

**Kumoricon / Altonimbus Entertainment**  
**Annual Meeting of the Membership on Sep. 29, 2012**  
**Phoenix Inn Suites—9575 SW Locust St, Tigard, OR 97223**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 12:35pm by Beau Gentry.

At the opening of the meeting, 74 members were present out of 320 total. Quorum was met. 42 needed to reach quorum.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from the general meeting of the membership of Aug. 18 were approved without objection.

**Reports**

**Beau Gentry, Chair**

- For 10th Kumoricon, approximately 4750 people. Jump of about 700 from last year. 311 staff. Over 100 volunteers.
- Lots of Code Adams. Amazing how well we handled the amount.
- EMTs had to come visit a few times. Got taken care of best as we could.
- Staff dogtags still available. Also have buttons for locker load-in/load-out.
- Cohabitated with Oxfest people really well; better than last year.
- After this, I won't be Con Chair anymore. Been 4 years, met lots of people, been very happy. Won't disappear though.

**Brandon De Vore, Vice Chair**

Nothing to report.

**Jeff Tyrrill, Secretary**

- 311 staff. Increase of almost 100 relative to last year.

**Barbara Hunt, Treasurer**

- With increased attendee count, did financially better than expected.
- Underspent relative to budget.
- Extra money for reserves. Good year.

**Phillip Koop, Facilities Liaison**

- Have a venue for next year. Incredibly successful contract. Have staff room block at both Hilton and Red Lion.

- Worked successfully with First National ATM to get ATMs near Exhibitors and Artists Alley.
- Received a lot more staff room requests than expected. Accommodated requests as best as could.
- Hotels both incredibly happy with us. Lot of fun to work with. They're looking forward to having us back.

### **TJ Stinson, Director of Operations**

- Registration count was about 4718.
- Handled about a dozen and a half serious issues, all of them resolved successfully.
- For radio situation, did best we could, because repeaters weren't authorized to be used. Working next year to have more radios and to use them more effectively, but fantastic job this year given circumstances.

### **Jaki Hunt, Director of Programming**

- Things ran pretty well. Couple delays due to Code Adams for events.
- Panels ran well. No major issues with content.
- Good job to Programming staff.

### **Ally Fields, Director of Publicity**

- Publicity went awesome.
- Lot more staff.
- Sold almost double the amount of merchandise as last year.
- Got a lot of name out there in community. Lot more press (and happy press).
- Program book looked nice.

### **Sarah Paige, Director of Relations**

- Guests of Honor for this year were Sonny Strait, Lauren Landa, and The Slants. Cosplay Guest was Ninja of the Night.
- All guests went home very happy, felt incredibly welcome. The Slants let liaison know that this was one of the best conventions they've ever been at.
- Industry: In contact with 100 different companies this year. Industry staff was fantastic. Increase of 20 to 25 over last year. Received many fantastic donations from industry, a few particularly notable, including a suitcase of FUNimation swag from Sully Sullivan; a donation of hundreds of books from Oni Press, a local graphic novel publisher in Portland, which was particularly well-received; and 5000 sample Magic decks from Wizards of the Coast.
- Exhibitors: Many of problems from last year were addressed. Exhibitors Hall still small for a convention of our size, but layout hugely optimized from last year. Less ventilation and flow problems. Fantastic Yojimbo moved 10000 people (counting turnstyle) through the Hall.

- Artists Alley bigger than last year. Excellently managed by Jen Cox and her assistant. Artists went home happy.
- Charity Auction brought in \$3310, all to Sunshine Division.

## **Unfinished Business**

No unfinished business.

## **New Business**

No new business except elections to follow.

## **Good of the Order**

Sarah announced the first Guest of Honor for 2013 as Todd Haberkorn.

Beau gave a special mention to Jaki Hunt for her years on the board, and for the assistance she gave him when he started out as Chair.

## **Rant and Rave**

Rave: Layout of dealers areas. Much better allocation of space for traffic flow.

Rave: Everybody did absolutely amazing. Much improved over last year. Question: Any way to have Con Suite in both hotels? Beau replied: This issue was discussed late in the year, and unfortunately had to cut one Con Suite due to a tradeoff in budgeting. TJ added that due to the large increase in staff, some budget was allocated to subsidizing additional staff rooms beyond the 100 that were in the original hotel contract. TJ clarified that Con Suite, also known as Staff Preservation, is a food service for staff with snacks and some full dinners. Perk for staff.

Raves: Yojimbo did amazing job. Went above and beyond previous years. Panels Staff and A/V Staff made running panels a lot easier. Really good communication between them. Had equipment needed, in rooms at times needed.

Rave: First year as staff. Deeply appreciative of how welcoming Kumoricon is. Been attendee for 8 years. Been going since middle school. First year cosplaying. Thank you for all you've done, and keeping Kumoricon alive.

Rave: Also first year. Nice things to say. Nothing felt crowded. Question: For Kumoricon Ball, can we encourage people to dance in a way that we get autographs from people in character? Have dance card with signatures? A staff member in charge of the Ball replied that she would consider that idea for the future.

Jordan, Assistant Facilities Liaison, raved: Communicated with many of you via email. Thank all of you for not ripping my head off when I had to say things you didn't like. This was my first time at this specific role for this convention. Felt in over my head at start of the job, but not at the end of it.

Question: Enjoyed The Slants. Any whispers about getting bigger artists from Japan? Sarah replied: This year our team was able to get perspective on what Japanese guests will cost. What

can say now is we're not quite there yet. Money is a big part, and staff is a big part. But, know what it will take now, and it's a goal we'll work towards. Talked to an agent who had worked with guests in Japan and quoted costs.

Rave: Staff for two years now, volunteered earlier. Loved environment. Felt great. Only rant: Was promised Pocky, but didn't get it!

## Elections

Jeff described the elections and proxy process:

- Elections for candidates is by written ballot. Procedural motions are by hand vote. Wristbands will be distributed to proxy holders so that we can call for proxy votes for hand votes.
- The default order of elections was stated to be Chair, Director of Operations, Director of Programming, Director of Publicity, and Director of Relations. However, the order may be changed by majority vote of the members, except that Chair must be first.
- Each election will have candidate speeches, a question-and-answer period, and a comment period with candidates out of the room. Candidates will be those who accepted prior to close of nominations unless a one-third vote approves a nominee added at the meeting. Speeches, questions, answers, and comments will be time-limited.
- A candidate may be elected by a motion to elect by acclamation (unanimously). This means if there is any objection, the motion fails.

A member made a motion to change the order of elections so that after Chair, the uncontested races are elected first. Jeff clarified that this would make the order Director of Operations, Director of Publicity, Director of Programming, and Director of Relations. By hand vote, the motion overwhelmingly passed. Votes for proxies were not called, with no objection, because it was not needed to determine the result.

For the race for **Chair**, John Krall and Elias "TJ" Stinson were candidates. Candidate speeches, question-and-answer, and comments occurred. Jeff read Section 7.D of the Bylaws, as required, pertaining to requirements and conduct of membership-elected positions. **Elias "TJ" Stinson was elected** by ballot vote.

For the race for **Director of Operations**, Wes Cox was the candidate. Candidate speech, question-and-answer, and comments occurred. **Wes Cox was elected** by acclamation.

For the race for **Director of Publicity**, Stephanie "Teph" Williams was the candidate. Candidate speech, question-and-answer, and comments occurred. **Stephanie "Teph" Williams was elected** by acclamation.

For the race for **Director of Programming**, Jaki Hunt, Phillip Koop, and David McCarley were candidates. David McCarley was not present. Jaki Hunt and Phillip Koop participated in candidate speeches, question-and-answer, and comments. **Jaki Hunt was elected** by ballot vote.

For the race for **Director of Relations**, Sarah Paige and Debra Stansbury were candidates. Candidate speeches, question-and-answer, and comments occurred. A member motioned to elect Sarah Paige by acclamation. A member objected, so the motion failed. **Sarah Paige was elected** by ballot vote.

### **Good of the Order, continued**

Beau told a story of when he was in high school, and his wrestling coach said “You guys come back every day, you get beat up, and you get bloody, and bruised, and wiped out, and I don’t know why you do it, but I’m proud of every one of you.” He said he was proud of every one of the staff, proud that he got to work with all the staff over the years, and that he looked forward to seeing everyone next year, and encouraged them to bring their friends.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05pm by Beau Gentry.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Tyrrill, Secretary