

ICG BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meeting Minutes

Ed Note: It is our custom here at the newsletter to condense the ICG Board of Directors minutes somewhat (the phrase slash and burn has been used, loosely in the humble opinion of the editor, but still). However, if you would like to read a more complete version of what's going on with the BoD, go to <http://www.costume.org/bod/minutes/minutes.html>, and you will find the uncondensed version of same.)

New budget for 2007 submitted June 12, 2007 for approval. Bruce MacDermott moved that the Board approve the new budget. Valerie Roberts, CCG seconded. Motion assigned 06-07-01. Discussion to end June 28. Friendly amendment added.

The ICG now has a PayPal account. All payments made to the ICG PayPal account are free of transaction fees to the ICG.

To make payment via paypal, go to www.paypal.com. Click on the "Send Money" tab. In the To: field enter "icg-treasurer@costume.org" In the From: field enter your email address. Enter the amount you are paying (US \$).

Send Bruce R. MacDermott, ICG Treasurer, a message telling him what the payment is for and he will take care of the rest.

Archives are on line as of June 10, 2007. The Online Archive committee is anticipating that the Archives site will be accessible online before the end of the summer.

Discussion of funding for the archives.

Three proposals were put out for discussion at chapter meetings:

A - Add \$2 to dues earmarked for archive - new dues would then be \$8

B - Add \$4 to dues - \$2 earmarked for archive, \$2 to general funds - new dues would then be \$10. It was noted that current dues barely cover the cost of newsletter.

C - No change to dues - Try to find alternative source of archive funding.

It was not clear that three options were available, so more discussion at guild meetings is needed.

Chapter feed back was as follows: SLCG - Yes to option B; DFWCG - most people are on the fence about it - we would be more likely to support the dues increase once we are sure that the ICG will be able to give us non-profit protection; Northern Lights' - yes to option A; GCFCG - yes to option A; Sick Pups - yes to option A; SECS Fiends - yes to raising dues - not clear if option A or B; ACG - seems to be generally in favor of it (not clear if option A or B) still in discussion;

Filing the 501c3 application status.

Received letters from the Dallas/Fort Worth CG, the St. Louis CG and the SiliconWeb CG, for a total of three. There are thirteen chapters eligible to be included in the filing. Only those chapters who have submitted all their information will be included. Input was requested from chapters who have not sent in their information on their position. Responses from six of the chapters that have not sent in completed paperwork: SECS Fiends wish to be included but are still working on letter; SWCG wishes to be included but are still working on letter; DVCG will have to try and get into the process at a later date; DFWCG - in discussion; The Armed Costumers Guild declines at this time; Northern Lights is not interested in being included.

EDITOR'S MESSAGE

Because our contributors are the greatest asset the ICG Newsletter has, let me start by thanking **Kevin Roche** for writing an article that every budding new masquerade director should read, and then reread prior to having that first, eyes-bulging, spine-tingling, "Go," command into their headset. Thanks also go to **Yuichiro Sakuta**, the Masquerade Director for a "slightly" larger masquerade, Nippon 2007, for his article on this year's WorldCon masquerade and what to expect at same (check out those stage diagrams, too!). We also have some great graphics in this issue. Thanks go to **Jade Falcon** for her gracious permission for use of her photographs of some of the Westercon 60 masquerade winners, and also to **David Kellett**, for granting us permission to reprint his comic strip, Sheldon. Thanks to everyone!

Sweet husband and I went on a date last night to our fave French restaurant, where they were celebrating Bastille Day, complete with costumed wait staff. Jay and I agreed that the best "remember to complete your look" award (you know - the one we think of when we see a wizard race by at some event, his red Ked sneakers showing every time his robes fly up) went to the hostess, who wore a purple and black polka-dotted can-can girl outfit, purple flowers in her hair, black net stockings ... and flip-flops. Meanwhile, we're beginning to gear up for Costume-Con 26, and already the sewing machine is humming to me to come and fetch it out of its lonely corner. Even our two daughters seem to be getting in on the act. Katie looks for any excuse to wear a costume (Westercon provided a lovely opportunity, thanks, Kevin!), and Abigail considers every day a "princess dress" day.

Remember, September 1st is the next newsletter deadline - write often, write soon!

