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About the Meeting

The next corporate meeting of Arisia, Inc. will be held on **Tuesday, August 5, 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 July corporate meeting was **15**, based on 51% of the average attendance of the last three meetings $((27+27+29)/3 \times 0.51) = 15$. The quorum for the August corporate meeting will be 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.

July 13, 2025 Corporate Meeting Summary

The meeting was conducted over Zoom and called to order at **2:04 PM**. There were 18 members attending:

Rob Allison
Joseph Andelman
Garret DeJong
etana
Allison Feldhusen
Lisa Opus Goldstein
Joel Herda
Rick Kovalcik
Henry Leong
Ken London
Will McMain
Elliott Mitchell
Sarah Morrison
Jason Schneiderman

Nicholas “phi” Shectman
Mike Sprague
Rachel Tanenhaus
Tanya Washburn

Proxies:

- Wendee Abramo to Dan Toland (absent)
- Megan Lewis to Rachel Tanenhaus (accepted)
- JB Segal to Allison Feldhusen (accepted)
- Sharon Sbarsky to Rick Kovalcik (accepted)
- Carolyn Heald to Lisa Opus Goldstein (accepted)
- Charles Olson to Nicholas “phi” Shectman (accepted)
- Charles Hannum to Lisa Opus Goldstein (accepted)

Approval of the June 2025 Minutes:

Add Joel as Chair of the Grants Committee.

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

EBoard Report:

The EBoard voted to appoint Joel Herda as Convention Chair for Arisia 2026.

A motion was made to accept Joel Herda as Convention Chair for Arisia 2026. **MOTION PASSES.**

Today the EBoard received a request from Albacon to borrow some fans, but we haven’t yet had a chance to approve it.

President’s Report:

Mike appointed Wendee Abramo (Chair) and Allison Feldhusen to the Recruiting Committee.

A motion was made to accept Wendee Abramo’s nomination as Chair of the Recruiting Committee. Rick called for a secret ballot. **MOTION PASSES via secret ballot.**

A motion was made to accept Allison Feldhusen’s nomination to the Recruiting Committee. **MOTION PASSES via secret ballot.**

VPs Report:

None.

Treasurer’s Report:

None.

Clerk's Report:

None.

Member-At-Large's Report:

None.

A25 Con Comm Report:

Wendee and phi are working on closing the Arisia 2025 books so that the actuals are available when budgeting for Arisia 2026. If you have outstanding expenses that have not been reimbursed please email convention-treasurer@arisia.org.

A26 Con Comm Report:

- phi has volunteered to do the Treasurer's work if we can't find another Treasurer. Joel is prioritizing making a budget.
- Melia Vaden has volunteered to run Registration, and there is backup if she can't be there in person.
- Tanya Washburn has volunteered to run Programming with help from Dan Toland.
- Jen Koerber will be running the Dealers' Room.
- Julia Austein will run the Art Show.
- Arisia 2026 needs a Communications Division Head.
- Con Comm meetings have not yet been scheduled.
- No Guests of Honor (GOHs) have been invited yet, but Joel will be focusing on local GOHs. E-mail him at joelherda@gmail.com with suggestions.
- If you want to volunteer, please get in touch with Joel.

Committee Reports:Budget:

phi (Chair), Kelly Fabijanic

None.

Corporate Communications:

Rachel T. (Chair)

None.

Corporate Inventory Control (CIC): [can this go after LRP?]

Ben, Skip, phi

We have moved forward with changing the locks and expect that to be complete within the week.

We are working to identify which items in Arisia storage are no longer needed, which of those can go to other groups, and how best to dispose of the remaining unneeded items. We had a worksession on June 19. We took some out-of-retention paperwork to a free shredding service. We donated a little bit of food equipment to another fannish group that needed it right away. We filled three boxes with old t-shirts to bring to the Town Hall later this month, choosing designs and amounts we thought anyone might want. This was about 1/3 of the shirts beyond our tee shirt retention policy; the others were either very unpopular at the time or we had more of them than we could possibly give away. We disposed of some items which the areas had identified as no longer needed, had no fannish takers, and were best sent to the nearby thrift store. This store is ideally suited to take the food equipment and additional tee shirts that we had ready to go, but has very short hours so we weren't confident we'd be able to do that errand later in the year. Items that didn't need to leave storage right away are still in storage.

Discord:

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

None.

Fundraising:

phi (Chair), Julia

Our next grant application deadline is October 1. We have an outstanding grant application for \$5000 which we expect to hear back about in November or December. We are coordinating with Wiscon to identify possible funding sources.

Grants:

Joel (Chair), Joseph

This Committee has been suspended until finances are stabilized.

Hotel Search Committee:

phi, Ben, Kelly

None.

Incident Response Management Committee (IRMC):

Jaime (Interim Chair), Kris P. (advisory member), Rachel T., Megan, Will, Adam

None.

IT:

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

We have a problem with the auto-renewal for the cert for our RT ticketing instance and might not get that renewed in time. phi is the only active user of this ticketing system so it will not be an issue for the Corporation or the convention.

Mike asked about a previous outage of our web page. phi said we didn't receive an explanation from the hosting service. No after-action report is planned at this time.

Long Range Planning (LRP):

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

On Monday, the LRP Committee will announce the in-person Town Hall meeting for July 24 from 7-9 pm at the Hyatt. The virtual meeting will be a week or two after that, to be announced on Tuesday. Please spread the word. There will not be ice cream at the in-person meeting because of Arisia's mask policy and hotel issues.

Postmaster:

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

None.

Social:

Mike S.

None.

Student Contests:

(members needed)

None.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

The Corporation voted via voice vote to set the October corporate meeting date for **Tuesday, October 21, 2025 at 7:00 pm on Zoom.**

Announcements:

- Readercon will take place at the Boston Marriott in Burlington from July 17-20. Attendance is free on Thursday; Friday-Sunday is for pay. Guests of Honor are Cecilia Tan and P. Djeli Clark. Charles L. Saunders is the Memorial Guest of Honor.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:43 pm.

Calendar

Corporate Meetings

- Tuesday, August 5, 2025 at 7:00 pm (Zoom)
- Sunday, September 21, 2025 at 2:00 pm (Zoom)
- Tuesday, October 21, 2025 at 7:00 pm (Zoom)

Other Meetings and Events

- Long Range Planning Committee Town Hall - Thursday, July 24 - Hyatt Regency Boston/Cambridge - 7:00 pm
- Long Range Planning Committee Town Hall - Sunday, July 27 - Zoom - 2:00 pm

Upcoming Conventions

- 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. 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 Fabijanich
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	Joel Herda	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

Budget (budget@) Nicholas "phi" Shectman (chair), Kelly Fabijanac
Corporate Communications (corpcomms@) Rachel Tanenhaus (chair), Justin du Coeur, Lenore Jean Jones
Corporate Inventory Control (cic@): Benjamin Levy, Skip Morris, Nicholas “phi” Shectman
Discord: (no chair), Justin duCoeur, Jason Schneiderman, Andrew Brockert, Ken London, Will McMain

Fundraising - donations@: Nicholas “phi” Shectman (chair), Julia Austein
Grants (grantsrequest): (on hiatus) Joel Herda (Chair), Joseph Andelman
Hotel Search (hotelsearch): (no chair), Benjamin Levy, Nicholas “phi” Shectman, Kelly Fabijanec
Incident Response Management Committee (IRMC) (incidents@): (no chair), Rachel Tanenhaus, Megan Lewis, Will McMain, Adam Burdick (advisory members: Jaime Garmendia, Kris Pelletier)
IT (it@): Benjamin Levy, Sharon Sbarsky, Nicholas “phi” Shectman (Chair), Mike Tatroe
Location Search (no email address): Gail Terman (chair), Sol Houser
Long Range Planning (lrp@): Tanya Washburn (chair), Nicholas “phi” Shectman, Julia Austein, Henry Leong, Dan Toland
Mailing List Monitoring (monitor@): Claudia Mastroianni, Rachel Tanenhaus
Postmaster (postmaster@): Sharon Sbarsky (chair), Benjamin Levy, Nicholas “phi” Shectman, 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 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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