

General Meeting of Altonimbus Entertainment
Sunday, January 18, 2009
Borderland Games, Salem, Oregon

Meeting called to order at 1:38 PM by the President, Mike Andrews.

A count of 26 staff members were attending.

Reports 1:39

Secretary:

The only correction submitted in response to the minutes posted in the forums for the November 2008 meeting was a correction in spelling of a name. No other corrections presented. Vote to ratify: voice vote, none opposed.

The Bylaws Revision Committee has met and reviewed the “easy” half of the existing bylaws, and there are meetings scheduled to review the remaining articles, with the goal of having a review draft ready by the end of April. Any questions or suggestions should be directed to Jo Ayers, David McCarley, Andrew Duncan, or Steve Unfred.

Policies and procedures currently scattered throughout the Kumoricon website are being collected into one P&P manual.

Applications for Quartermaster are being accepted; see the job description in the Get Involved section of the forums.

Treasurer:

Current balance is approximately \$42,000 in checking plus a \$25,000 CD. The budget approved by the Board for the 2009 convention year totals \$153,811. This is not quite covered by anticipated income.

The staff retreat has been rescheduled for the weekend of June 12 in order to make use of the most awesome retreat space: Fireside Retreat in Corbett.

Facilities:

Meeting cities have been hammered out; venues are being organized. Locker cleanup has been started. A staff “holiday” party is being held January 31 at Clark College in Washington (volunteers needed). Set-up starts at 11:00 am. [video presentation of old and new lockers.]

Programming:

Panel forms and budget request forms are ready. Art show forms are ready. Staff applications are being solicited. Volunteers are needed for these upcoming events:

- (Please Don't Let It) Snow Ball, Sat, Feb 7. The theme is Black and White. This event is being held in the Milwaukie grange hall, the same location as the Winter Masquerade last year. If we have enough volunteer dealers, there will be Monte Carlo gaming in the basement like at the Spring Swing last year. Adhering to the dance theme (black and white) will be rewarded with extra tokens for the gaming. Volunteers should be there by 5:00. The dance itself will be open ____ to ____ for ages 14 and up.
- Eugene Asian Celebration, Sat & Sun, Feb 14 & 15. We are doing cat ears (both days), gaming (Saturday), and karaoke (Saturday).

Publicity:

We held promotional events at MewCon (10 registrations) and Mochitsuki (7 registrations).

Merchandise Coordinator, Programming Book Coordinator and Signage Coordinator positions filled. Other positions are still being solicited; see job descriptions online. Intern program is available.

Some publicity positions are available for at-con work.

Relations:

Staffing is progressing; need an industry assistant. Contracts for exhibitors and artists are being re-worked.

The following confirmed guests were presented: Last Stop Tokyo (side project of the Slants), Soul Candy (anime cover song band), and Svetlana Chmakova (mangaka).

Operations:

Badge supplies are on their way, and the initial shipment should go out by the end of February. We should be caught up by the end of March. Yojimbo managers are working with Ops Director to generate tests. Last year we had 35 signups; this year we need more.

Vice-President:

Benefits for our VIP attendees are being arranged and organized.

Applications for Con-Suite Manager are now being accepted. In addition to the obvious duties of keeping tidy, providing meals/snacks, and other staff preservation, the manager will also need to enforce quiet zone in the con-suite (not an absolutely silent, baby sleeping in the next room quiet zone, but a general “this is not a party” zone). Maid Squad (the cuter yojimbo) staff are also needed.

President:

Outreach has been slow due to President being out of the country. If you are on a campus and would like to coordinate something, Mike is available by email. We did manage to keep the capital purchase of silk-screen equipment in the budget;

Unfinished Business

None remaining from November meeting.

New Business

None presented.

Good of the Order 2:05

Jaki, Barb, and Beau have earned their choice of dessert or reasonably-priced adult beverage from the Secretary, personally, for turning in their reports to the Secretary before the meeting.

Creation Station is working on fanfiction and fanart rules, to be posted before summer. Panel ideas are also being solicited; contact Jaki, Ellen, or Kate. We always need reg-monkeys. Contact Mike Andrews or Kenton Cook.

If you would like to participate in a side project of creating a Kumoricon Mech, see Mike Andrews.

Upcoming Meetings

General Staff Meetings 1:00 pm	Location
Saturday, February 21	Portland
Sunday, March 22	Vancouver
April 25 or 26	TBD – date depends on venue
Saturday, May 16	Eugene
<i>Sunday, June 7</i>	<i>CANCELLED</i>
June 12-14: Staff Retreat	Fireside Retreat
Saturday, July 11	Salem
Sunday, August 9	Portland
Saturday, August 22	Portland
September 5-7: Kumoricon	Portland

Meeting adjourned to gaming and breakouts at 2:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

K Jo Ayers
Secretary 2009