

Kumoricon / Altonimbus Entertainment
Annual Meeting of the Membership on December 3, 2016
Oregon Convention Center – Room D135
777 NE Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, Portland, OR 97232

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:07pm by Phillip Koop.

At the opening of the meeting, 72 members were present out of 570 total, with 57 needed to reach quorum. Quorum was met.

Minutes

The minutes from the membership meeting of October 15, 2016, were approved without objection.

Reports

Phillip Koop, Chair

- Con went great this year.
- Very proud of staff and how we made the transition to the Oregon Convention Center.
- Harassment and HR policies were developed and well received. Development will continue next year.

John Krall, Director of Infrastructure

- Amazing transition into the convention center. OCC was reluctant to allow some of the things we usually handle ourselves, but after seeing our success, we got to do that even though most events don't.
- Next year getting another exhibit hall space.
- Hotels underperformed, so significant changes to hotel contracts will be needed next year.
 - Basically, we learned that a major transit center at the front door leads to not as many rooms being rented.

Brian Mathews, Director of Membership

- Membership was very happy with the change in location.
- Lots of great feedback on Con Suite and location.
- 7033 unique attendees—a new record.
- MSO went well.
- Registration wait times were half of last year.

- Learned that pre-con meetings are very helpful for training Registration staff. The mini-con is also a significant asset to training and process improvement.

Jason Pollard, Director of Operations

- Operations had an amazing year. Moving to a new location meant revamping all processes, including IT, radios, access, and more.
- Shout out to Operations staff on resolving issues and going above and beyond and impressing the convention center.
- Particular shout out to Maid Squad.

Jaki Hunt, Director of Programming

- Few minor hiccups. Very proud of staff for handling them.
- Rant and Rave reflected excellent performance of Programming staff.

Samantha Feldman, Director of Publicity

- Publicity had a pretty awesome year.
- The plushie was very popular.
- Tried a lot of new things; learned ways to improve Multimedia and Press.
- Want to continue building on visibility with news networks.
- Info Booth did an amazing job and got lots of compliments.
- Social Media did really well outside of con, and learned some lessons about social media during con.
- Shout outs to Cay Fletcher, Jeff Tyrrell, and Kerry Testa.

Ally Raney, Director of Relations

- The Relations team had a bigger presence than ever with the move to the OCC.
- Kumoricon 2016 hosted great folks:
 - 5 voice acting guests
 - Musical guest
 - First seiyu and fashion model
 - First Japanese animation studio, Studio TRIGGER.
 - First fashion label, and it was with a fashion label from Japan.
- Raised over \$3000 for Doernbecher through charity auction.
- Exhibits Hall and Artist Alley had bigger, more vender-friendly space.
- Industry donations to Charity, Prize Support and Promotions were more than ever before.
- Learned:
 - We need more attention to the charity side.
 - Translators are a great benefit to our guests.
 - Earlier announcement and better documentation of charity work will be an improvement.
- Shout out to Cay Fletcher.

- Relationships with guests, industry, and agents are the most valuable assets of this department.
- Everyone in the department stepped up and Ally is proud of all their hard work.

Jeff Tyrill, Secretary

- The year went well. Staff count grew.
- Staff survey was sent. 77 people responded (there wasn't as much notice). Some results were very similar to last year, but some are different. Report will be posted online.
 - Average staff age increased about 2-3 years.
 - Value placed on communication was almost identical.
 - Effectiveness of communication was rated higher this year than last.
 - Con Suite was clearly a very popular staff perk.
 - Many folk plan to return for Kumoricon 2017.
- Jeff called himself out for not requesting report slides from the Board until yesterday.

Amy Bourgo, Treasurer

Amy was absent, and did not have a report.

- Question of whether expenses exceeded expenditures this year—Phillip answered yes, but we expected that.
- Question about how we can minimize the costs of the OCC for next year—John answered yes, by submitting requests early, as in before Labor Day and encouraging folks to rent hotel rooms.
 - Also, we did get all of our deposit for trash diversion; John thanked everyone who helped with sorting of recycling.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

New Business

There was no new business.

Good of the Order

Phillip announced there will be some anime showings in town coming up. Details are available via your favorite search engine.

Jessica Ulibarri thanked the Registration team for being amazing and running so smoothly. Registration managers and coordinators put out fires before directors had to get involved. Also, shout out to Jason Short—Registration Development.

Kim Lyles thanked everyone who helped with tear-down which takes place between Rant and Rave and Dead Dog.

Additional shout out to Publicity Team. Posts still happening after con, which is awesome.

Meeting recessed briefly at 12:43pm before elections.

The meeting resumed at about 1:05pm.

Elections

Bridget Hollander moderated the elections. The tellers were Beau Gentry, Fox Young, and Andrew Young.

President

Per the bylaws, the race for President was required to occur first. The race was uncontested, with Phillip Koop as the candidate. The candidate speech, questions-and-comments, and anonymous questions-and-comments segments were held. **Phillip Koop** was elected **President** by acclamation.

Brian Mathews moved to change the order of the elections so that Programming would occur after Infrastructure. The motion carried by voice vote.

Director of Infrastructure

The race for Director of Infrastructure was held. The candidates were:

- Ash “Bunny” Butler
- John Krall
- Debra Stansbury

Candidate speeches, questions-and-comments, anonymous questions-and-comments, and a brief repeat of open questions-and-comments segments were held. The members voted by secret ballot, as follows:

Total votes cast: 97 (Required for majority: 49)

- Ash Butler: 37
- John Krall: 33
- Debra Stansbury: 23

There were zero votes for write-in candidates or for “no confidence”.

A majority was not reached for any candidate.

A run-off vote was held with Debra Stansbury dropped, without further speaking time granted. The members voted by secret ballot, as follows:

Total votes cast: 83 (Required for majority: 42)

- Ash Butler: 52
- John Krall: 30
- “No confidence”: 1

There were zero write-in votes.

Ash Butler, having achieved majority, was elected as **Director of Infrastructure**.

Director of Programming

The race for Director of Programming was held. The candidates were:

- Jaki Hunt
- Kit Wilks

For this race only, Timothy Trotter performed as a teller in place of Andrew Young. Candidate speeches, questions-and-comments, anonymous questions-and-comments, and a brief repeat of open questions-and-comments segments were held. The members voted by secret ballot, as follows:

Total votes cast: 86 (Required for majority: 44)

- Jaki Hunt: 69
- Kit Wilks: 12
- "No confidence": 5

There were zero write-in votes.

Jaki Hunt, having achieved majority, was elected as **Director of Programming**.

Director of Membership

The race for Director of Membership was uncontested, with Jessica Ulibarri as the candidate. The candidate speech, questions-and-comments, and anonymous questions-and-comments segments were held. **Jessica Ulibarri** was elected **Director of Membership** by acclamation.

Director of Operations

The race for Director of Operations was uncontested, with Jason Pollard as the candidate. The candidate speech, questions-and-comments, and anonymous questions-and-comments segments were held. **Jason Pollard** was elected **Director of Operations** by acclamation.

Director of Publicity

The race for Director of Publicity was uncontested, with Samantha Feldman as the candidate. The candidate speech, questions-and-comments, and anonymous questions-and-comments segments were held. **Samantha Feldman** was elected **Director of Publicity** by acclamation.

Director of Relations

The race for Director of Relations was uncontested, with Sam Taylor as the candidate. The candidate speech, questions-and-comments, and anonymous questions-and-comments segments were held. **Sam Taylor** was elected **Director of Relations** by acclamation.

Adjournment

After brief closing remarks, the meeting was adjourned at 5:49 pm by Phillip Koop.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeff Tyrill, Secretary