



# Mentor

The Newsletter of  
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## About the Meeting

The next corporate meeting of Arisia, Inc. will be held on **Tuesday, April 14, 2026 at 7:00 pm over Zoom**. The corresponding agenda will be distributed over the corp-announce email list in advance of the meeting.

The quorum for the March corporate meeting was **18**, based on 51% of the average attendance of the last three meetings  $((45+30+27/3 \times 0.51) = 18)$ . The quorum for the April 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.

## March 15, 2026 Corporate Meeting Summary

The meeting was conducted over Zoom and called to order at **2:06 PM**. There were 29 members attending:

Rob Allison  
Joseph Andelman  
Inanna Arthen  
Priscilla Ballou  
Garret T. DeJong  
Regis Donovan  
etana  
Alder Fehler  
Allison Feldhusen  
Jaime Garmendia  
Joel Herda  
Elaine Isaak  
Rick Kovalcik  
Henry Leong

Megan Lewis  
Ken London  
Will McMain  
Elliott Mitchell  
Chris Murphy  
Kris Pelletier  
Laurel Richman  
Sharon Sbarsky  
Jason Schneiderman  
JB Segal  
Nicholas “phi” Sheckman  
Stephani Smith  
Mike Sprague  
Rachel Tanenhaus  
Tanya Washburn

Proxies:

- Lisa “Opus” Goldstein to Henry Leong (accepted)
- Ilene Tatroe to Rachel Tanenhaus (accepted)
- Joel Herda to Allison Feldhusen (accepted)
- Cate Schneiderman to Jason Schneiderman (accepted)
- Claudia Mastroianni to Regis Donovan (accepted)
- Wendee Abramo to etana (accepted)
- Dan Toland to etana (accepted)

**Approval of the February 2025 Minutes:**

Rachel T. submitted two corrections:

- The math for determining quorum was incorrect (although the quorum was listed correctly) and should be amended
- The meeting was listed as having been conducted in person. It was in fact conducted over Zoom.

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

**EBoard Report:**

The EBoard accepted a request from the New England Folk Festival Association (NEFFA) to borrow drapes and fans. Corporate Inventory Control (CIC) has reached out to them about scheduling pickup and dropoff.

**President’s Report:**

The President met with the Incident Response Management Committee (IRMC) to discuss challenges facing the Committee. After much discussion it was agreed that the following action items will be taken by the IRMC:

- Providing monthly IRMC reports to the Corporation on the number of active Incident Reports and their status until the current queue of Incident Reports are cleared.
- Cataloging existing IRMC documentation and moving it to a centralized location. The IRMC has initiated a conversation with the IT Committee for guidance about possible platforms and best practices regarding centralization.
- Increasing transparency of how the Incident Report/Disciplinary Process works.

The IRMC also brought up three items for discussion by the Corporation at a future date. No formal motion regarding these items has been made at this time:

- Creating a statement clearly delineating Arisia's values to use as a guide in future IRMC and other decisions.
- Adding a section to the Disciplinary Process to clarify the text of the process indicating that staff are "held to a higher standard."
- Creating an "HR (Human Resources) process" in order to address and track volunteer issues year round that aren't already addressed by the Arisia Code of Conduct and/or IRMC processes.

Mike S. appointed the following to the Hiatus Committee:

- Elaine Isaak (Chair)
- Rob Allison
- Jem
- Rose Moore
- Pauline
- etana
- Alder Fehler
- Violet Zitola

Mike made a motion to accept Chair and members to the Hiatus Committee, and the motion was seconded. **MOTION PASSES.**

Elaine stated that she has been getting more involved in Arisia and sees chairing the Hiatus Committee as a way to step up that work and help make Arisia 2028 fantastic. She is looking forward to working with folks. Feel free to reach out to her if you have questions, ideas, or concerns. Hiatus Committee members should e-mail her at [authorelaine@gmail.com](mailto:authorelaine@gmail.com) to establish how Committee members will communicate with each other.

#### **VPs Report:**

None.

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

None.

**Clerk's Report:**

None.

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

None.

**A25 Con Comm Report:**

None.

**A26 Con Comm Report:**

Expenses are continuing to come in post-convention; please submit any outstanding expenses. Joel still has to finish his own, but now is a great time to finish before spring weather really gets going.

**Committee Reports:**

Budget:

phi (Chair), Kelly Fabijanic

None.

Corporate Communications:

Rachel T. (Chair)

None.

Corporate Inventory Control (CIC):

phi, Ben, Kylie, Skip, Sharon

None.

Discord:

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

None.

Fundraising:

phi (Chair), Julia

None.

Grants:

Joseph

This Committee has been suspended until finances are stabilized.

Hotel Search Committee:

phi, Ben, Kelly

None.

Incident Response Management Committee (IRMC):

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

Will reported that the IRMC will be giving a report at every meeting about its current status until the backlog is cleared.

- At this time, there are 7 active Incident Reports
  - 4 are from 2024
  - 3 are from 2025
- 4 additional reports have been completed and sent to the EBoard for voting
- We are in the middle of the handoff of IRs from Arisia 2026 from IRT
  - Kris P. said we had 10 reports about 7 incidents at Arisia 2026
- Will made one correction to the January IRMC report: we reported 1 case as closed that was still open - we've finished it, but the EBoard hasn't voted on it yet

IT:

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

None.

Long Range Planning (LRP):

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

Tanya reported that the LRP is working on a survey of the Arisia community as directed by the Corporation, as part of the hiatus year work. Any questions can be directed to [lrp@arisia.org](mailto:lrp@arisia.org). Elaine asked to be kept in the loop as Chair of the Hiatus Committee.

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:**

Election for Vice President:

Joel Herda self-nominated. He has been Vice President previously until he became Con Chair for Arisia 2026. He'd like to continue the work of being Vice President.

With no other candidates, Mike S. closed nominations.

etana noted that Joel is still Con Chair until the books close out from Arisia 2026. There's going to be a lot of work going forward in the gap year. They wanted to know how Joel would manage time and allocate his resources, given that there were some struggles during the convention. Joel responded that his convention role was much bigger before and during the convention, and there is much less to do post-con. He has more time available, but is unsure what specifically will fall to the Vice President in that time. etana specified that they were asking about time management skills. Can Joel juggle extra tasks that are sure to happen this year? Joel says that depends on what happens.

The IRMC confirmed that Joel has no outstanding IRs.

Rachel T. pointed out that EBoard duties will be more intense this year, and people who were elected in September didn't have that information when they agreed to take on the job. Joel does. Is he ready for the EBoard on "hard mode"? Joel said that he is. He has no other volunteer commitments at this time. His day job is intense and he has a child and elderly parents, but being Vice President is unlikely to be more taxing than being Con Chair.

The Corporation voted by secret ballot on Joel Herda's nomination as Vice President. **MOTION PASSES.** 24-8.

The Corporation voted to set the July Corporate meeting date for **Sunday, July 19, 2026 at 2:00 pm over Zoom.**

### **Announcements:**

- Joseph Andelman's Manga Club is trying to revitalize itself and will be gathering to watch episodes of Super Sentai, the anime that eventually became Power Rangers. There will be free pizza and discounts on in-stock manga. The event is free and will take place on Saturday, March 21, from 6-8 pm at Comiczzi in Davis Square, 407 Highland Avenue, Somerville.
- On April 3-4, Boston Comics in Color will take place at Roxbury Community College - <https://www.comicsincolor.org>
- SomerCon will take place at Arts at the Armory, 191 Highland Avenue, Somerville, on Sunday, April 26 from 10:30 am-11 pm - <https://artsatthearmory.org/events/somercon-a-mini-ttrpg-convention/>

The meeting was adjourned at 3:01 pm.

## **Calendar**

### Corporate Meetings

- Tuesday, April 14, 2026 at 7:00 pm (Zoom)
- Sunday, May 17, 2026 at 2:00 pm (Zoom)
- Tuesday, June 16, 2026 at 7:00 pm (Zoom)
- Sunday, July 19, 2026 at 2:00 pm (Zoom)

### **Other Meetings and Events**

#### Upcoming Conventions

- Boston Comics in Color - Friday-Saturday, April 3-4, Roxbury Community College, Boston
- SomerCon - Sunday, April 26, 10:30 am-11:00 pm, Arts at the Armory, Somerville
- Watch City Steampunk Festival - Saturday, May 9, 12:00-4:00 pm, Waltham Common, Waltham

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

## **Membership List**

This membership list is as of 8:00 PM ET on 2/11/2026. 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*  
Melia Beetham-Vaden  
Anna Bradley  
Andrew Brockert  
Adam Burdick  
Adam Cohn  
*Brian Cooper*  
Skyler Crossman  
Garret Dejong  
Regis Donovan  
etana  
Kelly Fabijanec  
Alder Fehler  
Allison Feldhusen  
Jaime Garmendia  
Lisa Opus Goldstein  
Charles Hannum  
Carolyn Heald  
Joel Herda  
Elaine Isaak  
Suriya Jeyapalan  
Angela Jones  
Lenore Jones  
Rick Kovalcik  
Susan Kramer  
Henry Leong  
Megan Lewis  
Ken London  
Glen Macwilliams  
Claudia Mastroianni  
Will McMain  
Penelope Messier  
Elliott Mitchell  
Eliot Mohrmann  
Skip Morris  
Chris Murphy  
Lia Olsborg  
Charles Olson  
Kris Pelletier  
Antonia Pugliese  
Danielle Reese

Laurel Richman  
 A. Joseph Ross  
 Jo Rothman  
 Sharon Sbarsky  
 Richard Schmeidler  
 Jason Schneiderman  
 Cate Schneiderman  
 JB Segal  
 Kylie Selkirk  
 Nicholas "phi" Sheckman  
 Cris Shuldiner  
 Rachel Silber  
 Stephani Smith  
 Mike Sprague  
 Mary Stock  
 Rachel Tanenhaus  
 Ilene Tatroe  
 Mike Tatroe  
 D.J. Toland  
 Tanya Washburn  
 Nightwing Whitehead  
 Violet Zitola

## Executive Board - eboard@

President	Mike Sprague	president@
Vice President	Joel Herda	vice-president@
Treasurer	Nicholas "phi" Sheckman	treasurer@
Clerk	Rachel Tanenhaus	clerk@
Members-At-Large	Megan Lewis	at-large@
	Julia Austein	
	Allison Feldhusen	
Arisia '26 Con Chair	Joel Herda	conchair@
Arisia '26 Treasurer	None	con-treasurer@

## Committee Membership

<b>Budget (budget@)</b> Nicholas "phi" Sheckman (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" Sheckman

<b>Discord:</b> Will McMMain, (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> (no chair), Joseph Andelman
<b>Hotel Search (hotelsearch):</b> (no chair), Benjamin Levy, Nicholas “phi” Shectman, Kelly Fabijanac
<b>Incident Response Management Committee (IRMC) (incidents@):</b> Will McMMain (chair), Rachel Tanenhaus, Megan Lewis, 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 [eboard@arisia.org](mailto: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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