



# Mentor

The Newsletter of Arisia, Incorporated—Number 173—June 2009

## Notices

The next corporate meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 23 at 7:30pm at the NESFA clubhouse. At this meeting we will be voting on the corporate budget printed in this MENTOR.

The quorum for the June meeting is 10 based on 51% of the average attendance of the last three meetings (20, 17, 17).

## April 2009 Meeting Minutes

**Date, Time, and Place:** Meeting called to order by Crystal Huff at 7:39pm on April 28 at the NESFA Clubhouse. Minutes taken and submitted by Nicholas Shectman.

**In attendance (17 members):** Paul Aldred, Emily Coombs, Mary Dumas, Donald Eastlake III, Jill Eastlake, Brendan Hertel, Lisa Hertel, Crystal Huff, Rick Kovalcik, Ben Levy, Ken London, Skip Morris, Lia Olsborg, Noel Rosenberg, Sharon Sbarsky, Nicholas Shectman, and J Michael Spencer.

**Proxies:** David D'Antonio to Don Eastlake, Samantha Dings to Jill Eastlake, Steve Huff to Noel Rosenberg, Carol London to Ken London, Susan Mozzicato to Rick Kovalcik, Mike Sprague to Rick Kovalcik, Pete Thomas to Noel Rosenberg, Persis Thorndike to Jill Eastlake.

**Corrections to the minutes:** Ben points out that the reporting of the motion to change policy IV.g is redundant and that repealing the policy has the effect of removing the reimbursements from the budgets.

**President's report:** no report.

**Eboard report:** We voted to lend a load of fast track materials to Beyond IQ. We voted to lend pipe and drape to MASSFILC. We voted to spend some money on pipe bases. We voted to approve Crystal's appointment by acclamation. The eboard thanks NESFA for the use of the clubhouse. Please be careful to put your food trash in the garbage.

**Treasurer's report:** As usual, we still have money. Last month we lent credit card machines to lunacon, so the April 1 summary shows \$5800 extra in our accounts which will go away in the May report. We spent money as reported in the eboard report.

**Clerk's report:** no report.

**VP report:** Crystal is back in touch with a couple of libraries who are interested in applying for grants, though none of them have yet done so.

**Relaxacon report:** Relaxacon is at the end of May. We have 26 adults registered for the weekend, one Saturday, and 3 kids for a total of 30 people. We're going to be doing a small badge this year, and the hotel is looking forward to us coming, no problems there at all. We have only a third as many people going as we had expected at this point, so if you're going please register and reserve a room. Some discussion of badges ensues. We have enough people to work the kitchen, but need to remind people we know are going to buy their memberships.

**A09 report:** There was a convention. The treasurer could not make it and some last-minute expenses have come in, so Jill reports on his behalf: "The convention took in \$80000 (yes, I know that is weird, but I have double checked it) in income and looks to have spent about \$67000, for a profit of about \$13000". This is after the budgeted payment of \$10,600 to the corporation.

**A09 treasurer's report:** No report.

**A10 report:** The first Division Head meeting is next week, Wednesday 6 May at 7:30 at Chez Wood. We are still working on the website and the org chart. Buzz and I will be working on the budget real soon now. Rick asked for volunteers to take flyers to Star Trek showings.

**A10 treasurer's report:** "At the request of the A'10 chair, the budget process has been waiting on the A'09 Treasury report and some staffing issues." Cris has mailed Buzz and Rick files.

**Hotel search committee report:** We are actively contacting hotels; our target is to have the first round of feedback by May 8. I would like to start discussions to narrow down the search by May 15 with an eye to closing the second round by June 15 and then start negotiations with whatever hotel we have decided upon. Tem and I had dinner with the Hyatt sales rep and they are quite enthusiastic about the idea of having us back in 2011 and 2012. They are trying to find ways in which they can make us happy and coming back.

**CIC report:** We have stuff; more stuff that's going to Anticipation is being stored at Arisia storage. The landlord is replacing the lights with brighter, more efficient lights that use less power. Everything that's blocking the current lights is on wheels. Some discussion follows.

**Grant committee report:** Apart from the libraries I've been trying to pull in, we've heard additional information from the Mass Bay Film Project and festivals, and as soon as we meet we will be presenting info to the eboard and then to the corporation.

**Comps committee report:** Has not met. Hoping to meet immediately before the next corporate meeting.

**Bylaws committee report:** not present.

**Old business:** none.

**New business:** Mary asks for discussion of at-door rates for the relaxacon. Rick suggests a \$10 increase over the current rates. Skip points out that while you'll get more prereg you'll get fewer overall. Noel suggests making the previous rate cut off at least a few days earlier than the relaxacon itself. Ben points out that hotel rooms already provide incentive for people to make plans early. Lisa H suggests a week before as the cutoff. *MSP (Kovalcik, J. Eastlake) to set at the door Relaxacon rates to \$30 for the weekend, \$20 for fri or sat for adults as of the Monday of Memorial Day weekend (kids are still half price, and Sunday is still free).* Mary will get that out on the website and the staff mailing lists.

Rick asks for volunteers to take flyers to Pandemonium so they can sell A10 memberships at the current rate.

**Announcements:** Mary Dumas has free tickets to see Star Trek.

**Meeting adjourned** at 8:17 pm.

## Membership Roster

This is the membership roster as of February 28, 2009. *Italic* indicates honorary members. ***Bold Italic*** indicates honorary members who have also paid (so they can vote or hold office).

|                       |                              |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| Debra Aldred          | Alex Latzko                  |
| Paul Aldred           | Ben Levy                     |
| <i>Rob Bazemore</i>   | Carole London                |
| Dave Belfer-Shevett   | Ken London                   |
| Bridget Boyle         | Glen MacWilliams             |
| Jerome Connor         | Skip Morris                  |
| Emily Coombs          | Susan Mozzicato              |
| Brian Cooper          | Tom Murphy (Merv)            |
| David D'Antonio       | Pam Ochs                     |
| Samantha Dings        | Lia Olsborg                  |
| Mary Dumas            | Peter Olson                  |
| Don Eastlake          | Karen Purcell                |
| Jill Eastlake         | <i>Mary Robison</i>          |
| <i>Tom Fish</i>       | Noel Rosenberg               |
| John Francini         | Sharon Sbarsky               |
| Buzz Harris           | Jude Shabry                  |
| Joel Herda            | Nicholas Sheckman (Phi)      |
| Brendan Hertel        | <b><i>Cris Shuldiner</i></b> |
| 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                  |
| 'Zanne Labonville     |                              |

## 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    |        |                       |

## Detailed Treasurer's Reports

| April 1 <sup>st</sup>            |             |                    | Change from Mar 1  |
|----------------------------------|-------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Even Year – A10</b>           |             | \$8,105.00         | \$0.00             |
| <b>Odd Year – A09</b>            |             | \$15,021.91        | -\$405.18          |
| <b>Reserved/Unspent</b>          |             |                    |                    |
| Two years expenses/CDs           | \$34,821.41 |                    | \$44.34            |
| Grant Fund                       | \$5,000.00  |                    | \$0.00             |
| Relaxacon Memberships            | \$379.46    |                    | \$0.00             |
| Capital Equipment Fund           | \$1,755.90  |                    | -\$555.36          |
| Voted Expenses (excludes budget) | \$250.00    |                    | \$0.00             |
| Unspent Budget                   | \$4,432.56  |                    | -\$809.99          |
| <b>Total Reserved</b>            |             | <b>\$46,639.33</b> | <b>-\$1,321.01</b> |
| <b>Unallocated Funds</b>         |             | <b>\$27,977.80</b> | <b>\$5,809.36</b>  |
| <b>Total Corporate Funds</b>     |             | <b>\$74,637.13</b> | <b>\$4,488.35</b>  |
| <b>Total Assets</b>              |             | <b>\$97,764.04</b> | <b>\$4,083.17</b>  |

| May 1 <sup>st</sup>              |             |                    | Change from Apr 1  |
|----------------------------------|-------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Even Year – A10</b>           |             | \$9,643.39         | \$1,538.39         |
| <b>Odd Year – A09</b>            |             | \$15,270.91        | \$249.00           |
| <b>Reserved/Unspent</b>          |             |                    |                    |
| Two years expenses/CDs           | \$34,870.55 |                    | \$49.14            |
| Grant Fund                       | \$5,000.00  |                    | \$0.00             |
| Relaxacon Memberships            | \$629.14    |                    | \$210.86           |
| Capital Equipment Fund           | \$1,755.90  |                    | \$0.00             |
| Voted Expenses (excludes budget) | \$250.00    |                    | \$0.00             |
| Unspent Budget                   | \$3,537.27  |                    | -\$895.29          |
| <b>Total Reserved</b>            |             | <b>\$46,042.86</b> | <b>-\$635.29</b>   |
| <b>Unallocated Funds</b>         |             | <b>\$22,169.83</b> | <b>-\$5,789.15</b> |
| <b>Total Corporate Funds</b>     |             | <b>\$70,148.78</b> | <b>-\$6,424.44</b> |
| <b>Total Assets</b>              |             | <b>\$93,126.99</b> | <b>-\$4,637.05</b> |

## Executive Board

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|---|---|
| <b>President</b><br>September "Tem" Isdell<br>82 Albion St #2<br>Somerville, MA 02143<br>president@arisia.org | <b>Arisia 2009 ConChair</b><br>Jill Eastlake<br>155 Beaver St<br>Milford, MA 01757<br>chair@arisia.org        |
| <b>Vice President</b><br>Crystal Huff<br>PO Box 400928<br>Cambridge, MA 02140<br>vp@arisia.org                | <b>Arisia 2009 Treasurer</b><br>Cris Shuldiner<br>9 Jeremy Hill Rd<br>Pelham, NH 03076<br>treasury@arisia.org |
| <b>Treasurer</b><br>Ben Levy<br>47 Brown St<br>Andover, MA 01810<br>treasurer@arisia.org                      | <b>Arisia 2010 ConChair</b><br>Rick Kovalcik<br>19 Chesley Rd<br>Newton Centre, MA 02459                      |
| <b>Clerk</b><br>Nicholas "phi" Sheckman<br>75 Lexington Ave<br>Somerville, MA 02144<br>clerk@arisia.org       | <b>Arisia 2011 ConChair</b><br>Crystal Huff<br>PO Box 400928<br>Cambridge, MA 02140                           |

## 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 prorated on a monthly basis for members joining during the year.

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

## Committee Members

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|---|---|
| <b>Bylaws Committee</b><br>Cris Shuldiner (chair)   | <b>Inventory Control</b><br>Rick Kovalcik (chair)   |
| <b>Hotel Search Committee</b><br>Noel Rosenberg<br>(chair), Ben Levy, Skip Morris, Cris Shuldiner, Pat Vandenberg | <b>Comp Policy Committee</b><br>Glenn MacWilliams (chair)<br>Mary Dumas, Jill Eastlake, Lisa Hertel, Rick Kovalcik, Ken London, Cris Shuldiner, Rachel Silber |

## Arisia 08-09 Corp. Budget

| Income                          |                  | Actual              | Over/Under         |
|---------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Dues                            | \$1,000          | \$1,086.00          | \$86.00            |
| Interest                        | \$600            | \$776.88*           | \$176.88           |
| A'09 Convention Payment         | \$10,000         | \$10,600.00         | \$600.00           |
| A'09 Convention Excess Proceeds | \$0              | \$13,000.00*        | \$13,000.00        |
| <b>Total Income</b>             | <b>\$11,600</b>  | <b>\$25,462.88</b>  | <b>\$13,862.88</b> |
| Expenses                        |                  | Spent               | Over/Under         |
| Rent (\$797/ \$800) per month   | -\$9,564         | -\$9,582.00*        | \$-18.00           |
| Mailbox (USPS)                  | \$0              | -\$88.00            | -\$88.00           |
| Liability Insurance             | -\$2,700         | -\$780.00           | \$1,920.00         |
| Arisia (-\$600)                 |                  |                     |                    |
| Relaxacon (-\$600)              |                  |                     |                    |
| Storage (-\$1,500)              |                  |                     |                    |
| Student Art Contest Prizes      | -\$800           | -\$800.00           | \$0.00             |
| USPS Bulk Account Permit        | -\$175           | -\$180.00           | -\$5.00            |
| Mentor – Postage and Copying    | -\$600           | -\$109.38           | \$490.62           |
| Admin                           | -\$200           | -\$32.15            | \$167.85           |
| Supplies                        | -\$300           | -\$19.98            | \$280.02           |
| Domain Name (paid thru 10/2010) | \$0              |                     | \$0.00             |
| Server Hosting                  | \$0              |                     | \$0.00             |
| Credit Card/Paypal Fees         | -\$50            | -\$50.26            | -\$0.26            |
| Contingency Fund                | -\$2,000         | -\$1,000.00         | \$1,000.00         |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>           | <b>-\$16,389</b> | <b>-\$12,641.77</b> | <b>\$3,747.23</b>  |

## Arisia 09-10 Corp. Budget

| Income                          |                  |
|---------------------------------|------------------|
| Dues                            | \$1,000          |
| Interest                        | \$600            |
| A'10 Convention Payment         | \$10,630         |
| A10 Convention Excess Proceeds  | \$0              |
| <b>Total Income</b>             | <b>\$12,230</b>  |
| Expenses                        |                  |
| Rent (\$800/ \$825) per month   | -\$9,750         |
| Mailbox (paid through 2/2010)   | -\$95            |
| Liability Insurance             | -\$1,000         |
| Arisia Convention (-\$600)      |                  |
| Relaxacon (-\$600)              |                  |
| Arisia Storage (-\$1,500)       |                  |
| Student Art Contest Prizes      | -\$800           |
| USPS Bulk Account Permit        | -\$185           |
| Mentor – Postage and Copying    | -\$600           |
| Admin                           | -\$200           |
| Supplies                        | -\$300           |
| Domain Name (paid thru 10/2010) | \$0              |
| Server Hosting                  | \$0              |
| Credit Card/Paypal Fees         | -\$50            |
| Contingency Fund                | -\$2,000         |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>           | <b>-\$14,980</b> |

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## Upcoming Events and Meetings

Tuesday, June 23: Arisia corporate meeting at 7:30pm at NESFA

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

Sunday, July 19 :Arisia corporate meeting at 2pm at Rick Kovalcik's house in Newton.

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

Sunday, September 13: Arisia annual meeting at 2pm at MIT.