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About the Meeting

The next corporate meeting of Arisia, Inc. will be held on **Tuesday, October 20, 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 September corporate meeting was **16,** based on 51% of the average attendance of the last three meetings ((40+24+27/3×0.51)= 16).The quorum for the October corporate meeting will be 16.

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.

September 27, 2026 Corporate Meeting Summary

The meeting was conducted over Zoom and called to order at **2:07 PM.** There were 41 members attending:

Wendee Abramo
Joseph Andelman
Priscilla Ballou
E.J. Barnes
Andrew Brockert
Regis Donovan
Kelly Fabijanic
Alder Fehler
Jaime Garmendia
Lisa Opus Goldstein
Charles Hannum
Joel Herda
Elaine Isaak
Lenore Jones

Rick Kovalcik
Sue Kramer
Megan Lewis
Henry Leong
Rachael Linker
Ken London
Marianna Martin
Claudia Mastroianni
Will McMain
Elliott Mitchell
Eliot Mohrmann
Lia Olsborg
Charles Olson
Kris Pelletier
Patrick Powers
Sharon Sbarsky
Jason Schneiderman
Kylie Selkirk
Nicholas “phi” Shectman
Rachel Silber
Mike Sprague
Rachel Tanenhaus
Ilene Tatroe
Mike Tatroe
Courtney Tobin
D.J. Toland
Violet Zitola

Proxies:

- etana to Rachel Tanenhaus (accepted)
- Carolyn Heald to Lisa Opus Goldstein (accepted)
- Laurel Richman to Rachel Tanenhaus (accepted)
- Fred Bauer to Rick Kovalcik (accepted)
- Joel Herda to Kylie Selkirk (accepted)
- Marianna Martin to D.J. Toland (accepted)
- Sharon Sbarsky to Kylie Selkirk (accepted)
- Charles Hannum to Rick Kovalcik (accepted)

Approval of the August 2026 Minutes:

Kelly Fabijanic was in attendance at the August meeting and should be added to the attendance list. As such, the number of members attending should be amended to 27. A motion was made to accept the minutes as amended. **MOTION PASSES.**

EBoard Report:

The EBoard received no new requests from other events to borrow equipment.

The IRMC made recommendations for the following Incident Report (IR) and the EBoard voted to uphold the IRMC's recommendation:

The IRMC received a report that at Arisia 2025, a staffer's photo was taken by attendees without their consent, for the purpose of later online harassment. Arisia was unable to identify those attendees or any relevant posts, both at that time and in subsequent months, so is unable to take any action.

President's Report:

None.

VP's Report:

None.

Treasurer's Report:

None.

Clerk's Report:

If re-elected, Rachel will ask the Postmaster team to revise the member mailing lists on October 1. She'll also do the state paperwork for Arisia, Inc. shortly thereafter.

Member-At-Large's Report:

None.

A25 Con Comm Report:

None.

A26 Con Comm Report:

Arisia 2026 was eligible for a hotel incentive from the state, funded by sales tax revenue. This went through the hotel so it delayed the final reconciliation of the hotel bill. We got this check, for a little over $22,000, on Thursday, September 24 and deposited it on Friday, September 25. phi should be able to close the Arisia 2026 books shortly.

Committee Reports:

Budget:
phi (Chair), Kelly Fabijanic

None.

Corporate Communications:
Rachel T. (Chair), Rachael L., Alder, Justin

None.

Corporate Inventory Control (CIC):
phi, Ben, Kylie, Skip, Sharon

Arisia's storage lease in Haverhill, which currently costs us about $1750 per month, is up soon. Staying in that space would probably cost us about $2000 per month. The space is quite a lot larger than we need and CIC is doing a search for a better space. Right now the leading contenders are three different spaces in the current building and one in a building in Lawrence. In our current building we have a space that's still larger than we need but only $1250 per month, and two possibilities for how to put together too-small spaces, one that would be about $850 and one about $1050. The space in Lawrence is a good size for us and is $1000 per month. The committee hasn't met about this so rather than make a motion from the committee phi will be making a motion from New Business and we can discuss then. In the meantime, we will have work sessions on the 3rd and 4th of October, and also later in the month.

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

Elaine reported the following:

Outreach survey results
Out of 134 responses, 42 people said yes to volunteering in the future - some are current volunteers. Some have already been recruited. The form did not collect e-mails, and some did

not give contact information - when the call goes out for specific roles, hopefully those people will step up.

The Hiatus Committee has sorted the likes, dislikes, and suggestions and are using these to inform their own projects going forward. Swati has created a category chart of this information that might be helpful to share with the Corporation and other staff if there is a good mechanism for doing so.

A few key takeaways:

- 91 of the positive comments remarked on the sense of community they found at the convention, including one describing it as a village that springs up for four days each year sharing enthusiasm for niche topics and hobbies.
- Some of the areas where negative remarks clustered included volunteer burnout, poor communication and resistance to change. These are areas that the Hiatus Committee was founded to address and which we are actively working on.
- There were also frustrations stemming from the limitations of our location. Some dealers had to be turned away, there simply weren't enough program rooms and sometimes they weren't large enough. Those considerations will be part of the conversation around the location for Arisia 2028, along with having volunteers willing to run some of the special items that our members are interested in.
- All of these responses informed the Hiatus Committee's in-person meeting in August, which ran as a volunteer support focus group.

Lisa asked if there was a breakdown of what people want to volunteer for. Elaine replied that nothing stood out; several areas got 10ish people.

Ilene asked about areas we could step back from. Nothing stood out, but Elaine wants more input. Wendee pointed out that people will call out things that have been trimmed, and that showed up in the survey results.

Charles noted that there might be selection bias, and some people already left when things they liked were cut from the convention. He asked to have the survey data made available to all Corp members. Mike S. suggested sending it to the Corp list. Elaine said she could send the spreadsheet minus personal identifying information, and that the survey had gone to volunteers from the past few years. Rachel T. pointed out that some responses were not anonymous, in that one could tell who wrote them even without names attached. Charles said we could skip including the qualitative responses, but Elaine stated that nearly all responses were qualitative.

Ilene expressed frustration that the survey might not measure what we want to measure. Elaine said it was not a general market survey, but was intended for volunteers. Wendee said sharing quantitative data is different from sharing qualitative data, and wanted to know if we had disclosed in the survey that it would be shared with the whole Corporation. If not, we shouldn't share it. Will agreed. He also said we should get information from people who have attended

previously and from the average attendee. Lisa agreed that it is crucial to reach out to the past five years' attendees. Are people still going? If not, why? What were the most important parts of the convention for them? phi said that if we survey everyone, we need an idea of what's possible for the convention and only survey about that, so we'd need a capabilities assessment. Maybe this survey can help us figure out what's possible. Courtney works with assessment for a living, and opined that a larger survey gives a sense of ownership and helps dispel rumors that we're not coming back. Ilene noted that the survey was available to everyone, and it never indicated anywhere that it was for staff. Several people pointed out that while the survey was promoted over social media, not everyone uses social media. Mike S. and Ilene indicated that Arisia may have promised not to send anything to the attendee mailing list other than news about conventions, so we haven't used it to distribute surveys, even though there are plenty of people on that list who don't use social media.

Mike S. said that a wider, deeper survey is needed, but we need people to do it. If you're interested in helping, let Mike know at president@arisia.org.

Rachael L. reported that the people reading the survey can't tell who's who. Rachel T. noted that that might not be the case if the entire Corporation can see the results.

Wendee pointed out that survey burnout is real and a new survey would be our third recently, so what exactly would we be doing with the data collected? Would our efforts to identify volunteer burnout actually add to volunteer burnout?

Rachel T. talked about some of the specifics around data collection, including the need to be very careful that we are asking specifically for the information we want and designing questions carefully.

Elaine continued the Hiatus Committee Report:

Arisia Hiatus Committee 6-month Pillars

- Hotel Search
    - Creating a priority list to enable the Hotel Search Committee to narrow the list to 3-4 candidate properties and both request quotes for MLK weekend and check whether the cost, competition with other cons, and availability comparison makes sense to shift to a different weekend. Proposed dates would be in March (March 24-26 preferred, or March 3-5).
- DEIA Group
    - Some training materials have been received and will be updated for Arisia use. These will be integrated into the volunteer committee to be discussed below, as well as informing our other work.
- Communications
    - Sending a Gap Year newsletter which will update the Arisia community about the Hiatus Committee's work so far and planned activities. It will also ask how they

would like to be kept informed about Arisia news going forward, outside of actual convention updates.

- Documentation
    - No update at this time, as the relevant volunteer was not present.
- Marketing/Promotions
    - A meet-up discussion took place at Readercon, and Arisia was represented at FanExpo Boston - Alder was the point of contact. The Hiatus Committee plans to host a table at Boskone 2027, and Sharon provided the relevant contact information to reserve a table.
- Social Activity
    - During this gap year, we're going to try adding a couple of purely social Zooms to the calendar. Come join us to chat or just listen. If you'd like, use the time to work on a project, whether that's needle crafts, woodworking, your taxes, rocketry, baking, home repair, or convention neepery. Talk as much or as little as you'd like. We have planned one Thursday evening and one Sunday afternoon session per month, and we'll see how those shake out. October dates will be on Thursday the 8th at 7:30pm, and Sunday the 25th at 3pm. (Hosted by Lenore Jones.)
    - Committee member Violet Zitola is researching a venue to host an in-person casual hang-out in mid-November, and a similar event in the spring. She is investigating free or low-cost locations in the Metrowest region (like church halls) which would accommodate a hundred or so people and have parking available. Activities might include board games, crafting or whatever Arisians would like to share with each other on a friendly basis. There would be no cost to attend. The Committee is requesting help with finding a venue. Ilene noted that some people would be less likely to attend an event held at a church. Joseph asked how big a venue was needed and suggested starting with a smaller space for the November event. Opus asked if the venue would be on public transit; ideally it would. She also brought up the idea of checking with public libraries. Kelly mentioned using local colleges for space, but other members indicated that college spaces are getting harder to book.
    - Arisia at the movies! Godzilla Minus Zero opens in November. We would pick a theater, date, and time, and encourage people to wear an Arisia t-shirt. Maybe we could see it in IMAX. Participants would purchase their own tickets. Elaine would put out a poll on the Discord, and if people also wanted other locations/dates/times, more viewings could happen. Also, other people could set up similar events for other movies or events in their area.
    - ACOG'27 on MLK weekend, a Discord-based virtual event, somewhat based on ACOG'22. Some channels would be opened for people to post their vendor listings, costume photos and videos, latest reading, etc. We would put out a call for scheduled events, like a few group or individual readings, panels, online games, watch parties, or presentations, with the intention that if someone volunteers to host or run something, we can add it to a schedule. Justin is willing to set up the Discord structure for this. Some additional Discord moderation would be needed, along with a few people to organize or schedule the more

defined events, especially if there are reasons to prefer some Zoom sessions over the Discord video capability.
    - Rachel T. offered to look into arranging an Arisia Night at a Boston Fleet (Professional Women's Hockey League) game at the Agganis Center in Boston. Several Arisians have season tickets, more are Fleet fans, and it's possible to set up "group nights" where a group is called out over the Jumbotron, etc. Several attendees expressed interest.
- Tech Debt Group
    - Melia is working to set up an opportunity for those interested to review the Art Show potential of the Civet system.
    - A convention website framework has been developed to turn over to 48in48 for possible Wordpress development, and we have a volunteer ready to work on the site.
    - Clearly the Corp website needs to be a priority to address shortly.
- Volunteering Review Group
    - Volunteers are the backbone of everything else about Arisia, as a community and as a convention. After much discussion within the committee and with other volunteers, the Hiatus Committee feels that a more deliberate effort to support and sustain our volunteer culture will better enable this community to thrive and to create the convention that we all love. To that end, we are proposing a new year-round committee as follows:

Elaine made the following motion:

Motion to create a Volunteer Coordination Committee
In order to foster better communication with Arisia volunteers, maintain our volunteer community and support our volunteers to minimize burnout, this year-round committee will:

- Incorporate DEIA understanding and sensitivity through taking and offering training
- Maintain consistent communication with past, current and incoming volunteers, with a particular focus after the Con and during the recruitment phase
- Maintain consistent communication with Corporate and Convention leadership
- Maintain backend systems to organize volunteer information for greater flexibility and sustainability in volunteer placement
- Collaborate with existing Arisia volunteer structures including Team Arisia Services to recruit, onboard and train convention and corporate volunteers

Someone moved to call the question and it was seconded. **MOTION PASSES.**

Masquerade judge, Hiatus and Communications Committee member Alder Fehler and new volunteer Courtney Tobin, a long-time Arisia attendee with a background in community building and restorative practice have volunteered to co-chair this committee.

Mike S. moved to nominate Alder Fehler and Courtney Tobin as Co-Chairs of the Volunteer Coordination Committee. The motion was seconded. **MOTION PASSES.**

The Broad Universe writing group, with Marianna Martin as the point person, has offered to take on the Student Writing Contest.

Sarah Morrison, past Artist Guest of Honor, is interested in spearheading the Student Art Contest and is talking with other local artists about how to make that happen.

They will likely need an official Committee Chair since this is a Corp committee. Both Sarah and some members of Broad Universe have been involved with the contests in the past as judges. Kris P. stated that while she isn't able to be Chair, she has access to all of the historical information on the Student Contests and is happy to share it with the eventual Chair. Kylie expressed tentative interest in being the Chair.

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 voted on 1 IR and sent it on to the EBoard this month. There are 7 remaining open IRs: 5 from 2026 and 2 from 2024.

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

The Corporate web site is hosted on a provider (HostGator) that decided to do an upgrade, thereby bringing down our web site. Sometimes we need to do an upgrade when they do; sometimes they just break things. We don't know which situation this was, but they're not a good fit for us in a number of ways. We should consider getting a hosting provider with a different service level.

Long Range Planning (LRP):
Tanya (chair), phi, Dan T., Julia, Henry

None.

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

None.

Social:

Mike S.

None.

Student Contests:
(members needed)

None, but see Hiatus Committee report.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

Elections:

President: Mike Sprague is running for re-election. He re-read his blurb.

Hi all,

I'm Michael Sprague. I will be running again in the election for the position of Arisia Corporate President this Sunday I think I've done a reasonable job of running meetings, assisting committees where and when I can, and helping those doing the bulk of this work during this transitory time for the Corp and convention. I'd be honored to continue doing so.

After a vote by secret ballot, **Mike Sprague IS ELECTED PRESIDENT.**

Vice President: Joel Herda is running for re-election. D.J. asked if Joel believes that the EBoard has the authority to ban a member from volunteering or from staffing the con. Joel replied yes, in extraordinary circumstances. Charles noted that the Corporation could override an EBoard decision. Mike S. pointed out that the EBoard can override the Con Chair.

After a vote by secret ballot, **Joel Herda IS ELECTED VICE PRESIDENT.**

Treasurer: Nicholas “phi” Shectman is running for re-election. He likes the work but is looking for an understudy, especially someone who would make things less complicated.

After a vote by secret ballot, **Nicholas “phi” Shectman IS ELECTED TREASURER.**

Clerk: Rachel Tanenhaus is running for re-election. She re-read her blurb.

Hi there, fabulous Arisia Corporate members,

I'm Rachel Tanenhaus (she/her/hers), aka tikva, and I'm your current Clerk. I'll be running for re-election in the election taking place this Sunday. I've been doing this job for several years, and before that I was a Member-At-Large. I've also served as convention staff.

Despite the fact that I am by no means the most serious person you know, I take my responsibilities of keeping the Corporation's official records and ensuring that they are clear and accurate very seriously. In my professional life, I am a career public servant, and I understand the importance of true and informative documentation. I'm also open to ways in which I can improve the minutes so that they're more usable. I attend Corporate and EBoard meetings consistently and will continue to do so. As a bonus, I'm good at being a nudge, so I also remind my fellow EBoard members of upcoming dates and deadlines.

I'm a big fan of transparency. In that spirit, and since I'm on the IRMC anyway, I can tell you that there is an open IR regarding me at this time. It does not relate to the performance of my duties as Clerk, but folks certainly have a right to know it exists.

I'm happy to answer any questions about my candidacy to the best of my ability.

Thanks.

An attendee asked for more information about the IR regarding Rachel. Rachel explained that it was about something she had said on the Discord, but not in her role as Clerk. As a member of the IRMC, she has recused herself from investigating this IR. She did say the thing reported, although it may have been misinterpreted; in any case, she admits that it wasn't a wise thing to say.

After a vote by secret ballot, **Rachel Tanenhaus IS ELECTED CLERK.**

Members-At-Large: Allison Feldhusen is running for re-election. Although unable to attend the meeting, she did submit a blurb.

Greetings

I am putting my name in the hat for re-election as a Member at Large.

Unfortunately I cannot attend the meeting on Sunday as I am working as a Safety coordinator for another event outdoors in northern NH and will not have reliable signal.

I have enjoyed the past year an a half as a Member at Large and want to continue to work towards having the hiatus year give us the insight we need into making a less stressful, more enjoyable convention for Everyone.

Please feel free to send me any questions you have and I will do my best to answer them before 6 am Sunday.

Thank you.

Andrew Brockert self-nominated for Member-At-Large. He has never volunteered for Arisia, but has attended several times. He is a problem-solver, and likes to take something that is struggling and fix it. He's not a lifetime Arisian, so he has a different perspective than most candidates. D.J. asked if Andrew believes that the EBoard has the ability to ban a volunteer from volunteering if necessary. Andrew said yes, depending on severity and urgency. It shouldn't happen often, but they should be able to do it. Timing matters, and emergency situations happen. Jaime asked about Andrew's resume. Andrew has been President and ConChair for Bronycon 2012, which he had six months to bring from 800 to 4000 attendees. He was Treasurer at BabsCon. Keeping books isn't his strong suit, but he can make financial decisions. He has helped with Art Show and Registration at various places. He is a Hotel Liaison for MagFest under Colette Fozard. He also gets along well with the current EBoard.

After a vote by secret ballot, **Allison Feldhusen and Andrew Brockert ARE ELECTED MEMBERS-AT-LARGE.**

<u>Other New Business:</u>

phi noted that the lease at our storage space in Haverhill is up soon. We thought it ended in January, but the lease has typos, and our landlord thinks it ends at the end of October (which is not one of the typos). phi has not corrected him because it is easier to move in October than in the snow in January. If we stay in the building but move spaces, they'll offer a free month of overlap. When we first got this space, we were a 4000-person con. We had lots of gear, some of which we used for things we no longer do, and over time, tech equipment got smaller. Our current space is half-empty, and about half of what's in there we don't really need. We should still have some swap space, and that space doesn't shrink as much. We currently have 2800 square feet of space. phi took stock of our stuff, and if we weren't running cons, we could use 450 square feet. But we actually need 900-1200 square feet. This gives us a wide range of options, some of which are in our current building. Some of the options elsewhere aren't as good a deal. The Peabody space is not a better price. Space in Nashua would save us money, but it's far and has no transit access, so phi isn't seriously considering it. The space next to a truck rental place in Woburn was a lot more expensive. Right now we pay approximately $1750/month. We could get 1600 square feet for $1250/month, which is still more space than we need. Our space is our single largest expense as an organization and a driving factor of how much reserve money we have to keep around. Also in our building are several smaller spaces, no one of which is large enough. The largest can handle what we send to cons, but not what we don't send to cons. (maintaining equipment, extra t-shirts, spare parts). We can spend $1050 for two spaces divided by what goes and does not go to con. There are 3 or 4 spaces closer in the building, but no one space would be big enough for everything that goes to the con. Most of these spaces don't have access via the passenger elevator - just the freight elevator and stairs. If the freight elevator is down, no elevator is available. Most of the smaller spaces are not

available after hours. The 1600 square foot space and the space with room for things that go to con are available after hours. The landlord likes us, so we might have some flexibility.

The other building is in Lawrence, and isn't that much closer to the con. It is not as close to the commuter rail as the space in Haverhill, but it's not too bad. It's on the 1st floor and goes to a loading dock. No elevator access is needed at all. Some parts of the space are rougher than our current space. We'd need to move there in October. The space costs $1000/month, and the total space is a little over 1000 square feet.

If we stay in our current space then we wouldn't have to hurry about getting rid of stuff. We don't have an offered lease yet. But people can tell the CIC their priorities for space. phi suggested that we make a motion to direct the EBoard to find a relevant space - it can be pretty specific.

Charles noted that pipe isn't going in the passenger elevator, and we need a working freight elevator. Nobody is handling logistics who isn't capable of walking up stairs. He prefers the 1600 square foot option.

Kylie said that people who need to tag might not be able to take stairs. phi reported that everywhere has freight elevator access, but not everyone knows how to operate those elevators.

Rick wanted to know about safety around the Lawrence site, since some Arisia folks might be accessing the space at all hours. phi replied that there is probably less foot traffic in Lawrence, but the space is near some main streets. phi has not been to the Lawrence space at night.

Rachel S. wanted to know if the Lawrence space is big enough and what its cons are. phi said it's not as optimized for the way we put things on racks up against the wall, but it has more space, so that may make up for any layout issues. It has some interior walls. The doorways in the Lawrence space are 6'6", and in our current space they are 6'8" or 6'9". This is hard for getting the "guns" through. Maybe we'd use the Lunacon carts instead, which don't fit as well into a freight elevator, but we wouldn't have an elevator in Lawrence. Lawrence has less nightlife, but a few good restaurants. We'd need to rent a truck in order to move.

Andrew lives in Lowell and knows the Lawrence area. He noted that the space is in an "all right" location. After-hours access is important for tagging. phi is wondering if we need freight elevators, because it'd be nice not to have to depend on elevators.

Rachel S. pointed out that October is in 3 days. Several people indicated that they had just received a lot of information at once and would need a summary in order to make any suggestions or decisions.

Megan asked how much it would cost to rent trucks to move from Haverhill to Lawrence. phi estimated it'd be about as much as one move-in truck for Arisia, maybe more, which would be less than $1000. Rick responded that it would be about $200/day. He added that renting for a

week is cheaper; you just get charged for 5 days, but he doesn't think that should factor in. He also said the current landlord is getting cranky about after-hours access. Violet asked how confident we are about elevator repair service responsiveness. phi noted that getting elevators fixed is not usually quick regardless. Charles said that tilting the "guns" is dangerous and shouldn't happen. phi stated that the Lunacon carts would solve the problem. Mike S. noted that if a piece of equipment is impeding us, that's a good reason to look at using the Lunacon carts.

Ilene made the following motion:

Motion for the Corporation to direct the EBoard to:

- Share a simplified information sheet of storage space options with the Corporation and gather feedback and guidance within the next week,
- Work with the identified logistics members to gather additional feedback, ideally with walkthroughs, and
- Determine and contract with the best space for Arisia's needs, keeping in mind access for those involved in moving stored items, as well as those responsible for tagging for convention.

and it was seconded. **MOTION PASSES.**

The Corporation voted to set the January Corporate meeting date for **Sunday, January 24, 2027 at 2:00 pm over Zoom.**

Announcements:

- On Saturday, October 3, a FanFiction reading event will take place from 7-9 at ComiCazi in Somerville.
- NK Jemisin, Arisia 2015's Writer GoH, will be reading at the Boston Public Library on Tuesday, September 29 - in person is sold out with a waitlist, but people can register to attend online at https://bpl.bibliocommons.com/events/6a71dfc524cc9f017dda77ac.
- Author and frequent Arisia panelist Gillian Daniels will be reading at the Harvard Book Store on Wednesday, September 30 - her book is Jenny Will Eat You Now.
- On Saturday October 24, The ComiCazi HorrorCon will take place at the Dilboy VFW in Somerville from 10-4.
- The NESFA Book Fair will take place from 12-5 on Saturday, October 3. Excess books will be available Wednesday or Saturday when they're open. The event is free, but donations are requested.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:53 pm.

Calendar

Corporate Meetings

- Tuesday, October 20, 2026 at 7:00 pm (Zoom)
- Sunday, November 15, 2026 at 2:00 pm (Zoom)
- Tuesday, December 15, 2026 at 7:00 pm (Zoom)
- Sunday, January 24, 2027 at 2:00 pm (Zoom)

Other Meetings and Events

Upcoming Conventions

- ComiCazi HorrorCon - Saturday, October 24, 10-4 - Dilboy VFW, Somerville

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

Membership List

This membership list is as of 6:00 PM ET on 6/12/2026. 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
Pauline Arsenault
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
Stefanie Deschamps
Regis Donovan
etana
Kelly Fabijanic
Alder Fehler
Allison Feldhusen
Jaime Garmendia
Max Gladstone
Lisa Opus Goldstein
James Hammond
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
Rose Moore
Skip Morris
Chris Murphy
Lia Olsborg
Charles Olson
Peter Olszowka
Kris Pelletier
Patrick Powers
Antonia Pugliese
Danielle Reese
R. Eric Reuss
Laurel Richman
A. Joseph Ross
Jo Rothman
Sharon Sbarsky
Richard Schmeidler
Jason Schneiderman
Cate Schneiderman
JB Segal
Frances Selkirk
Kylie Selkirk
Jude Shabry
Nicholas “phi” Shectman
Cris Shuldiner
Rachel Silber
Sarah Smith
Stephani Smith
Mike Sprague
Mary Stock
Rachel Tanenhaus
Ilene Tatroe
Mike Tatroe
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Tanya Washburn
Nightwing Whitehead
Violet Zitola

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President	Mike Sprague	president@
Vice President	Joel Herda	vice-president@
Treasurer	Nicholas “phi” Shectman	treasurer@
Clerk	Rachel Tanenhaus	clerk@
Members-At-Large		at-large@
	Andrew Brockert	
	Allison Feldhusen	
Arisia ’26 Con Chair	Joel Herda	conchair@
Arisia ‘26 Treasurer	None	con-treasurer@

Committee Membership

Budget (budget@) Nicholas "phi" Shectman (chair), Kelly Fabijanic
Corporate Communications (corpcomms@) Rachel Tanenhaus (chair), Justin du Coeur, Lenore Jean Jones, Rachael Linker, Alder Fehler
Corporate Inventory Control (cic@): Benjamin Levy, Skip Morris, Nicholas “phi” Shectman
Discord: Will McMain, (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, Patrick Powers, Suriya Jeyapalan, Swati Joshi
Hotel Search (hotelsearch@): (no chair), Benjamin Levy, Nicholas “phi” Shectman, Kelly Fabijanic
Incident Response Management Committee (IRMC) (incidents@): Will McMain (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
Volunteer Coordination: Alder Fehler, Courtney Tobin (co-chairs)

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 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.)

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