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About the Meeting

The next corporate meeting of Arisia, Inc. will be held on **Sunday, May 17, 2026 at 2:00 pm over Zoom**. The corresponding agenda will be distributed over the corp-announce email list in advance of the meeting.

The quorum for the April corporate meeting was **15**, based on 51% of the average attendance of the last three meetings $((30+27+29/3 \times 0.51) = 15)$. The quorum for the May corporate meeting will be 14.

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.

April 14, 2026 Corporate Meeting Summary

The meeting was conducted over Zoom and called to order at **7:03 PM**. There were 25 members attending:

- Rob Allison
- Joseph Andelman
- Inanna Arthen
- Garret T. DeJong
- Regis Donovan
- Alder Fehler
- Allison Feldhusen
- Jaime Garmendia
- Charles Hannum
- Joel Herda
- Elaine Isaak
- Rick Kovalcik
- Henry Leong
- Megan Lewis

Rachael Linker
Ken London
Will McMain
Elliott Mitchell
Patrick Powers
Sharon Sbarsky
Mike Sprague
Rachel Tanenhaus
D.J. Toland
Melia Vaden
Violet Zitola

Proxies:

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

Approval of the March 2026 Minutes:

Rachel T. submitted three corrections:

- NEFFA's full name should be included so people don't confuse it with NESFA.
- www.somercon.org does not exist, so an accurate URL should be listed for SomerCon.
- The footer lists these minutes as being for February. They are for March.

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

EBoard Report:

The EBoard voted to continue paying for Buffer, the service through which Arisia posts to social media. Charges for Buffer will be moved from Cate Schneiderman's credit card to Arisia's.

The New England Folk Festival Association (NEFFA) will be borrowing equipment from us, but there hasn't been a formal request yet. phi will arrange the details.

President's Report:

Mike nominated Rachael Linker to the Hiatus Committee. Rachael noted that she has been attending Arisia for about a decade and has been a Masquerade judge. She loves Arisia and wants to help it thrive.

Mike made a motion to add Rachael Linker to the Hiatus Committee. The motion was seconded. **MOTION PASSES.**

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:

Phi has been working to get Art Show payments out to artists who participated in 2026.

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.

Hiatus Committee:

Elaine (Chair), Rob, Jem, Rose, Pauline, etana, Alder, Violet, Rachael

The first meeting will take place on April 19 at 7 pm. Members will introduce themselves and discuss their mandate. Elaine will acquire the notes from the input sessions on the gap year from Rachel Silber.

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

The IRMC closed 2 Incident Reports (IRs) last month. The IRs were voted on by the IRMC and the EBoard and notifications to relevant parties were sent out, but not within 12 days of this meeting, so we will report on them at the May meeting. One IR was voted on by the IRMC and the EBoard but notifications have not yet been sent out. That one will also be reported on in May.

At this time, the IRMC has 12 open IRs:

- 3 from 2024
 - 1 has been voted on by the IRMC but has not yet been sent to the EBoard for a vote
- 2 from 2025
 - 1 has been voted on by the IRMC and has been sent to the EBoard for a vote
- 10 incidents from 2026
 - 7 at-con
 - 3 post-con

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:

The Recruiting Committee was created when Team Arisia Services (TAS) for Arisia 2026 was not yet up and running. Once TAS became active, the Recruiting Committee's recruiting duties were taken on by TAS. Allison made a motion that the current Recruiting Committee be moved to TAS to function as chartered to do vetting of volunteers and that a new committee be formed to handle outreach to potential new staff and volunteers during the hiatus.

Jaime asked the EBoard who should own HR issues. Mike responded that this hasn't yet been determined, but that the committee being proposed was not intended to handle HR issues. Elaine noted that the Hiatus Committee is intended to handle at least some of the issues this motion would address and would like clarification. She cited the Hiatus Committee mandate: Volunteering Review Group

- a. Reviewing and evaluating Arisia’s current volunteer process to see if they meet the Arisia’s current and future needs
- b. Reviewing and evaluating the Arisia volunteer process from the volunteer P.O.V.
- c. Developing an Arisia volunteer /database
- d. Developing an Arisia “HR Process”

Charles pointed out that HR issues are not necessarily Code of Conduct violations, and that he doesn’t like the idea of anyone keeping secret information on things that are not Code of Conduct violations.

Allison accepted dropping the idea of creating a new committee as a friendly amendment and for vetting to be moved back under TAS. Charles said we should know what the vetting process is before we vote on it.

Mike outlined the vetting process: TAS asks the IRMC if a given person has any outstanding or previous IR reports before passing them on to be staff. Charles asked what detail would be passed on. Will clarified that the information would be limited to whether someone has a volunteering restriction or not. The IR does not have to be closed, and sometimes the EBoard has taken emergency action, in anticipation that there might be a restriction needed. Rick noted that he thought a social media check was also part of the practice. Mike said that this had been true before but wasn’t for Arisia 2026, and that that decision is left up to the head of TAS. It’s not a Corporate function. Allison indicated that she had made the motion because a Corporate committee was trying to carry out a Convention function. Charles said that we need to resolve the problem where IRs take forever to be closed.

Amended motion: Move that the current recruitment committee be moved to TAS to function as chartered to do vetting of volunteers. **MOTION PASSES.**

Henry asked about the status of the hotel search for Arisia 2028. Mike offered to reach out to the Hotel Search Committee for more information, but had no updates.

The Corporation voted to set the August Corporate meeting date for **Tuesday, August 18, 2026 at 7:00 pm over Zoom.**

Announcements:

- None.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 pm.

Calendar

Corporate Meetings

- 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)
- Tuesday, August 18, 2026 at 7:00 pm (Zoom)

Other Meetings and Events

Upcoming Conventions

- 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 7:00 PM ET on 4/14/2026. 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
 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
 Rachael Linker
 Ken London
 Glen Macwilliams
 Marianna Martin
 Claudia Mastroianni
 Will McMain
 Penelope Messier
 Elliott Mitchell
 Eliot Mohrmann
 Skip Morris
 Chris Murphy
 Lia Olsborg
 Charles Olson
 Kris Pelletier
 Patrick Powers
 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" Shectman	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

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: Will McMMain, (chair), Justin duCoeur, Jason Schneiderman, Andrew Brockert, Ken London
Fundraising - donations@: Nicholas "phi" Shectman (chair), Julia Austein
Grants (grantsrequest): (on hiatus) (no chair), Joseph Andelman
Hiatus (hiatus@): Elaine Isaak (chair), Rob Allison, Jem, Rose Moore, Pauline, etana, Alder Fehler, Violet Zitola, Rachael Linker
Hotel Search (hotelsearch@): (no chair), Benjamin Levy, Nicholas "phi" Shectman, Kelly Fabijanac
Incident Response Management Committee (IRMC) (incidents@): Will McMMain (chair), Rachel Tanenhaus, Megan Lewis, 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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