student Contests:

(members needed)

None.

**Old Business:**

None.

**New Business:**

Joel asked if anyone had expressed interest in being ConChair for Arisia 2026. Mike replied that no one had done so to his knowledge. Joel said he was thinking about helping run Arisia 2026.

He can't run the whole thing, but he wants to talk about ideas on the staff Slack. Rachel suggested using the existing #next-years-ideas channel and also contacting the EBoard. Joel will create a channel (#a26-proposal) and start reaching out to people. Contact him at [joelherda@gmail.com](mailto:joelherda@gmail.com) if you're interested in helping out or exchanging ideas.

The Corporation voted via a voice vote to set the July corporate meeting date for **Sunday, July 13, 2025 at 2:00 pm on Zoom.**

### **Announcements:**

- Arisian Dennis McCunney died on April 29.
- Somerville Open Studios is this weekend (May 3-4). Sarah Morrison, phi, prior Artist Guest of Honor Hillary Scott, and other Arisia-affiliated artists will be showing!
- This Saturday, May 3 is Free Comic Book Day.
- The Watch City Steampunk Festival will be on Saturday, May 10 in Waltham.
- WisCon will take place over Memorial Day weekend (May 23-26), and it will be fully virtual. It attracts kinds of heavy hitters to Readercon and has a feminist bent. The preliminary schedule is up on their website.
- June 1 is CaziCon (formerly LadiesCon) at the Armory. It's free and features local vendors. [www.cazicon.com](http://www.cazicon.com)
- May 23-25 is Anime Boston at the Hynes Convention Center.
- Boskone membership rates go up on May 1. Register at [reg.boskone.org](http://reg.boskone.org). The current rate is \$50, and after May 1 it will be \$65. Other rates (young adult, teen, child, Card to Culture) are also available.
- Readercon is going back to Burlington and is July 17-20, which is later than usual. [www.readercon.org](http://www.readercon.org)

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

## **Calendar**

### **Corporate Meetings**

- Sunday, May 18, 2025 at 2:00 pm (Zoom)
- Tuesday, June 17, 2025 at 7:00 pm (Zoom)
- Sunday, July 13, 2025 at 2:00 pm (Zoom)

### **Other Meetings and Events**

#### **Upcoming Conventions**

- Anime Boston - May 23-25 - Hynes Convention Center, Boston, MA
- WisCon - May 23-26 - Virtual
- CaziCon (formerly LadiesCon) - June 1 - Armory, Somerville, MA
- Readercon - July 17-20 - Burlington, MA
- Boskone - February 13-15, 2026 - Westin Boston Seaport District, Boston, MA

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

## Membership List

This membership list is as of 9:00 PM on 3/11/2025. Please report any corrections to [clerk@arisia.org](mailto:clerk@arisia.org). Names in italics are non-voting members.

Vivian Abraham  
Wendee Abramo  
Dawn Albright  
Robert Allison  
Joseph Andelman  
Inanna Arthen  
Julia Austein  
Priscilla Ballou  
Fred Bauer  
*Rob Bazemore*  
Anna Bradley  
Andrew Brockert  
Rebecca Brumberger  
Adam Burdick  
Brendon Chetwynd  
Adam Cohn  
*Brian Cooper*  
Skyler Crossman  
Garret DeJong  
Regis Donovan  
Jan Dumas  
Dennis Duquette  
Daniel Eareckson  
etana  
Kelly Fabijanic  
Sabina Fecteau  
Alder Fehler  
Allison Feldhusen  
Bernie Gabin  
Jaime Garmendia  
Lisa Opus Goldstein  
Charles Hannum  
Carolyn Heald  
Joel Herda  
Diana Hsu  
Elaine Isaak  
Angela Jones  
Lenore Jones  
Rick Kovalcik  
Susan Kramer  
Henry Leong  
Megan Lewis  
Ken London

Glen Macwilliams  
 Claudia Mastroianni  
 Will McMain  
 Penelope Messier  
 Dale Meyer-Curley  
 Erik Meyer-Curley  
 Elliott Mitchell  
 Eliot Mohrmann  
 Hope Moore  
 Skip Morris  
 Sarah Morrison  
 Lia Olsborg  
 Charles Olson  
 Kris Pelletier  
 Antonia Pugliese  
 Danielle Reese  
 Laurel Richman  
 Phoebe Roberts  
*A. Joseph Ross*  
 Sharon Sbarsky  
 Richard Schmeidler  
 Jason Schneiderman  
 JB Segal  
 Kyle Selkirk  
 Jude Shabry  
 Nicholas “phi” Shectman  
*Cris Shuldiner*  
 Rachel Silber  
 Mike Sprague  
 Mary Stock  
 Rachel Tanenhaus  
 Ilene Tatroe  
 Mike Tatroe  
 Ben Thornton  
 D.J. Toland  
 Edward Trachtenberg  
 Melia Vaden  
 Wendy Verschoor  
 Tanya Washburn  
 Nightwing Whitehead  
 Violet Zitola

## Executive Board - eboard@

President	Mike Sprague	president@
Vice President		vice-president@
Treasurer	Nicholas “phi” Shectman	treasurer@
Clerk	Rachel Tanenhaus	clerk@



Members-At-Large	Megan Lewis	at-large@
	Julia Austein	
	Allison Feldhusen	
Arisia '25 Con Chairs	Wendee Abramo, Julia Austein, etana, and Dale Meyer-Curley	conchair@
Arisia '25 Treasurer	None	con-treasurer@

## Committee Membership

<b>Budget (budget@)</b> Nicholas "phi" Sheckman (chair), Kelly Fabijanec
<b>Corporate Communications (corpcomms@)</b> Rachel Tanenhaus (chair), Justin du Coeur, Lenore Jean Jones
<b>Corporate Inventory Control (cic@):</b> Benjamin Levy, Skip Morris, Nicholas "phi" Sheckman
<b>Discord:</b> (no chair), Justin duCoeur, Jason Schneiderman, Andrew Brockert, Ken London, Will McMain
<b>Fundraising - donations@:</b> Nicholas "phi" Sheckman (chair), Julia Austein
<b>Grants (grantsrequest): (on hiatus)</b> (no chair), Joseph Andelman
<b>Hotel Search (hotelsearch):</b> (no chair), Benjamin Levy, Nicholas "phi" Sheckman, Kelly Fabijanec
<b>Incident Response Management Committee (IRMC) (incidents@):</b> (no chair), Rachel Tanenhaus, Megan Lewis, Will McMain (advisory members: Jaime Garmendia, Kris Pelletier)
<b>IT (it@):</b> Benjamin Levy, Sharon Sbarsky, Nicholas "phi" Sheckman (Chair), Mike Tatroe
<b>Location Search (no email address):</b> Gail Terman (chair), Sol Houser
<b>Long Range Planning (lrp@):</b> Tanya Washburn (chair), Nicholas "phi" Sheckman, Julia Austein, Henry Leong, Dan Toland
<b>Mailing List Monitoring (monitor@):</b> Claudia Mastroianni, Rachel Tanenhaus
<b>Postmaster (postmaster@):</b> Sharon Sbarsky (chair), Benjamin Levy, Nicholas "phi" Sheckman, Mike Tatroe (advisory member)

**Social (social@):**

Mike Sprague (chair)

**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 [ebboard@arisia.org](mailto: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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