



# Mentor

The Newsletter of  
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## About the Meeting

The next corporate meeting of Arisia, Inc. will be held on **Tuesday, June 17, 2025 at 7:00 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 May corporate meeting was **20**, based on 51% of the average attendance of the last three meetings  $((55+31+27)/3 \times 0.51) = 20$ . The quorum for the June corporate meeting will be 15.

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.

## May 18, 2025 Corporate Meeting Summary

The meeting was conducted over Zoom and called to order at **2:05 PM**. There were 27 members attending:

Wendee Abramo  
Joseph Andelman  
Julia Austein  
Priscilla Ballou  
Rebecca Brumberger  
Adam Burdick  
Regis Donovan  
etana  
Kelly Fabijanic  
Bernie Gabin  
Lisa Opus Goldstein  
Charles Hannum  
Joel Herda  
Rick Kovalcik

Sue Kramer  
Megan Lewis  
Ken London  
Claudia Mastroianni  
Will McMain  
Sharon Sbarsky  
Jason Schneiderman  
JB Segal  
Nicholas “phi” Shectman  
Rachel Silber  
Mike Sprague  
Rachel Tanenhaus  
D.J. Toland

**Proxies:**

- Inanna Arthen to Sharon Sbarsky (accepted)
- Allison Feldhusen to JB Segal (accepted)
- Carolyn Heald to Lisa Opus Goldstein (accepted)

**Approval of the April 2025 Minutes:**

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

**EBoard Report:**

No one has officially been interviewed to be Con Chair for Arisia 2026.

Arisia loaned drapes and box fans to NEFFA and will be loaning them to Readercon. The equipment is currently being stored at an intermediate location and will be returned to our storage space after Readercon.

**President’s Report:**

Mike appointed Adam Burdick to the Incident Response Management Committee (IRMC). Rachel confirmed that there were no outstanding Incident Reports regarding Adam.

A motion to accept Adam to the IRMC was seconded and a voice vote was held. **MOTION PASSES.**

**VPs Report:**

None.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

None.

**Clerk's Report:**

None.

**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

None.

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, Adam

None.

IT:

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

None.

Long Range Planning (LRP):

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

The LRP Committee had no report, but Opus offered to give them insight on Readercon's gap year process. Bernie added that the Mrs. Hawking production and Post-Meridian Radio Players (PMRP) also would like to talk to the LRP Committee. If you have questions, input, or a desire to volunteer for the LRP Committee, e-mail [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:**

**New Business:**

### Elections:

Joel Herda self-nominated for Vice President.

A member asked whether a Con Chair is eligible to run for EBoard. A current Con Chair can not run for EBoard. A sitting EBoard member can run for Con Chair and serve out the rest of their term on the EBoard. Joel said that if he were elected Vice President and then became Con Chair, he would not seek re-election.

Joel introduced himself. He has been working on Arisia since a year after it started. He has been President and (separately) Con Chair. He would like to see if Arisia can put together a convention for 2026 and also bring some life back to the Corporation. There are no outstanding IRs regarding Joel.

A vote was taken via secret ballot regarding electing Joel Herda as Vice President. **MOTION PASSES.**

### Motion Regarding the Arisia Slack:

phi proposed the following motion: Resolved: That the Arisia Slack be also a Corporate resource in addition to a convention resource, and that Corporate members are also entitled to an account on it.

The motion was seconded. A member asked whether a Slack channel would be created for Corporate matters. Mike indicated that one could be created.

A voice vote on the motion was taken. **MOTION PASSES.**

A member asked if the existence of an IR precluded someone being elected. Rachel explained the role of IRs and reporting on them, and Claudia referred to the definition of a reportable IR.

The Corporation voted via voice vote to set the August corporate meeting date for **Tuesday, August 5, 2025 at 7:00 pm on Zoom.**

### **Announcements:**

- CaziCon will take place on June 1 at the Armory in Somerville.
- Readercon is looking to build their audio tech team. They have the simplest audio of all the Boston conventions. If you know of anyone who is interested in getting into audio but finds the other cons too overwhelming, Readercon is a good starting point. The con offers online training before the event, and in-person training at the event, plus one-hour job shadowing shifts. Visit [www.readercon.org](http://www.readercon.org) and fill out the volunteer form to join the team.
- Joel is trying to put together an Arisia 2026 Con Chair team; please talk to him after the meeting. Mike suggested also letting folks on the mailing lists know.

- The New England Science Fiction Association (NESFA) annual picnic will take place on August 31 from 3-7 pm at Larz Anderson Park in Brookline. It is open to all. Feel free to bring potluck dishes if you'd like, but it's not required. E-mail [info@nesfa.org](mailto:info@nesfa.org) with any food allergies.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 pm.

## Calendar

### Corporate Meetings

- Tuesday, June 17, 2025 at 7:00 pm (Zoom)
- Sunday, July 13, 2025 at 2:00 pm (Zoom)
- Tuesday, August 5, 2025 at 7:00 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
- NESFA Annual Picnic - August 31 - Larz Anderson Park, Brookline, 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" Shectman (chair), Kelly Fabijanac
<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” Shectman
<b>Discord:</b> (no chair), Justin duCoeur, Jason Schneiderman, Andrew Brockert, Ken London, Will McMain



<b>Fundraising - donations@:</b> Nicholas “phi” Shectman (chair), Julia Austein
<b>Grants (grantsrequest): (on hiatus)</b> (no chair), Joseph Andelman
<b>Hotel Search (hotelsearch):</b> (no chair), Benjamin Levy, Nicholas “phi” Shectman, Kelly Fabijanic
<b>Incident Response Management Committee (IRMC) (incidents@):</b> (no chair), Rachel Tanenhaus, Megan Lewis, Will McMain (advisory members: Jaime Garmendia, Kris Pelletier, Adam Burdick)
<b>IT (it@):</b> Benjamin Levy, Sharon Sbarsky, Nicholas “phi” Shectman (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” Shectman, 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" Shectman, Mike Tatroe (advisory member)
<b>Social (social@):</b> Mike Sprague (chair)
<b>Student Contests (student-contests@):</b> 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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