



Mentor

The Newsletter of Arisia, Incorporated—Number 172—April 2009

Notices

The next corporate meeting has been **postponed** to Tuesday, April 28 (from Tuesday, April 21). The time and location remain 7:30pm at the NESFA clubhouse. At this meeting we will be voting a motion to approve the Executive Board's selection of Crystal Huff as Convention Chair for 2011.

The quorum for the April meeting is 11 based on 51% of the average attendance of the last three meetings (25, 20, 17).

March 2009 Meeting Minutes

Date, Time, and Place:

Meeting called to order by September Isdell at 2:17 pm on March 15 at MIT. Minutes taken and submitted by Nicholas Shectman.

In attendance (17 members):

Emily Coombs, David D'Antonio, Samantha Dings, Mary Dumas, Lisa Hertel, Crystal Huff, September Isdell, Rick Kovalcik, Alex Latzko, Ben Levy, Ken London, Karen Purcell, Noel Rosenberg, Nicholas Shectman, Cris Shuldiner, Mike Sprague, Al Walker.

Proxies:

Rachel Silber to Nicholas Shectman, Lisa Holsberg to Crystal Huff, Pat Vandenberg to Samantha Dings, Al Kent to Samantha Dings, Paul Aldred to Mary Dumas, Steve Huff to Mike Sprague, Pete Thomas to Noel Rosenberg, Glenn MacWilliams to David D'Antonio, Susan Mozzicato to Rick Kovalcik, Carol London to Ken London, Sharon Sbarsky to Rick Kovalcik, Bridget Boyle to Alex Latzko.

Corrections to the minutes: none.

President's report: no report.

Eboard report:

We voted to loan art show equipment and pipe-and-drape to NEFE. We spent \$555.36 on the previously approved fastfold surface for Vincent.

Treasurer's report:

We have money.

Clerk's report: no report

VP report:

Who shook the soda bottle? [Cris Shuldiner says, "let the record show that Tem shook the soda bottle"]

Relaxacon report:

We're going on a sea cruise! We need people to start signing up; we're not at the numbers we need to make a successful event yet. We have 18 people registered and \$390 in income

so far. The rate for rooms goes up \$5 at the end of March, so reserve your room now! The information is on the website at relaxacon.org.

A09 report: no report.

A09 treasurer's report:

No report. Rick asks about schedule; Cris hopes to have a final treasurer's report to present at the April meeting.

A10 report:

We now have a full slate of Div Heads:

Events Division (events@arisia.org): David D'Antonio
Mary Dumas is his assistant.

Fixed Functions Division (fixedfunctions@arisia.org): Cris Shuldiner

Programming (programming@arisia.org): Bridget Boyle
Assistant Division Head: Mike Sprague is her assistant.

Publications (and Marketing) Division

(publications@arisia.org): Carsten Turner

Services Division (services@arisia.org): Emily Coombs

Tech Division (tech@arisia.org): J. Michael Spencer

Other appointments that I have made:

Assistant ConChairs: Crystal Huff, September Isdell, and Benjamin Levy

Fan Group Liaison (fangroups@arisia.org): Samantha Dings

Guest of Honor Liaison (goh-liaison@arisia.org): Rachel Silber

Hotel (hotel@arisia.org): Noel Rosenberg

Treasurer (contreasurer@arisia.org): Buzz Harris

I am still looking for an Admin / Secretary / Minutes keeper.

We hope to have the Org Chart on line real soon now.

I will be meeting with Buzz in the near future to start discussing the budget.

Arisia is sponsoring / running the Lunacon Consuite on Friday night (3/20) from 9 PM til close (2 AM).

Setup will start about 8 PM. I'll be there with Crystal Huff and Ben Levy, two of my assistant ConChairs. If you are going to be at Lunacon, we could use your help with any or all of the following (a) bringing stuff to Lunacon, (b) shopping on Friday afternoon, (c) setting up, (d) staffing the "party", (e) helping to cleanup, and (f) bring stuff back from Lunacon.

Please help us show Lunacon attendees what a fun con Arisia is! If you can help out, please send mail to conchair10@arisia.org.

Thank you.

A10 treasurer's report:

"I have to work on Sunday afternoon, so I will not be able to attend. There is nothing to add at this time beyond my comments to the last corporate meeting. Rick and I will be meeting soon to work on the 2010 budget. Feel free to email me directly with any questions."

Hotel search committee: no report.

CIC report:

We have a signed lease. There is some stuff being stored in storage for Anticipation.

Grant committee Report:

At the convention we received an incomplete grant request from the Mass Bay Film Project and Festivals, run by Robert Newton in Gloucester. They have been running a community film theatre since 2008 and would like to request \$3000 to partially fund putting together and present free of charge a program which is envisioned as a first step towards a speculative film festival. The grant committee is working with the requestor to get more details and finalize the grant request. We have some other feelers out but have not received any proposals. Grant information is available on the corporate website.

Comps committee Report:

Comps committee has been meeting online; the conversation is ongoing. No face to face meeting has yet been scheduled, but we expect one soon.

Bylaws committee Report:

No report. Currently this is populated by Cris, Rob Bazemore, and Tom Murphy. September will continue populating this committee after the end of the meeting.

Old business:

On the motion to raise dues to \$36. *MSP (Sheckman) to divide the house. MSP (Kovalcik) to call the question. Main motion fails 3-many.*

On the motion to create a student corporate rate. *Motion (Latzko) to call the question fails.* After a short amount of further discussion, the *main motion fails 8-11.*

New business:

MSP (Shuldiner, unanimous) to remove from convention budgets the line item for reimbursing the following convention for earned comps (currently by policy reimbursed at \$8 each), and to repeal the policy (Convention Policies IV.g) pertaining to this reimbursement. Much discussion ensues. *Motion called by Purcell/Kovalcik.*

MSP (Kovalcik, Sheckman, unanimous) to hold the June meeting on Tuesday, June 23 at 7:30pm at NESFA and to hold the July meeting on Sunday, July 19 at 2pm at Rick Kovalcik's house in Newton.

MSP (Shuldiner, Kovalcik, unanimous) to move the April meeting April 28 (other details unchanged).

MSP (Kovalik, Sheckman, unanimous) to cancel the August meeting.

MSP (Hertel, Rosenberg, many-1) to set the time of the next Annual meeting to 7pm, to avoid Rosh Hashanah. Amended (Huff, friendly) to set the date and time, and place of the next Annual meeting to September 13 at 2pm at MIT.

MSP (Purcell, Hertel, unanimous) to adjourn at approximately 3:25 pm.

Announcements:

There will be a mini anime convention Spring Anime Kaiju Experience) running April 11 from noon to midnight at the Tremont St Courtyard By Marriott. 12 hours for \$12.

Crystal Huff Fannish Resume

Arisia was my first convention, and remains my "con home" to this day. My first year attending Arisia was around 2000, as an elf comp. I joined the Security staff for overnight shifts, along with my then-boyfriend. I believe I skipped 2001, and then in 2002, I helped start the Massage Den with Ian Osmond and Erik Myer. In its second year of existence, I started running the Massage Den as the department head in addition to being one of the primary massage therapists on staff. Our department grew from two to twelve therapists, thanks to my efforts. I continued in that role for a few years, improving with each iteration, until deciding to try something new within the convention. In 2007, I was department head of the Staff Den. For 2008, I became the division head of Publications, and essentially co-department head of Newsletter for 2008 and 2009. In 2009, I also served as the division head of Member Services and ran the last-minute Friday Staff Den.

I have tried to experience a bit of various areas of the Arisia convention, and have also volunteered for a few other conventions in order to round out my resume. I have helped run Arisia parties at Balticon and just recently at my first Lunacon. I also helped with Tech for Lunacon, and discussed Programming in detail during panels at Smofcon 2008 and 2009. I have helped run food for the Arisia Relaxacon for 2007, 2008, and am assisting again for 2009. I have participated in the brainstorming email list for the past several years for Arisia, as well. I have also served as Vice President on the Arisia Executive Board for the past two years.

In addition to my convention experiences, I co-ran the Tufts University SCA borough for three years, during which time I was the autocrat (aka conchair) of two 300- to 500-person events, and on the staff of numerous other events. I am still the nominal head of the Peasants Guild for the Barony of Carolingia, a position I have held for the past three or so years.

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 Report

March 1 st			Change from Feb 1
Even Year – A10		\$8,105.00	\$6,105.00
Odd Year – A09		\$15,427.09	-\$51409.02
Reserved/Unspent			
Grant Fund	\$34,777.07		\$49.03
Two years expenses/CDs	\$5,000.00		\$0.00
Relaxacon Memberships	\$379.46		\$340.64
Capital Equipment Fund	\$2,311.26		\$0.00
Voted Expenses (excludes budget)	\$250.00		\$250.00
Unspent Budget	\$5,242.55		-\$809.36
Total Reserved		\$47,960.34	-\$169.69
Unallocated Funds		\$22,188.44	\$13,542.82
Total Corporate Funds		\$70,148.78	\$13,373.13
Total Assets		\$93,680.87	-\$31930.89

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

President September "Tem" Isdell 82 Albion St #2 Somerville, MA 02143 president@arisia.org	Arisia 2009 ConChair Jill Eastlake 155 Beaver St Milford, MA 01757 chair@arisia.org
Vice President Crystal Huff PO Box 400928 Cambridge, MA 02140 vp@arisia.org	Arisia 2009 Treasurer Cris Shuldiner 9 Jeremy Hill Rd Pelham, NH 03076 treasury@arisia.org
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Clerk Nicholas "phi" Shectman 75 Lexington Ave Somerville, MA 02144 clerk@arisia.org	Arisia 2010 Treasurer Buzz Harris 137 Franklin St Arlington, MA 02474

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 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
'Zanne Labonville	

Committee Members

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

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Upcoming Events and Meetings

Tuesday, April 28: Arisia corporate meeting at 7:30pm at the NESFA clubhouse

Sunday, May 17: Arisia corporate meeting at 2pm at MIT.

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

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.