

Kumoricon / Altonimbus Entertainment
Annual Meeting of the Membership on Sep. 29, 2013
Hilton Vancouver Washington – 301 W 6th St, Vancouver, WA 98660

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 11:51am by T.J. Stinson.

At the opening of the meeting, 78 members were present out of 387 total, with 49 needed to reach quorum. Quorum was met.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the general meeting of the membership of Aug. 17, 2013 were approved without objection.

Reports

Jason Tewksbury, Vice Chair

Jason thanked everyone for attending and didn't have anything additionally to report.

Jeff Tyrrill, Secretary

- 15% staff growth over last year.
- Worked on legal and corporate issues, some of which are board-confidential.

Barbara Hunt, Treasurer

- In the black after convention.

Ally Fields, Facilities Liaison

- Utilized space to fit in over 6000 people. Fit way more than expected.
- Hotels and city are happy with us.

Wes Cox, Director of Operations

Wes didn't have anything additionally to report.

Jaki Hunt, Director of Programming

- Events ran really well, despite some hiccups.
- Thanks to those who made events run smoothly.
- Happy attendees.

Teph Williams, Director of Publicity

- Big increase in attendees this year.

- Merchandise Booth did well.

Sarah Paige, Director of Relations

- 10 guests this year, including 4 voice actors, plus industry guests and artist guests. Received excellent feedback, and they enjoyed the convention, and enjoyed the attendees.
- Made inroads in Operations department, strengthening infrastructure.
- Strengthened relationship with existing industry contacts. Significant inroads in strengthening relationship with Viz, including having an ad on their television network Neon Alley.
- Our first time attending Anime Expo, and was fantastically successful.
- Increased relationships with We Run Anime Conventions group and other convention boards.
- Increased size of Artists Alley and Exhibitors Hall, and both made record profits.
- Had Periscope Studio as an Artist Guest of Honor with booths in Artists Alley.
- Charity Auction made almost \$3000 for Sunshine Division.
- Extremely successful year for Relations. Staff did fantastically.

T.J. Stinson, Chair

- This year brought a lot of challenges.
- One of biggest challenges was massive conversion in garage. Came about mid-June, and was one of the major reasons contributing to being able to hold nearly 6000 people.
- Code Adams handled more efficiently, and for the first time we had an incident reporting system. Going forward, don't have to worry about connecting with people, or reporting from memory.
- Biggest question everyone has is moving to 4 days. It's something we'll move into, in an attempt to expand content and offerings as we look to grow larger and larger. Really happy with overwhelmingly positive feedback on that.
- Thankful to all of you. Were able to tighten timelines and compress 6 months of work into 2 months. Not just because of us, but because of you.

Unfinished Business

No unfinished business.

New Business

No new business.

Good of the Order

Teph announced that the last button in the series of monthly meeting buttons would be available later in the meeting, and that also, as a special treat to everyone, previous monthly

meeting buttons would also be available on request, whether you attended those meetings or not.

Rant and Rave

Michael E. thanked everyone for attending elections.

Elections

Jeff presided over elections as moderator, with Ally Fields, David Reynolds, and Andrew Young as tellers.

Jeff summarized the elections process:

- For each election, candidates give speeches, people ask questions, then candidates leave the room for a comment period, and then voting. A member can make a motion to elect a candidate by acclamation. If not unanimous, election goes to written ballot.
- Proxies work the same whether authorized online or by written form. If you're a proxy, you'll check in to the tellers, get a wristband, and show wristband when check in to vote, or with a hand vote. Proxies can participate in hand votes as well as written votes.
- Have a few copies of detailed elections policy document up front for reference.

Jeff read section 7.D of the Bylaws, as required, pertaining to requirements and conduct of membership-elected positions.

A member made a motion to change the order of elections such that Director of Publicity would be moved to be after Director of Membership, such that the uncontested races would occur first. The motion passed by hand vote.

For the race for **Chair**, T.J. Stinson was the candidate. The candidate speech, question-and-answer, and comments occurred. **T.J. Stinson was elected** by acclamation.

For the race for **Director of Membership**, Jason Tewksbury was the candidate. The candidate speech, question-and-answer, and comments occurred. **Jason Tewksbury was elected** by acclamation.

For the race for **Director of Publicity**, Teph Williams was the candidate. The candidate speech, question-and-answer, and comments occurred. During the comment period, a member asked a procedural elections question about what happens if "no confidence" wins the balloting. Jeff responded that the current office-holder remains in office past the expiring term and a follow-up election would be held at a future meeting with possibly new candidates, and that election would apply to the remainder of the new term, and that "no confidence" does not vacate the position. A member moved to elect Teph Williams by acclamation. A member objected, so the motion failed, forcing a ballot vote. **Teph Williams was elected** by ballot vote.

For the race for **Director of Operations**, Jon Bressler and Wes Cox were the candidates. Candidate speeches, question-and-answer, and comments occurred. Ballot voting occurred.

While the tellers were counting ballots, the Director of Programming race began. For the race for **Director of Programming**, Kate Fletcher and Fox Young were the candidates. Candidate

speeches and question-and-answer occurred. After the question-and-answer period, Jeff reported that there was not yet an announcement on the result of the Director of Operations race, as the tellers needed to regroup to address a counting situation, and that the Director of Programming race would be paused until the tellers had finished and the winner was announced, so that the tellers could participate in the comment period and so that the winner would be announced prior to the next balloting. Jeff announced that in the future the races would not be overlapped and the result would be announced before beginning the next race.

After a delay, it was announced that **Wes Cox was elected** for Director of Operations by ballot vote.

For the Director of Programming race, comments occurred. **Fox Young was elected** by ballot vote.

For the **Director of Relations** race, John Krall and Sarah Paige were the candidates. Candidate speeches, question-and-answer, and comments occurred. **Sarah Paige was elected** by ballot vote.

T.J. reported that the positions of Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer are board-elected, and those elections would be held in about 10 days, and that to apply you can email board-elected@kumoricon.org. This address will forward to T.J. and Jason.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:53pm by T.J. Stinson.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Tyrrell, Secretary