Mentor

The Newsletter of Arisia, Incorporated — Number 168 — October 2008

Notices

The next corporate meeting is Tuesday 28 October at 7:30 PM at NESFA Clubhouse in Somerville.

The quorum for the next (October) meeting is 13 based on 51% of the average attendance of the last three meetings (24, 27, and 22).

Minutes of the September 2008 Meeting

Date, Time, and Place
The meeting was called to order by Nicholas Shectman at 2:11 PM on Sunday 21 September at MIT Room 66-166, in Cambridge. Minutes taken by Rick Kovalcik and submitted by Nicholas Shectman.

In Attendance (24 Members)
Debra Aldred, Paul Aldred, Samantha Dings, Mary Dumas, Don Eastlake, Jill Eastlake, Joel Herda, Lisa Hertel, Crystal Huff, Steve Huff, September Isdell, Rick Kovalcik, Benjamin Levy, Carole London, Ken London, Glenn MacWilliams, Susan Mozzicato, Lia Olsborg, Noel Rosenberg, Nicholas Shectman, Rachel Silber, Mike Sprague, Persis Thorndike, Conor Walsh.

Proxies
Lisa Holsberg (Jasra) to Mike Sprague, Pat Vandenberg to Samantha Dings, At Kent to Samantha Dings, Skip Morris to Rick Kovalcik, Tom Murphy to Steve Huff.

Corrections to the Minutes
None.

President's Report
We are still looking for someone to run Relaxacon. The incoming president will have to deal with this. Phi is not running for reelection as he is running for Clerk instead.

Eboard Report
We voted to lend Vincent (the big fastfold screen) to Albacon.

Vice-President's Report
Thank you all for a great (first) year as VP. The grants committee is talking about setting an actual due date for grant applications, so as to encourage people to get their application in at some point. Crystal is running for reelection.

Treasurer's Report
We got all of our insurance for the upcoming year for about $800. The insurance agent did a good job and we saved about $2000 from what was budgeted.

Clerk's Report
An attendance list is on the first chair. Due are currently $24 and people should renew if they haven't already. Thank you all for putting up with me as clerk over the last year. It was more work than I expected. Unfortunately (or fortunately), I'm not running for reelection because I'm not eligible as I am A'10 ConChair (so I'll still be on the Eboard ex-officio).

A'08 Report
Surplus was $21,558. Expenses were about $12,577 under budget and income about $8774 over budget. (The budget originally called for a surplus of $207.) This concludes the business of A'08.

A'09 Report
There is a convention coming up in January. We are still looking for some assistant division heads, notably Operations and Programming. The hotel will not be renovating before A'09. We had a good ConCom meeting and we decided not to shift the stage in Presidents D.

A'10 Report
Now that I'm no longer clerk, I plan to get cracking on this.

Bylaws Committee Report:
A report was submitted by email:

Phi asked me to chair this committee, and I've done a rather poor job of it.

In the beginning, we identified several different Bylaws that had either had formal amendments attempted for them, or else discussion regarding changing them. These were Bylaws Sections 3.3, 6.2, 6.4, 6.6, 6.7, 6.8 and 11.1b; and possibly others (in which I'm disappointed that I can not find notes beyond these). Furthermore, over the course of the year, we asked to have the following sections added to our charge to examine for changes: Sections 1.1, 1.4, 5.1 and specifically 9.6 (J Francini, email 10 March 2008 @ 2322 hours).

The Bylaws Committee managed to return recommendations on exactly two: Sections 6.4 and 6.7, which were accepted by the Membership.

Since about the 23rd of February, I've tried my best to "herd cats," if you will, regarding pending discussions regarding Sections 3.3, 6.2, and 6.6 -- as a unit, because these sections of the Bylaws are intimately entwined.

Finally, on 21 July 2008, I called for a final vote (via email; as with one exception, the work of the committee has occurred over email instead of in person) on the language we seemed to have hammered out. As the Chair, I directed that the vote be either up or down; no caveats, amendments, or suggestions.

And my abilities as a leader failed completely.

Three of the members of the committee cast votes, but with caveats, amendments, suggestion and discussion. One member of the committee, despite repeated attempts to email at various addresses and several phone calls to the three numbers available, did not vote at all.

I therefore decide to throw the vote out and declare "no joy" and send the issue back to the drawing board.

I've done my best with this charge, and I am grieved to find that my mettle was not sufficient to accomplish the task.

To The Next President Of The Corporation: I am willing and eager to serve on the Bylaws Cleanup Committee if it is reformed for the coming membership year; however, the situation of my personal life, and my past record with this charge, preclude me from accepting the chair of the committee.

For the Bylaws Cleanup Committee, Merv

CIC Report
We got a reasonable amount of stuff done. Thanks to all who helped. But there is still more to do. I was in storage yesterday fixing Skip's ladder. It is usable again although using a spotter and not carrying hundreds of pounds up it is probably a good idea. I'm interested in continuing / finishing the work on scanning old Mentors and posting them on the website if I'm reappointed to CIC.

Volunteer Appreciation Report
Not much progress due to other meetings. If reappointed we will set a date for a meeting.

Elections
The following people are running for office: September Isdell (President), Crystal Huff (Vice President), Ben Levy (Treasurer), Nicholas Shectman (Clerk). *MSP (Motion Seconded and Passed) for unanimous consent to waive secret ballot. MSP to consider the elections as a single slate. MSP to elect the slate as submitted.*

Old Business
None.

New Business
MSP to set default time and place for Arisia meeting for the following year to MIT building 66 room 166/168/etc. at 2 pm on the third Sunday of the month. (It was explained that this was necessary in case several meetings in a row did not have quorum so that we could still hold meetings as per the Bylaws.).

MSP to cancel the November Corporate Meeting.

MSP to set the December Corporate Meeting at 5 PM on Sunday 14 December at the same location as the ConCom meeting (currently at MIT but it may move to the Hyatt).

MSP to set the location for the Sunday January 18th, 2009 Corporate Meeting to the Hyatt in a room to be determined by programming.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 PM.

Detailed Treasurer's Report

September 1st			**Change from Aug 1**
Even Year - A08		$7,074.24	$0.00
Odd Year - A09		$9,785.89	$285.00
Corporate			
Reserved/Unspent			
Grant Fund	$5,000.00		$0.00
Two years expenses/CDs	$34,426.19		$5,049.52
Relaxcon Memberships	$0.00		$0.00
Capital Equipment Fund	$3,000.00		
Voted Expenses (excludes budget)	$0.00		$0.00
Unspent Budget	$13,741.29		-$1,850.71
Total Reserved		**$56,167.48**	$3,198.81
Unallocated Funds		**$1,335.74**	-$4,252.05
Total Corporate Funds		**$57,503.22**	-$1,053.24
Total Assets		**$74,363.35**	-$768.24

Arisia 2008 Budget Summary						**Notes**
INCOME			**Budget**	**Reported**	**Amt over**	
Advertising			$0	$1,625	$1,625	
Art Show			$3,050	$2,789	-$261	
Dealers			$4,500	$4,100	-$400	
Registration			$65,850	$67,300	$1,450	Reg allocation between pre and at
	At Con		$0	$6,360	$6,360	con may be inaccurate
Income Total		$73,400	$73,400	**$82,174**	$8,774	
EXPENSES			**Budget**	**Reported**	**Amt Under**	
Corporate expenses			$10,388	$10,388	$0	
Con Chair			$4,460	$476	$3,984	Balticon & Pi-Con Parties
Asst Chair - Ben (+ Art Show)			$1,550	$1,230	$320	
Asst Chair - Jill (+ Proj. Media)			$590	$502	$88	
Asst Chair - Lisa (+ Registration)			$5,500	$3,742	$1,758	
Events			$5,125	$5,508	-$383	
Food Functions			$10,020	$8,541	$1,479	
GoH Liaison			$5,010	$5,027	-$17	
Hotel Liaison			$5,740	$5,268	$472	
Marketing			$600	$52	$548	
Member Services			$4,500	$2,404	$2,096	
Ops			$4,430	$3,643	$787	
	Volunteer		$2,400	$2,000	$400	
Programming			$530	$66	$464	
Publications			$9,650	$8,544	$1,106	
Treasury			$2,700	$3,226	-$526	Includes PayPal & Credit Card fees
Expense Total		$73,193	$73,193	**$60,616**	$12,577	
		NET	$207	**$21,558**	$21,351	

Membership Roster

This is the current membership roster as of October 15, 2008. *Italic* indicates honorary members. ***Bold Italic*** indicates honorary members who have also paid (so that they can vote or hold office).

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

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 Street #2 Somerville, MA 02143 08chair@arisia.org	**Arisia 2009 ConChair** Jill Eastlake 155 Beaver St Milford MA 01757 09chair@arisia.org
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Clerk Nicholas Shectman 75 Lexington Ave Somerville, MA 02144 president@arisia.org	**Arisia 2010 Treasurer** vacant

Directions to the Arisia Meeting on Tuesday, October 28, 2008 at 7:30 PM

Location: NESFA Clubhouse, 504 Medford St., Somerville, 617-625-2311

More detailed directions and maps are available online at http://www.nesfa.org/clubhouse. There is unlimited free onstreet parking after 6 pm and on Sunday (one hour limit with meters at other times), and you can park in back by turning down Lowell and going in the first driveway on the left.

From the West, the easiest route is to take Rt. 2 to Alewife and then head north (left) on the Alewife Brook Parkway for about a half mile. Turn right onto Broadway. Follow Broadway about a mile and a half. Take Medford St. where it forks off to the right at Magoun Sq. (Dunkin Donuts on right) and it's just a bit over a block on the right.

From Cambridge, take Prospect St. out of Central Sq to Union Sq in Somerville. Go west out of Union Sq along Somerville Ave until you come to Central St. Turn right onto Central and go to Medford St. (the second traffic light). Turn left onto Medford and the Clubhouse is between 4 and 5 blocks on the left.

From the North and East, get on Medford St. from McGrath highway (Mass 28) and follow it to Lowell St.

You could also get on Broadway going west and then make a hairpin left onto Medford where they join at Magoun Sq.

By MBTA, the NESFA clubhouse is served by MBTA bus routes 80, 89, and 101 which pass through or near Magoun Square—a block from the clubhouse:

80 Arlington Center—Lechmere Station (Green Line)

89 Clarendon Hill—Sullivan Square Station (Orange Line)

101 Malden Center Station (Orange Line)—Sullivan Square Station (Orange Line) (goes near Magoun Square)

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Upcoming Events and Meetings

Corporate meeting Tuesday 28 October at 7:30 PM at NESFA Clubhouse in Somerville.

Arisia ’09 ConCom meeting Thursday November 6 at 7:30 PM at Hyatt (Topic: TBD).

No November Corporate meeting.

Arisia ’09 ConCom meeting Sunday December 14 at 2:00 PM at MIT (Topic: TBD).

Corporate meeting Sunday December 14 at 5 PM at the same location.

Arisia ’09 ConCom meeting Sunday January 4, 2009 at 2:00 PM at Hyatt (Topic: TBD).

Corporate meeting Sunday January 18, 2009 at the Hyatt as determined by programmi