



Mentor

The Newsletter of Arisia, Incorporated—Number 169—December 2008

Notices

The next corporate meeting is Sunday, January 16 at 5:00 PM in Prefunction BC at the Hyatt Regency Cambridge Hotel.

The quorum for the January meeting is 11 based on 51% of the average attendance of the last three meetings (24, 15, 22).

October 2008 Meeting Minutes

Date, Time, and Place:

Meeting called to order by September Isdell at 7:35pm on Tuesday, October 28 at the NESFA clubhouse. Minutes taken and submitted by Nicholas Shectman.

In Attendance (15 members):

Bridget Boyle, Donald Eastlake, Jill Eastlake, Lisa Hertel, September Isdell, Rick Kovalcik, Ben Levy, Ken London, Robert Luoma (non-member), Lia Olsborg, Peter Olson, Sharon Sbarsky, Nicholas Shectman, Cris Shuldiner, Michael Sprague, *hobbit*

Proxies:

Crystal Huff to Ben Levy, Steve Huff to Cris Shuldiner, Pete Thomas to Rick Kovalcik, Susan Mozzicato to Rick Kovalcik.

Corrections to the minutes: None.

President's report:

We're just starting to get going on committees; September will be sending something out about that later on.

Eboard report:

We voted to approve Buzz Harris as the 2010 treasurer.

Vice President's report: Not present.

Treasurer's report:

We have money. Ben swept the last of the money out of the even-year account, so we now have about \$9000-\$10000 that's not allocated. The account is not actually closed, but contains seed money for 2010.

Clerk's report:

Please sign in. Dues are \$22 before the meeting and \$20 after. I signed us up for free hosting from Dreamhost, which has some interesting features like revision-control hosting and which gives freebies to nonprofits. I haven't done anything with this hosting yet.

Relaxacon report:

We are looking for someone to run Relaxacon. We've had one person put their name in, but we'd love to hear from more people.

Arisia 2009 report:

The Arisia '09 convention committee met at the Kovalcik/Mozzicato residence on October 14. The Division Heads met this past Saturday, the 25th, at the Levy/Thomas residence.

Things move apace.

We completed space planning for all convention open function rooms and the preliminary placement of some rooms which are committee only. We are in the throes of determining our Hyatt hotel comp numbers and how they will be allocated. We hope to avoid incurring money charges for hotel rooms inside the Hyatt, beyond the 25 already in the budget.

Sharon and I have gone over a preliminary ribbon order. The deadline for anyone to request ribbons is November 15. Send these requests to chair at... and I will share them with Sharon. Although you are welcome to request anything, you may not get what you asked for. We will be constrained by our budget, my preferences, and sometimes by good taste. There will be no ordering of special ribbons for a particular joke with this order.

Publications is on track to publishing books and t-shirts. We've got a draft design for the badge in process.

Program has closed brainstorming and sent off the initial emailing to prospective participants for program and events. A reminder emailing will be going out soon. Final decisions on the program and events will be in late November.

A list of Events covering early Friday evening through early afternoon Monday is in the works. We will be shutting down the Presidential Ballroom about noon on Monday for load out.

Mailings have gone out for both Dealers and the Art Show. Reservations are being taken.

The website has been updated and is (I think) a little easier to use. Everyone is encouraged to go there every couple of weeks to vote in the survey and see what's new.

Staffing continues. See the Help Wanted page (<http://2009.arisia.org/HelpWanted>) for more information.

Registration is now 809 total: 450 adults, 12 babysitting, 33 fast track, 6 GOH, 15 KIT, 33 Student, and 260 Comps (the rollovers and other free memberships are counted as comps in the other total)

Arisia 2009 Treasury Report:

Nothing to add beyond what's in Jill's report, except that convention registration is running ahead of last year by about 80 memberships.

Arisia 2010 Report:

I have treasurer. I am still working on lining up GoHs. I do not plan to appoint most positions until after A09, but if people are interested let me know.

Committee reports: No committees are populated.

Old business: None.

New business:

MSP (Cris, Rick, no objection) to reimburse the A09 treasurer (that is, Donald Eastlake) \$409 for three nights (out of the six) that Jill and Don were in the hotel, as their room was used for treasury and they were woken up early for it.

There is some discussion of contingency budget for ballroom lighting, but no motion was made at this time.

MSP (Rick, Jill, no objection) to set the February meeting date to February 24, 7:30 at NESFA.

Announcements:

NEFE will be at the Hyatt on the weekend before Thanksgiving. George Takei will not actually be there, but they will have a couple of astronauts and some other cool guests. We expect them to ask to borrow stuff from us but no request has been forthcoming as yet.

The next corporate meeting will be 5pm on Sunday, Dec. 14 at the Hyatt, after the concomm meeting at 2pm that day.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02pm.

December 2008 Meeting Minutes

Date, Time, and Place

Meeting called to order by September Isdell at 5:18pm on Sunday, December 14 at the Hyatt Regency Cambridge. Minutes taken and submitted by Nicholas Sheckman.

In Attendance (22 members):

Paul Aldred, Bridget Boyle, Emily Coombs (new member), David D'Antonio, Mary Dumas, Donald Eastlake, Jill Eastlake, Lisa Hertel, Crystal Huff, Steve Huff, September Isdell, Allan Kent, Joe Kesselman (non-member), Ben Levy, Ken London, Glenn MacWilliams, Skip Morris, Noel Rosenberg, Nicholas Sheckman, Rachel Silber, Mike Sprague, Julia Suggs (non-member), Pat Vandenberg, Jonathan Venezian (non-member), Conor Walsh

Proxies: Rick to Jill Eastlake, Merv to Steve Huff.

Corrections to the minutes:

None, because Mentor did not go out.

President's Report:

Relaxacon 2009 will be chaired by Mary Dumas. She did a fabulous job last year and we welcome her to run it again this year. We will be opening nominations for Arisia 2011 today, through February 14. Please send email to eboard to put in your name. We will be scheduling interviews later.

We lent equipment to Philcon and it came back. We agreed to lend equipment to NEFE but they did not wind up borrowing anything.

Vice President's Report:

Grant committee is still trying to get people to ask us for money. Apparently people think our solicitations are spam. If you know of a nonprofit that is looking for grant money,

particularly if they have a project in mind, please have them send email to grants@arisia.org. Public libraries are encouraged and have been solicited to apply, but to no avail. We are also looking for another member of the Grant Committee.

Treasurer's Report:

We have money. We spent money on rent, the bulk mail permit, and some other things.

Clerk's Report:

There was no Mentor in November. There will be a Mentor in December. Please sign in on the yellow pad of paper.

Arisia 2009 Report:

Arisia '09 Division heads met here at 11 and the concomm met at 2 and lots of useful work was done. The good news is that Tem has gotten some lower rate rooms and there will be a lottery. Anyone who is already on staff and already has a room reserved is welcome to join the lottery for lower rate rooms on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday to get a room rate of \$75 instead of \$123. The drawing will happen probably on December 25. There are about a dozen rooms available at this rate. This is for existing reservations as the hotel is full. Please email conchair@arisia.org and make sure your real name is in the email so we can find your reservation.

Moved and passed to transfer \$2000 from the Marketing budget to the Chairman's contingency budget. Marketing has gone under budget because the college newspapers never got back to us when we tried to advertise with them.

We are at 31 days until truck load. Do visit the web site and if something needs to be on there tell the webmaster.

Arisia 2010 Report:

Rick has announced his GoHs to the Staff list. Staffing continues. The Executive Board has chosen Buzz Harris as the 2010 convention treasurer, in consultation with Rick.

Committee Reports:

Noel Rosenberg will be heading up the Hotel Search committee, and Cris Shuldiner will be running the Bylaws committee. No report from either committee yet. Rick Kovalcik will be heading CIC; that's it for appointed committees.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

MSP (Jill Eastlake/Noel Rosenberg) to allocate up to \$200 to reimburse Patrick Foster to cover the expense of transporting video equipment to Arisia 2008.

MSP (Ben Levy/Jill Eastlake) to set the 2009 relaxacon rates to \$5 more than last year: that is, \$20 weekend or \$15 Friday or Saturday in advance; \$30 at the door for the weekend or \$20 for Friday or Saturday

MSP (out of A09 committee) to allocate \$800 for tech equipment to cover a PDU, a high-output video projector, additional clearcom, and equipment for broadcasting the Masq on the in-house video channel.

MSP (out of President's report) to set the March meeting to March 15, at 2pm at MIT (that is, the default time and place).

Announcements:

Boskone is coming up.

The Arisia 2009 debrief will be January 25 at 2pm at MIT.

Lunacon is coming up on the weekend of March 20-22.

Lisa Hertel is putting together a trip to the Museum of Science on January 24 at 1:00 pm.

Anticipation (Montreal Worldcon) hotel reservations open at the end of January. Be sure to go on their web site and take a look at how reservations work if you're going.

The first Arisia tagging session will be Sunday Dec. 28 from noon to 6pm. If there is no one there by 4pm then we will go home unless Noel gets a phone call. There will be further tagging sessions; this is just the first one.

Meeting adjourned at 5:48pm.

Detailed Treasurer's Report

October 1 st			Change from Sep 1
Even Year - A08		\$2,000.00	-\$5,074.24
Odd Year - A09		\$13,760.77	\$3,974.88
Reserved/Unspent			
Grant Fund	\$5,000.00		\$0.00
Two years expenses/CDs	\$34,487.12		\$60.93
Relaxcon Memberships	\$0.00		\$0.00
Capital Equipment Fund	\$2,812.20		-\$187.80
Voted Expenses (excludes budget)	\$0.00		\$0.00
Unspent Budget	\$10,069.29		-\$3,672.00
Total Reserved		\$52,368.61	-\$3,798.87
Unallocated Funds		\$9,000.97	\$7,665.23
Total Corporate Funds		\$61,369.58	\$3,866.36
Total Assets		\$77,130.35	\$2,767.00

Membership Roster

This is the membership roster as of January 5, 2009. *Italic* indicates honorary members. **Bold Italic** indicates honorary members who have also paid (so they can vote or hold office).

Debra Aldred	'Zanne Labonville
Paul Aldred	Alex Latzko
<i>Rob Bazemore</i>	Ben Levy
Dave Belfer-Shevett	Carole London
Bridget Boyle	Ken London
Jerome Connor	Glen MacWilliams
Emily Coombs	Skip Morris
Brian Cooper	Susan Mozzicato
David D'Antonio	Tom Murphy (Merv)
Samantha Dings	Pam Ochs
Mary Dumas	Lia Olsborg
Don Eastlake	Peter Olson
Jill Eastlake	<i>Mary Robison</i>
<i>Tom Fish</i>	Noel Rosenberg
John Francini	Sharon Sbarsky
Joel Herda	Nicholas Shectman (Phi)
Brendan Hertel	<i>Cris Shuldiner</i>
Lisa Hertel	Rachel Silber
Lisa Holsberg (Jasra)	Mike Sprague
Crystal Huff	Pete Thomas
Steve Huff	Persis Thorndike
September Isdell	Pat Vandenberg
Allan Kent	*hobbit*
Rick Kovalcik	Conor Walsh

Key List

If you do not have a key to storage and need to get into storage, send mail to keys@arisia.org and all keyholders will get your request.

Keyset	Holder	Keyset	Holder
1	Joel Herda	13	Persis Thorndike
2	Alex Latzko	14	Lisa Hertel
3	Skip Morris	15	Ben Levy
4	Carsten Turner	16	Lia Olsborg
5	Skip Morris	17	Lisa Holsberg
6	Phi	18	Dave Belfer-Shevett
7	Michael Bergman	19	Skip Morris (spare)
8	Rick Kovalcik	20	Crystal Huff
9	September Isdell	21	Jill Eastlake
10	Hobbit	22	Noel Rosenberg
11	Landlord	23-26	Rick Kovalcik (spare)
12	Janet Stickle		

Mentor Subscription Information

Subscription to *Mentor of Arisia* is included with Corporate Membership to Arisia, Incorporated. Membership runs from September 1st to August 31st and costs \$24. Dues are pro-rated on a monthly basis for members joining during the year.

September	\$24	March	\$12
October	\$22	April	\$10
November	\$20	May	\$08
December	\$18	June	\$06
January	\$16	July	\$04
February	\$14	August	\$02

Executive Board

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Committee Members

Bylaws Committee Cris Shuldiner (chair)	Hotel Search Committee Noel Rosenberg (chair)
Inventory Control Rick Kovalcik (chair)	

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Upcoming Events and Meetings

Sunday, January 18: Arisia corporate meeting at 5pm in Prefunction BC at the Hyatt Regency Cambridge

Sunday, January 25: Arisia debrief at 2pm at MIT

Friday, February 13 through Sunday, February 15: **Boskone** at the Westin Waterfront, Boston

Tuesday, February 24: Arisia corporate meeting at 7:30pm at the NESFA clubhouse

Sunday, March 15: Arisia corporate meeting at 2pm at MIT

Friday, March 20 through Sunday, March 22: **Lunacon**

Friday, May 29 through Sunday, May 31: **Arisia Relaxacon**

Friday, July 9 through Sunday, July 11: **Readercon**

Thursday, August 6 through Monday, August 10: **Anticipation, the 2009 Worldcon** in Montreal