

Kumoricon / Altonimbus Entertainment
General Meeting of the Membership on August 23, 2015
Red Lion Hotel Vancouver on the Quay
100 Columbia St, Vancouver, WA 98660

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:42pm by Phillip Koop.

At the opening of the meeting, 130 members were present out of 429 total, with 53 needed to reach quorum. Quorum was met.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the previous general meeting of the membership were not ready for approval.

Reports

Phillip Koop, Chair

Phillip reported that the inevitable final emergencies that come up before convention are being handled. Phillip thanked all staff for their contributions. More staff are still needed.

Diana Hoffman, Director of Infrastructure

Diana reported that any staff wanting the staff rate for their hotel room should email hotel@kumoricon.org today. Diana also announced the general shuttle schedule.

Brian Mathews, Director of Membership

Brian reported that online pre-registration has closed with a total of ~3320. Registration, Con Suite, and MSO are all looking for more staff. Brian will be watching his email all day for folks who want to sign up electronically for staff.

Jason Pollard, Director of Operations

Pollard reported that an all-staff training will be held after the meeting. If you were interested in Operations but missed your chance, please sign up for Reg Line under Membership.

Jaki Hunt, Director of Programming

Jaki reported that contests are still open. Programming is still looking for staff, but current staff should be receiving communication about shifts. Main Events is really in need of staff.

Sierra Rice, Director of Publicity

Assistant Director Samantha reported the mascot contest voting will open soon. Press Office is looking for staff, and we need runners. We are using Guidebook again this year. There is a meeting for Publicity staff after the meeting to learn the new credit machines.

John Krall, Director of Relations

John requested if you are here in response to his email, please catch him after the meeting, since we're looking for liaisons and interpreters. The Green Room is also looking for staff.

Jo Ayers, Secretary

Jo reported the staff sign-up deadline is today. The badge image deadline is tomorrow.

Bridget Hollander, Treasurer

Bridget reported on the money process (get, spend, have).

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

New Business

There was no new business.

Good of the Order

Phillip announced that the board is discussing the feasibility of merging the Publicity and Relations departments. This is just a heads-up, any questions should be directed to your director offline at this time. If a change will be recommended, which would require an amendment to the bylaws, it will be announced at Rant and Rave at the end of Kumoricon.

Ben Riker announced that all staff will be divided into two groups for the training during breakouts due to the size of our group today.

Dave asked when the schedule will be available for scheduling. Answer: Directors have an internal copy for scheduling purposes, but please do not share it outside of staff because it is not the published version.

Question: What is the Green Room? Answer: The Green Room is a private place with refreshments for Guests of Honor and select Industry guests.

Question regarding costumes policy (with reference to one that was posted online bearing a swastika for a Rip Van Winkle cosplay). Answer: The policy reads thus:

The following is not allowed in convention space:

- Signage or clothing containing profanity, explicit or graphic language, slurs, insults, threats, solicitations, or room party advertisements
- Costumes or props which are vulgar, obscene, graphic, or sexually themed

- We may limit offensive or disruptive costumes, props, signs, or clothing in our sole discretion

Phillip clarified that Context Is Everything. General staff should send concerns up the chain and/or into Operations.

Pollard added that harassment and threats are never the answer. Anyone who ever feels unsafe should take it to Operations staff.

Question about changes to the schedule made after the Program Guide. Answer: These are posted online and in Guidebook and, if possible, the newsletter.

Jon Bressler offered a reminder that it's totally cool to tell your teammates when you need a little support.

Confirmation: Load In/Load Out staff is meeting at the locker after the meeting.

After training, if you are interested in multimedia, find Brianna.

Email hotel@kumoricon.org **today** if you are staff and need your staff rate.

Jessica announced the location and hours of MSO—pick up your badge and staff swag starting at 10am on Thursday.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:23pm by Phillip Koop.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Ayers, Assistant Secretary,
Jeff Tyrrell, Secretary

(Minutes finalized Feb 6, 2016.)