



# Mentor

The Newsletter of  
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## About the Meeting

The next corporate meeting of Arisia, Inc. will be held on **Sunday, September 21, 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 August corporate meeting was **13**, based on 51% of the average attendance of the last three meetings  $((27+29+18)/3 \times 0.51) = 13$ . The quorum for the September corporate meeting will be 12.

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.

## August 5, 2025 Corporate Meeting Summary

The meeting was conducted over Zoom and called to order at **7:03 PM**. There were 21 members attending:

Rob Allison  
Joseph Andelman  
Inanna Arthen  
E.J. Barnes  
Adam Burdick  
Allison Feldhusen  
Charles Hannum  
Carolyn Heald  
Joel Herda  
Henry Leong  
Megan Lewis  
Ken London  
Claudia Mastroianni  
Will McMain

Elliott Mitchell  
Charles Olson  
Laurel Richman  
Sharon Sbarsky  
Mike Sprague  
Rachel Tanenhaus  
D.J. Toland

**Proxies:**

- Jason Schneiderman to Rachel Tanenhaus (accepted)
- Rick Kovalcik to Sharon Sbarsky (accepted)
- JB Segal to Allison Feldhusen (accepted)
- Wendee Abramo to Dan Toland (accepted)

**Approval of the July 2025 Minutes:**

There is a punctuation error that needs fixing in the list of committees, specifically the Grants Committee.

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

**EBoard Report:**

Readercon borrowed some of Arisia's box fans. One of the box fans became damaged. Funding was sent to Arisia to replace the cost of the fan. The rest of the equipment has been returned.

The EBoard voted to loan box fans to Albacon.

**President's Report:**

Will McMain has volunteered to chair the Discord Committee. Mike made a motion to appoint him. Will noted that this is an important time to get the Discord going, especially based on feedback given in the Long Range Planning Town Hall. **MOTION PASSES.**

**VPs Report:**

None.

**Treasurer's Report:**

None.

**Clerk's Report:**

Rachel talked about re-upping Corporate membership for the next year, and will send out an e-mail reminder before September 1.

- Dues for the year are \$24 and are due September 1, but there is a grace period until the September meeting on the 21st.
- Division Head and higher do not have to pay dues, but they must let Rachel know at [tikva@arisia.org](mailto:tikva@arisia.org) or [clerk@arisia.org](mailto:clerk@arisia.org) if they want to join the Corporation.
- Dues waivers are available by e-mailing [eboard@arisia.org](mailto:eboard@arisia.org). The EBoard will vote on approval, but we don't want or need to know why you need the waiver.
- If your PayPal address is starkly different from the name by which Rachel knows you, please let her know so she gives you credit for paying dues.
- If you are paying by non-electronic means, such as a check, please alert Rachel so that she can add you to the membership list and someone visits Arisia's post office box to pick up your check.
- If you do not settle up one way or the other by October 1, your membership will have lapsed and you will have to re-join and meet all eligibility, time, and attendance requirements again in order to become a voting member of the Corporation.

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

None.

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

None.

#### **A26 Con Comm Report:**

- No Guests of Honor (GOHs) have been confirmed yet. Some GOH candidates declined when asked. Suggestions for GOHs, preferably local ones, are welcome.
- The first ConComm meeting will be on August 24 at 2:00 pm.
- The 2026 convention will be more modest than the 2025 one.
- The call for artists for the Art Show has gone out, but we don't yet have an artist GOH. The deadline for artists to apply to exhibit is August 15. Acceptances go out in September or October.
- Joel can be reached at [joelherda@gmail.com](mailto:joelherda@gmail.com). [conchair@arisia.org](mailto:conchair@arisia.org) does not yet work.

#### **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

None.

Discord:

Will (Chair), Justin, Ken, Jason, Andrew

None.

Fundraising:

phi (Chair), Julia

None.

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.

None.

Long Range Planning (LRP):

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

None.

Postmaster:

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

None.

Recruiting:

Wendee (Chair), Allison

None.

Social:

Mike S.

None.

Student Contests:

(members needed)

None.

**Old Business:**

None.

**New Business:**

EBoard elections will take place at the September 21 meeting. Please e-mail [corp-announce@arisia.org](mailto:corp-announce@arisia.org) if you will be running. You can also nominate yourself at the meeting. Mike will be running again for President.

The Corporation voted via voice vote to set the November corporate meeting date for **Sunday, November 16, 2025 at 2:00 pm on Zoom.**

**Announcements:**

- August 8-10 - Fan Expo Boston, a comics and pop culture event at the Boston Convention and Events Center
- August 14-16 - National Cartoonists Society's annual conference, which will be in Boston this year. The Reuben Award will be given out.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 pm.

## Calendar

### Corporate Meetings

- Sunday, September 21, 2025 at 2:00 pm (Zoom)

- Tuesday, October 21, 2025 at 7:00 pm (Zoom)
- Sunday, November 16, 2025 at 2:00 (Zoom)

### Other Meetings and Events

- ConComm meeting - August 24 at 2:00 pm (Zoom)

### Upcoming Conventions

- 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 Fabijanec  
 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

<b>Budget (budget@)</b> Nicholas "phi" Shectman (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" Shectman
<b>Discord:</b> Will McMain, (chair), Justin duCoeur, Jason Schneiderman, Andrew Brockert, Ken London
<b>Fundraising - donations@:</b> Nicholas "phi" Shectman (chair), Julia Austein
<b>Grants (grantsrequest): (on hiatus)</b> Joel Herda (chair), Joseph Andelman
<b>Hotel Search (hotelsearch):</b> (no chair), Benjamin Levy, Nicholas "phi" Shectman, Kelly Fabijanec
<b>Incident Response Management Committee (IRMC) (incidents@):</b> (no chair), Rachel Tanenhaus, Megan Lewis, Will McMain, Adam Burdick (advisory members: Jaime Garmendia, Kris Pelletier)
<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>Recruiting (recruiting@):</b> Wendee Abramo (chair), Allison Feldhusen
<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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