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**The International Costumers' Guild, Inc. (ICG), is an affiliation of amateur, hobbyist, and professional costumers dedicated to the promotion and education of costuming as an art form in all its aspects.**

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

### Today & Tomorrow: A President's Message

Well, 2003 has passed and 2004 is upon us; and so we reflect on last year and look into next. We got many things done, including cleaning up the Standing Rules. They are ready to serve us in the future.

- Before I go too far, I wish to thank my slate of officers and the people who kept us running this year:
- < Nora - With you there, I never had to worry once. Thanks for covering when I was out.
  - < Dana - Thanks for your fine work as Recording Secretary and your careful attention to the BoD list.
  - < Dora - Where would I be without you? It was nice to have the answers when I needed them.
  - < Randall - Well done! Everyone who took the time to write was answered and we looked good in our prompt handling of each question.
  - < Jeff - As always, your work on the Web Site was well done and even with your real world workload, you somehow always seemed to get the job done.
  - < Betsy - The newsletter has been there each time it was supposed to be. As a former editor, I know you are working hard. (Oh yes - Congratulations on the birth of your daughter, Katie.)
  - < Ricky Dick - Thanks for taking care of the interviews. It was a treat to see the ICG's name in print.
  - < The rest of the board members - You did well and because of your work the job got done.
  - < And last but never least: Pierre & Sandy. Sandy - You are always so nice even when I call at dinnertime. Pierre - you always have the answer. Not always the one I liked, but an answer just the same.

Now it is time to look forward to the New Year. Costume-Con is coming just around the corner and that means our yearly meeting, voting for officers and looking ahead. There are still some issues to be decided and they will require some hard work.

I know that all of you will work as hard as you can to help see the ICG through another year.

I hope to see many of you at Costume-Con this year, as well as many other events. See you all soon.

C. D. Mami, President



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## FROM THE EDITOR

This issue comes to you after the arrival of our newest potential costumer, Katharine Bridget Delaney, delivered January 2 by planned C-section. Katie joins her sister, Erin, aged 3. For pictures, visit [www.hawkeswood.com](http://www.hawkeswood.com). With this final expansion of the Delaney family, reaching us may be a little more challenging for at least the next few months, but rest assured, this publication is here to stay for as long as we can continue to receive excellent articles from our members or other sources!

This expanded issue precedes the ICG Annual Meeting, to be held on Friday, April 2, 2004 at Costume-Con 22 in Atlanta, GA. Note that you don't have to be a member of Costume-Con to attend the meeting (though we can't imagine a reason why you wouldn't want to attend the conference as well as the meeting).

We'd also like to remind you that, unlike the ICG's former publication, *Costumers' Quarterly*, this newsletter is a paid benefit of your ICG membership. To receive your copy, you must belong to an active chapter of the ICG. If you haven't seen your own issue, double-check with your chapter treasurer to be sure that your chapter's membership reporting is up to date. Or see the grid in the Treasurer's report on Page 10 to find out when the last chapter report was received by the ICG.

We welcome your suggestions, comments, articles, and artwork. We will try to include them in an upcoming issue of *The ICG Newsletter*. Note that we now have the remaining articles submitted to *Costumer's Quarterly*, and we will be contacting the authors of the unpublished material for permission to publish here. If you have any questions about the items published in this newsletter, we encourage you to write or call us. Contact information is listed on Page 10 of this issue.

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Visit [www.cc22.org](http://www.cc22.org) for more info!**

## NO MORE BROKEN WINGS!

By Tina Connell, NY/NJ Sick Pups

I recently came across a source for structural support for costume parts (wings and things) that may not have been considered by those looking for materials.

We got a catalog from a company called Into The Wind ([www.intothewind.com](http://www.intothewind.com)) which caters to kite-flying enthusiasts. They sell lots of kites, but they also carry materials to make your own, such as high test cord, graphite/micro-carbon/fiberglass tubing and rod, all sorts of connectors for same, and telescoping poles.

The latter may not be suitable for costume use - they don't give pole diameter measurements - but they might be useful for support of banner backdrops or similar uses. They also sell "kite cases" which might be good for carrying, organizing, and so forth, any other kind of long skinny stuff - they come in lengths from 32" up to 70".

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A Regular Feature by Karen Dick

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URL: [www.britexfabrics.com](http://www.britexfabrics.com)

Email: [info@britexfabrics.com](mailto:info@britexfabrics.com)

**Another huge full-service fabric store. If you live in the Bay area, get on their mailing list for notice of sales. I particularly like their "remnants," which can be up to several yards in length.**

## Favorite Fabric Stores

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Original Store Location (others listed on the web site):

11854 Rockville Pike (Mid-Pike Plaza Shopping Center)

Rockville, MD 20852

Phone: (301) 231-8898

URL: [www.gstreetfabrics.com](http://www.gstreetfabrics.com)

Email: [customerservice@gstreetfabrics.com](mailto:customerservice@gstreetfabrics.com)

Hours: 10:00-9:00 Mon-Fri; 10:00-6:00 Sat; 12:00-5:00 Sun

**Huge full-service fabric store. Can be pricey, but they have an amazing selection on-site. Also good for books, buttons, and trims. [Note: According to their web site, they no longer offer Mail Order service. Call to confirm! -The Editor]**

### VOGUE FABRICS

Original Store Location (others listed on the web site):

718-732 Main Street, Evanston, IL 60202

Phone: (847) 864-9600

URL: [www.myvoguefabrics.com](http://www.myvoguefabrics.com)

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## CREATING COSTUMINGTIPS.ORG

By Carole Parker, Silicon Web Chapter

**costumingtips.org** is intended to be an informational web site to answer questions that people have sent in. The need for a web site that answers costuming questions for people became apparent when I was a secretary for another costuming group, and I kept getting e-mails asking me for costuming help and information.

What I did then was send the question to members of the group, and to the ICG-D list to see if anyone else could help out with the information. After making sure that the original asker got the information, I gathered up all the replies and posted them.

**costumingtips.org** major categories include:

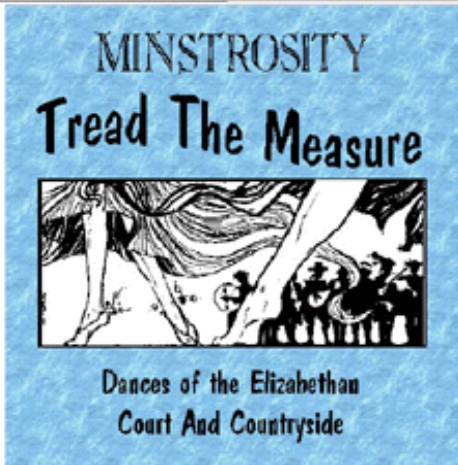
- < **How Do I...?** - Techniques on how to do something.
- < **Where Can I...?** - Where to find specific items.
- < **Masquerade Forms** - Developed by Alixandra Jordan for use in costume contests.
- < **Articles** - Short pieces by a single author that include advice, opinions, and information.
- < **Costuming "Rules"** - Some serious, some funny.
- < **You Know...** - Observations that costumers make, mostly humorous.
- < **Book Recommendations** - Books of interest to costumers.
- < Plus lists of newsgroups and web sites.

Of course, if you have links, articles, or questions that you would like answered, please let me know. Contact information is available on the web site.

By the time this article is printed, a new series on what I learned from my first attempt to do shibori dyeing should be up on the web site.

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To add or change event listings, send your event info to the address on Page 10 of this newsletter.

### 2004

#### Lunacon 2004

March 19-21, 2004  
Rye Brook, NY (USA)  
[www.lunacon.org](http://www.lunacon.org)

#### Costume-Con 22

April 2-5, 2004  
Decatur, GA (USA)  
(near Atlanta)  
[www.cc22.org](http://www.cc22.org)

#### Norwescon 27

April 8-11, 2004  
Seattle, WA (USA)  
[www.norwescon.org](http://www.norwescon.org)

#### Penguincon 2.0

April 16-18 2004  
Novi, MI (USA)  
[www.penguincon.org](http://www.penguincon.org)

#### Anime Mid-Atlantic

May 28-30, 2004  
Richmond, VA (USA)  
[www.animemidatlantic.com](http://www.animemidatlantic.com)

#### Anime North

May 28-30, 2004  
Toronto, Ontario (CANADA)  
[www.animenorth.com](http://www.animenorth.com)

#### Marcon 38

May 28-30, 2004  
Columbus, OH (USA)  
[www.marcon.org](http://www.marcon.org)

#### Balticon 38

May 28-31, 2004  
Baltimore, MD (USA)  
[www.balticon.org](http://www.balticon.org)

#### BayCon 2004

May 28-31, 2004  
San Jose, CA (USA)  
[www.baycon.org/2004](http://www.baycon.org/2004)

#### Fanime Con

May 28-31, 2004  
Santa Clara, CA (USA)  
[www.fanime.com](http://www.fanime.com)

#### ConKopelli: Westercon 57

July 2-5, 2004  
Phoenix, AZ (USA)  
[www.conkopelli.org](http://www.conkopelli.org)

#### Anime Expo

July 2-5, 2004  
Anaheim, CA (USA)  
[www.anime-expo.org](http://www.anime-expo.org)

#### Shore Leave 26

July 9-11, 2004  
Hunt Valley, MD (USA)  
[www.shore-leave.com](http://www.shore-leave.com)

#### Otakon

July 30-August 1, 2004  
Baltimore, MD (USA)  
[www.otakon.com](http://www.otakon.com)

#### ShowMeCon

July 30-August 1, 2004  
St. Louis, MO (USA)  
[www.showmecon.com](http://www.showmecon.com)

#### Costume College

July 30-August 1, 2004  
Los Angeles, CA (USA)  
[www.costumecollege.org](http://www.costumecollege.org)

#### Noreascon Four:

62<sup>nd</sup> World Science  
Fiction Convention  
September 2-6, 2004  
Boston, MA (USA)  
[www.noreascon.org](http://www.noreascon.org)

#### Dragoncon

September 3-6, 2004  
Atlanta, GA (USA)  
[www.dragoncon.com](http://www.dragoncon.com)

#### CopperCon 24

September 10-12, 2004  
Phoenix, AZ (USA)  
[www.coppercon.org](http://www.coppercon.org)

#### Archon

September 30-October 3, 2004  
Collinsville, IL (USA)  
(near St. Louis, MO)  
[www.stlf.org/archon](http://www.stlf.org/archon)

#### Conjecture

October 1-3, 2004  
San Diego, CA (USA)  
[www.conjecture.org](http://www.conjecture.org)

#### Albacon

October 8-10, 2004  
Schenectady, NY (USA)  
[www.albacon.org](http://www.albacon.org)

#### YaoiCon

October, 2004 (Unconfirmed)  
San Francisco, CA (USA)  
[www.yaoicon.com](http://www.yaoicon.com)

#### Windycon XXX

November 2004 (Unconfirmed)  
Chicago, IL (USA)  
[www.windycon.org](http://www.windycon.org)

#### Philcon 2004

December, 2004 (Unconfirmed)  
Philadelphia, PA (USA)  
[www.philcon.org](http://www.philcon.org)

### 2005

#### Arisia '05

January, 2005 (Unconfirmed)  
Boston, MA (USA)  
[www.arisia.org](http://www.arisia.org)

#### Costume-Con 23

April 29-May 2, 2005  
Ogden, UT (USA)  
(near Salt Lake City)  
[www.crossroadsutah.org](http://www.crossroadsutah.org)

#### Interaction:

63<sup>rd</sup> World Science Fiction  
Convention  
August 4-8, 2005  
Glasgow, Scotland (UK)  
[www.interaction.worldcon.org.uk](http://www.interaction.worldcon.org.uk)

#### CascadiaCon 2005:

2005 NASFIC Site  
September 1-5, 2005  
Seattle, WA (USA)  
[www.cascadiacon.org](http://www.cascadiacon.org)

### 2006

#### Costume-Con 24

May 26-29, 2006  
Des Moines, IA (USA)  
[cc24.dmsfs.org](http://cc24.dmsfs.org)

#### L.A.con IV

64<sup>th</sup> World Science Fiction  
Convention  
August 23-27, 2006  
Los Angeles, CA (USA)  
[www.laconiv.com](http://www.laconiv.com)

## OTHER COSTUME EVENTS/EXHIBITS

#### The Language of Clothing

Now through February 16, 2004 (Extended!)  
DeWitt Wallace Decorative Arts Museum, Williamsburg, VA (USA)  
[www.history.org/visit/eventsAndExhibits/museums/dewittWallace/](http://www.history.org/visit/eventsAndExhibits/museums/dewittWallace/)

#### The Lord of the Rings Motion Picture Trilogy— The Exhibition

August 1 2004 - October 24, 2004  
Museum of Science, Boston, MA (USA)  
[www.mos.org/lotr/](http://www.mos.org/lotr/)

Calendar items are listed courtesy of the following: **The ICG Web Site:** [www.costume.org](http://www.costume.org), the **GBACG Conventions, Seminars & Symposiums** page, at: [www.gbacg.org/conventions.htm](http://www.gbacg.org/conventions.htm), **Adequate Anime**, at: [www.adequate.com/anime/events/calendar.html](http://www.adequate.com/anime/events/calendar.html) and the **SF Lovers Convention List**, at: [www.sflowers.org/Reference/fandom/conlist/cons-bydate.html](http://www.sflowers.org/Reference/fandom/conlist/cons-bydate.html)

## 2003 ICG ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

2003 Annual Meeting, International Costumers' Guild, Inc. and Concurrent Meeting of its Board of Directors held at Costume-Con 21, Skokie, Illinois, April 21, 2003

Call to order of the Board of Directors Meeting at 12:15pm on April 21, 2003

Existence of a Quorum was determined.

Members Present:

- < Carl Mami, Vice Present
- < Dora Buck, Recording Secretary
- < Sharon Trembley, Treasurer
- < Pierre Pettinger, Parliamentarian
- < Karen Heim, Beyond Reality Costumers Guild
- < Barbara Wright, Chicagoland Customer's Guild
- < Ann Stephens, Gtr. Columbia Fantasy Costumers' Guild, Inc.
- < Vicki Warren, Greater Delaware Valley Costumers' Society
- < Deb Salisbury, Greater Sacramento Area Costumers Guild
- < Dave Kinnaman, Millenium Costumers Guild
- < Betsy Delaney, NJ/NY Costumers Guild
- < Ann Catelli, Northern Lights Costumers Guild
- < Bruce Mai, St. Louis Costumers Guild
- < Dana McDermott, Silicon Web Costumers Guild
- < Eileen Capes, Western Canadian Costumer's Guild

Announcement that the general meeting will only be a 2-hour meeting and that it will adjourn at 3pm.

Pierre Pettinger reviewed all of the motions to be brought before the meeting. Betsy Delaney was the originator of all motions except Motion 7, which was originated by Pierre Pettinger.

- \* Motion 1 - Betsy Delaney withdrew the motion
- \* Motion 2 - Adoption of a standard ICG membership form and change to membership expiration dates
- \* Motion 3 - contains 3 variations on how the treasurers report their data: Top down, bottom up or through a membership coordinator (which would be a new, appointed position).
- \* Motion 4 - concerns the membership coordinator (if one of the variations of motion 3 is accepted)
- \* Motion 5 - Membership cards
- \* Motion 6 - Costumer's Quarterly and its ceasing publication
- \* Motion 7 - Correction to the three Standing Rules concerning the interconnection of Costume-Con and the ICG and the need to sever that connection.

Order of consideration for the meeting will be:

- \* Motion 7
- \* Motion 6
- \* Motion 3 & 4: Need to get a consensus from the general public on how we should go forward with this motion. To do this we will be using a parliamentary procedure called a "Committee of the Whole."
- \* Motion 5
- \* Motion 2

[Editor's Note: Because of space constraints, and the reality

that most of these motions were withdrawn at the meeting, the full text of all motions will NOT be reproduced here. For full text, visit the ICG Web Site at [www.costume.org](http://www.costume.org).]

Next order of business: Online meetings.

Carl and Pierre offered a plan to schedule meetings as follows: On the first day of every month, discussion will take place concerning one or more motions. During the discussion, amendments may be offered to the original motion(s). On the 15th of each month, discussion will end and the final version of the motion will be posted for a vote of the BOD.

Discussions on multiple topics may be held, so long as the subjects are not substantially related to each other. If at the end of the discussion, we have an amendment to the original motion that hasn't been accepted by the originator and seconder of the motion, then we must vote on the amendment and not on the original motion. (Note that it is in the best interests of the BOD to make good use of friendly amendments in this case.)

Motions will be made in separate email messages, and should be voted on separately, regardless of the number of motions on the floor.

Pierre requested a motion be made to give him the authority to contact BOD members offlist to remind them when they have voted incorrectly.

Motion made by Betsy Delaney, NJ/NY Chapter; Seconded by Eileen Capes, Western Canada. Motion passed unanimously

Further discussion related to methods for contacting BOD members (by phone if not available by email) and to making the voting record of the BOD public. Carl entertained a motion to make the voting record public by posting the information on the ICG web site.

Motion by Bruce Mai, St. Louis Chapter; Seconded by Betsy Delaney, NJ/NY Chapter. Unanimously approved.

Reviewed the rest of the agenda for the board meeting.

Discussion on the motion concerning Costume-Con.

Betsy commented on the content of the current newsletter and what will be in future newsletters.

Discussion on subjects to be brought before the membership, and what should stay at the board level.

Treasurer reviewed the list to find out which chapters were represented at the meeting, and by whom. Unrepresented were: Australian Costumers' Guild, Costumers' Guild West, and Utah Costumers' Guild. Southwest Costumers' Guild was represented by proxy through Carl Mami.

Clarification provided that any member in good standing may act as a chapter's representative with approval from that chapter. Any member may carry proxies to a meeting.

Recessed for assembly of general membership.

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### ICG Annual Meeting Proxy

This Proxy Statement is for ICG members who will not be attending the Annual Meeting at Costume-Con. If you want to vote, complete the form and give it to someone who will be attending. [This form may be reproduced for use at ICG Annual Meetings.]

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#### International Costumers' Guild 20\_\_ Annual Meeting Proxy Assignment Form

On this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_,

I, \_\_\_\_\_, assign my vote to and authorize the below named member of the International Costumers' Guild, belonging to \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter, to represent me in all business coming before the 20\_\_ Annual Meeting of the International Costumers' Guild.

Assignee Name\*: \_\_\_\_\_

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Assigner Name\*\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State/Province: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Who you are authorizing to vote on your behalf.

\*\*Your name.

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### General Meeting Convened

Call to order of the General Meeting 1:10pm

Sharon Trembley to verify members in good standing for voting purposes.

Carl: Entertain a motion to dispense with the reading the 2002 minutes.

Moved by Bryon Connell, NJ/NY Chapter  
Seconded by Steve Swope, St. Louis Chapter  
Unanimously approved.

### Reports:

- < President: No report
- < Vice President: Over last several months acted as President, many things accomplished, many more to get done.
- < Treasurer: provided handouts
- < Corresponding Secretary: Not present - no report
- < Recording Secretary: No report
- < Editor, ICG Annual: None
- < Editor, The Costumer's Quarterly Suspended as of right now, voting on this issue later
- < Archivist: We have electronically started to make DVD/CD's. The tapes are starting to deteriorate
- < Parliamentarian: Many motions that will be addressed at this meeting, also have copies of bylaws and standing rules.
- < Webmaster: Not present - no report

### OLD BUSINESS

Motion number 7 - Disentanglement of Costume-Con. The motion was tabled at CC-17. The wording of the original was not the best. Wording was revised with Karen Dick's approval. [Note: to replace faulty wording with wording approved by Karen Dick, we needed to kill this motion first. -Editor]

Motion to take the motion off of the table - Steve Swope, St. Louis Chapter; Seconded by Byron Connell, NJ/NY Chapter  
Unanimously approved

Question called by Bruce MacDermott, Silicon Web Chapter; Seconded by Betsy Delaney, NJ/NY Chapter. 1 Nay vote, rest approved. Motion carried.

Voting on the motion that was tabled at CC-17 on disentanglement from Costume-Con. Motion consists of amendments to Standing Rules 12, 13, and 14. The wording that was proposed is not acceptable to the Costume-Con Service Mark Holders.

All in favor - None; All opposed - Unanimously; Abstentions - None. The motion died.

### NEW BUSINESS

Motion 7: Motion to amend three Standing Rules as follows:

Change to Standing Rule 12. Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the International Costumers' Guild

shall be held at the annual Costume-Con. In the event that a Costume-Con is not held in a given year, the Board of Directors shall determine a site and date for an annual meeting to be held. Such a determination may be made as the last item of business for the Board of Director's meeting of the Board of Directors. Annual Meetings may be held in an exclusive venue or in conjunction with an established conference or convention.

Change to Standing Rule 13. Costume-Con

In recognition of the importance of the annual on and the long-standing relationship of the International Costumers' Guild and Costume-Con, the ICG shall perform reasonable activities to promote the annual Costume-Cons. Such promotions can include, but are not limited to, the Annual Meeting of the ICG, media promotions such as newspaper, radio or other media, access to ICG functions for Costume-Con promotions, and as a source of classes, panels or other needs of the Costume-Con.

Change to Standing Rule 14. Costume-Con Bidding

Individual chapters or the ICG as a whole may initiate a bid for a Costume-Con in accordance with the provisions of the Costume-Con Constitutions. Any fiduciary responsibility, in this instance, remains with the chapter initiating the bid and not with the ICG as a whole.

Moved by Bruce MacDermott, Silicon Web; Seconded by Steve Swope, St. Louis; Count of members in good standing - 31 present, 62 Proxies

Friendly amendment to motion 7 is to replace entire wording to standing rules 12, 13 & 14 with what is written above. Bruce MacDermott agreed to the friendly amendment.

Discussion was held and Betsy commented via Point of Information to clarify why we are changing the standing rules. Bryon asked for a Point of Information to verify that the language is acceptable for all parties. Pierre verified that the language is now okay with Karen Dick, representative Costume-Con Service Mark Holder.

Call of the vote - all in favor - unanimous; Opposed - none  
The motion passed.

Next Item: Motion 6 - Costumer's Quarterly (two alternative motions presented)

Motion 6a - Replace Costumer's Quarterly with six issues of The ICG Newsletter **or** Motion 6b - Replace Costumer's Quarterly with five issues of The ICG Newsletter and one ICG Annual

[Full text available on the ICG Web Site - Motions replaced - see below. -Editor]

Betsy stated the reasoning behind her motion. Betsy is now producing the newsletter and we need to amend the Standing Rules to replace Costumer's Quarterly (CQ) with the newsletter. Pierre indicated that we need to choose one version of the motion. If the motion passes then other changes in the Standing Rules will be necessary. Steve Swope asked if the general membership needs to be involved with making those changes. It was pointed out that the board could take care of it later.

Betsy pointed out that with the ICG's budgetary issues, we can't afford to produce either six newsletters or five newsletters

plus the annual without a raise in dues or a major fundraising effort. She indicated a willingness to change the wording to reflect the number of newsletters and/or Annuals produced.

Dana commented that we were attempting to do two things at once: One, to make the newsletter official and two, the demise of CQ.

Steve Swope moved as follows:

(6c) That we cease publication of Costumer's Quarterly and substitute it with The ICG Newsletter. All references to Costumer's Quarterly in the Standing Rules shall be replaced by The ICG Newsletter. Unused Costumer's Quarterly funds shall be refunded to the subscribers with the shipment of the last Costumer's Quarterly.

Pierre ruled that Steve's motion was perfectly legal. Instead of amending any of the motions, he made a new one.

Discussion continued. Dana - point of information. All motions list that there will be one more CQ to be shipped. Betsy requested a friendly amendment to remove mention of the last CQ. Bruce MacDermott requested another friendly amendment to offer refunds to the subscribers.

Pierre restated the motion with amendments:

(6d) That we cease publication of Costumer's Quarterly and replace it with The ICG Newsletter. All references to Costumer's Quarterly in the Standing Rules shall be replaced by ICG Newsletter and other bookkeeping adjustments made. Refunds of unused Costumer's Quarterly subscriptions shall be offered to the subscribers.

Steve Swope, St. Louis Costumers' Guild, moved 6d; Dave Kinnaman, Millenium Costumers' Guild, seconded the motion. No discussion took place.

Call for the vote.

Verbal votes: in favor - 30; Against - 2; Abstain - 0  
Proxy votes: in favor - 65; Against - 2; Abstain - 1

Dana made a correction to her voting of proxies

Total votes: 94 Yeas; 5 Nays; 1 Abstain. The motion passed.

Next: Motion 3 - Contains three variations on how the treasurers report their data: Top down, bottom up or through a membership coordinator (which would be a new, appointed position).

Three variations on membership processing were presented:

Pierre explained each variation.

- \* Motion a - responsibility for processing memberships on chapter treasurer
- \* Motion b - responsibility for processing memberships on corporation treasurer
- \* Motion c - responsibility for processing memberships on membership coordinator.

The meeting moved to a Committee of the Whole for discussion

of the three motions. Pierre reviewed the rules of conduct while in Committee of the Whole: No motions are made, except to return to the meeting. All other motions are invalid. The Committee of the Whole will be in effect for 20 minutes to discuss this motion.

Moved by Betsy Delaney, NJ/NY Chapter; Seconded by Steve Swope, St. Louis Chapter. Vote in favor was unanimous

Toni Lay, not an ICG member, asked to be recognized to speak. Carl Mami, Acting President recognized and gave her permission to speak for 2 minutes.

Discussion continued with the rest of the members for 25 minutes. At the conclusion of the discussion, Betsy Delaney withdrew all three versions of the motion, to be brought up at a later date. Pierre Pettinger, Parliamentarian explained that since she was the motion's author and that there was no second to the motion, she could legally do this.

[Full text available on the ICG Web Site - Motion Withdrawn at the meeting. -Editor]

Next: Motion 5 - Membership Cards

Moved: Create Standing Rule 27, which will read:

27) Membership Cards

The International Costumers' Guild shall adopt a form of membership card to be sent with annual renewal notices to every member of the ICG. Such cards may be used to secure discounts, prove current membership and other uses customary to membership cards.

There was no discussion or second on this motion.

Next: Motion 2 - Adoption of a standard ICG membership form and change to membership expiration dates

There was no discussion or second on this motion.

[Full text available on the ICG Web Site. -Editor]

Election of officers - The slate of officers that were nominated was presented:

- < President: Carl Mami (NJ/NY Costumers' Guild)
- < Vice President: Nora Mai (St. Louis Costumers Guild)
- < Treasurer: Dora Buck (NJ/NY Costumers' Guild)
- < Corresponding Secretary: Randall Whitlock (Southwest Costumers Guild)
- < Recording Secretary: Dana MacDermott (Silicon Web Costumers Guild)

These are all members in good standing

Sharon Trembley nominated Byron Connell, for President. Byron declined the nomination.

Acceptance of Slate Moved by Betsy Delaney, NJ/NY Chapter; Seconded by Bruce Mai, St. Louis Chapter. No debate, approved unanimously

Any other new business; None.

Motion to adjourn the general meeting by Steve Swope, St. Louis Chapter; Seconded by Fiona Leonard, NJ/NY Chapter. Motion

passed unanimously.

Annual Meeting adjourned at 2:45pm.

### **Continuation of the Board of Directors Meeting**

Motion entertained to validate all business conducted at the general meeting.

Moved by Vickie Warren, Greater Delaware Valley Costumers' Society; Seconded by Eileen Capes, Western Canadian Costumer's Guild. Motion passed unanimously

Board meeting adjourned at 2:50pm.

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**The 2004 ICG Annual Meeting will take place at Costume-Con 22 in Decatur, GA, Friday, April 2, 2004 at 10am. Membership is not required to attend the meeting - either Costume-Con 22 or ICG. However, only ICG members in good standing are eligible to vote.**

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### **SOUTHWEST COSTUMERS' GUILD TO HOST SUITE AT CONKOPELLI (WESTERCON 57)** By Randall Whitlock, Southwest Costumers' Guild

The Southwest Costumers' Guild will host a Costumers Hospitality Suite at ConKopelli, the 2004 WesterCon. Our game plan calls for light munchies and social interaction on Friday evening, costume technical support and assistance during the day on Saturday, and a decompression zone with munchies on Saturday evening, after the masquerade. We'll show a raw cut of the Masquerade video if it's technically feasible.

ConKopelli (WesterCon 57) will be held at the Wigwam Resort in Litchfield Park, Arizona (West of Phoenix) on July 2-5, 2004. Guests of honor include authors CJ Cherryh and Diana Gabaldon, artist David Cherry, fan John Hertz, and music guest Heather Alexander. Go to [www.conkopelli.org](http://www.conkopelli.org) for details.

### **PENGUINCON ANNOUNCES MASQUERADE!** By Rob Landley, National Marketing, Penguincon 2.0

Penguincon will have a masquerade, dance, and hall costumes. On top of that, Neil Gaiman is a Guest of Honor and there is an event already scheduled that will involve a Death lookalike contest, which he will probably judge personally. (This is related to the fact that the con suite theme this year is Death by Chocolate / Chocolate by Death.) Fred Gallagher of Megatokyo will also be in attendance, and Anime cosplay is more or less expected in his presence. Other scheduled guests providing potential costume themes include Wil Wheaton, Steve Jackson, John Kovalic, and Howard Taylor of Schlock Mercenary.

See the web page ([www.penguincon.org](http://www.penguincon.org)) for more information. The convention is April 16-18 2004 in Novi, Michigan. Online preregistration is already open.

### **EMBOSSING VELVET**

By JoAnn Abbott

I went a bit crazy with excitement when I learned how to emboss velvet a few years back, and was trying everything. I have done the rubber stamp types of embossing but have learned that I prefer the plastic sun catchers instead, or even the metal ones. You know, the really cheap ones for kids in the crafts departments of Michael's and WalMart and such. Lay them line side up on a firm surface- they must not be able to be pushed down when you press on them or an edge will form around the picture you are making. Place the fabric fuzzy side down on top of them and give it a spritz with some water, then press for 15-20 seconds. If your iron has steam holes you will need to wiggle it slightly as you press to keep the holes from landing on the same area of the fabric beneath. Let it cool for a few seconds and peel the fabric away from the suncatcher. The suncatcher might be hot still, be careful, especially with the metal ones.

Rubber stamps also work well but often are very detailed and not all of the details come through. Plus they are expensive! Plastic suncatchers are cheap. I have also used metal filigree jewelry findings, plastic snowflakes (worked great), wooden snowflakes from Christmas ornaments (also worked great) and the foam stamps for decorating walls (melted a little, blurry outcome). I found that silk and rayon velvets and velveteens took to the embossing the best, but heavy cotton velvet and velveteen did not, they were too dense. The embossings will hold up to a run through at the dry cleaners (I asked them to help me with an experiment, nice folks!) but if you toss them in the wash they will turn into crushed velvet with no picture any more.

Go to your local arts and crafts store, or Michaels, or WalMart and ask for children's plastic suncatchers to do-it-yourself paint. They often come with tubes of drip in color or small containers and brushes to color them with. They are rather pretty when done in fact, my kids loved making them when younger. (Ok, I did too, but then I still buy coloring books for myself and still have a mega huge box of crayolas...). Don't color them in if you will be using them for embossing, I don't know how the paint would react to heat and steam.

There are many different sizes and shapes of them; if you are buying one for embossing remember not to get any with words or they will be reversed when you use them! I like the roses, butterflies, flowers and different birds mainly for my velvet embossing. If you go to [www.faretahiti.com](http://www.faretahiti.com) and click on Crazy quilt contests, I won the first contest they had, and they included a close up of one of the sections I had embossed. It was on white silk velvet, and took an impression like a dream! And one of these days I might actually finish it for a shoulder wrap, too!

### **HOT TIP OF THE QUARTER** **TIME TO UNLOAD THAT FRIENDLY PLASTIC STASH**

Still holding on to that stash of Friendly Plastic(tm) pellets from the early/mid '80s? It's time to dump the stash. Apparently the stuff has a limited shelf life, and you've already passed it by. Got those colored strips sitting in your craft area? Time to dump them, too. Apparently, the stuff gets very unstable/brittle after aging.

And if you're a fan of plastic canvas, watch out for similar disintegration problems, particularly with the smaller count canvases. If you have needlework, find a way to preserve it now, because the next time you handle the stuff, you may be in for a nasty surprise!



## ICG CHAPTERS AND DUES

All ICG members receive *The ICG Newsletter*, which is included in the ICG membership fee. ICG Dues per year (per individual): **\$4.00 USD**. Full "Individual" chapter members receive the chapter's newsletter, when published, and may also offer additional amenities as well. Some chapters offer "Household" memberships to members of a household in which there is at least one full "Individual" chapter member. Such memberships generally don't include additional copies of chapter publications. **Contact each Chapter directly for more information on becoming a member.**

### **Beyond Reality Costumers Guild (BRCG)**

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[www.brcg.org](http://www.brcg.org)

### **Chicagoland Costumers' Guild (CCG)**

aka The Chicago M.O.B.  
1926 N. Maple Lane  
Arlington Heights, IL 60004-3562 USA  
[www.enteract.com/~ccg/](http://www.enteract.com/~ccg/)

### **Costumer's Guild West (CGW)**

Post Office Box 3052  
Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670-3052 USA  
[www.costumersguildwest.org](http://www.costumersguildwest.org)

### **Greater Bay Area Costumers Guild (GBACG)**

aka Dreamers of Decadence  
PMB #320  
5214-F Diamond Heights Blvd.  
San Francisco, CA 94131 USA  
[www.gbacg.org](http://www.gbacg.org)

### **Greater Columbia Fantasy Costumer's Guild, Inc. (GCFCG)**

aka The Founders  
Post Office Box 683  
Columbia, MD 21045 USA  
[www.gcfcg.org](http://www.gcfcg.org)

### **Greater Delaware Valley Costumers' Society (GDVCS)**

aka The Lunatic Phrynge  
c/o 246 W. Upsal St, Apt F-303  
Philadelphia, PA 19119 USA  
[lunaticphrynge.nstemp.org](http://lunaticphrynge.nstemp.org)

### **Greater Sacramento Area Costumers Guild (GSACG)**

aka The Fashioners of Fancy  
P.O. Box 162722  
Sacramento CA 95816-2722 USA  
[www.gsacg.org](http://www.gsacg.org)

### **Millenium Costumers Guild (MCG)**

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### **NJ/NY Costumers Guild (NJ/NYCG)**

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85 West McClellan Ave.  
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### **Northern Lights Costumers Guild (NLCG)**

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### **St. Louis Costumers Guild (SLCG)**

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### **Silicon Web Costumers Guild (SiW)**

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[www.geocities.com/siwcostumers/](http://www.geocities.com/siwcostumers/)

### **Southwest Costumers Guild (SWCG)**

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### **Utah Costumers Guild (UCG)**

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## CHAPTER BUSINESS

### **2003 ICG Annual Meeting Minutes Available Online!**

To save space in this newsletter (not a lot, but some), we have reproduced most of the minutes of the last Annual Meeting in time for the next meeting at Costume-Con 22. To see the full text of the minutes, please visit the ICG web site at: [www.costume.org](http://www.costume.org). The annual ICG budget will also be available online as soon as the Board of Directors has approved it. For questions concerning the content of either document, please contact Dora Buck (former Recording Secretary, current ICG Treasurer) for more information.

## PROCEDURAL STUFF

**For Your Information:** The ICG Annual Meeting is run using the structure provided by Robert's Rules of Order. The ICG's appointed keeper of procedure, also known as Parliamentarian, is Pierre E. Pettinger, Jr., a former President of the ICG. For questions concerning how we conduct meetings and why motions are phrased the way they are, please contact Pierre at: [parliamentarian@costume.org](mailto:parliamentarian@costume.org).

Whenever we make changes to our governing documents, you can be sure that Pierre has had a hand in reviewing the proposed changes we make from time to time. Pierre was instrumental in the recent revision of the ICG's Standing Rules, now available on the ICG web site. Thanks, Pierre!

**ICG TREASURER'S REPORT**

Bank balance as of January 17, 2004 was 5619.19:

ICG: \$5,406.36  
Archives: \$212.83

At the conclusion of 2003, a total of \$76.50 in CQ subscription Fees were refunded. The remaining \$1,287.00 were converted to donations to the ICG.

**CURRENT MEMBERSHIP**

Chapter	Members	Last Report	Chapter	Members	Last Report
BRCG	55	Oct 2003	NJ/NYCG	38	Jan 2004
CCG	9	Sept 2003	NLCG	41	Jan 2004
CGW	290	Jan 2004	SLCG	37	Jan 2004
GBACG	117	Jan 2004	SiW	19	Jan 2004
GCFCG	18	Jul 2003	SWCG	10	Oct 2003
GDCS	7	Jan 2004	UCG	0	Jun 2002
GSACG	5	Jul 2003	WCCG	20	Dec 2003
MCG	3	Oct 2003	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>669</b>	

Note that in October, 2004, the ICG Board of Directors voted to deactivate the Australian Costumers' Guild (ACG) for failure to meet reporting and dues paying requirements. Members of deactivated chapters who wish to participate in activities as ICG members must join an active chapter of the ICG. Your ICG membership benefits include voting rights and subscription to this newsletter. Chapters that fail to report their members and submit their dues run the risk of being deactivated.

**LOST SOULS**

ICG members must provide their correct mailing addresses to remain in good standing. Voting proxies are valid only when the ICG Treasurer has correct addresses. The addresses of the individuals below are not correct in our records. Please contact us to update the information:

- Loruida Kasten-Lowerre (CGW)
- Winston Howlett (CCG)
- Carol Mitchell (CCG)
- Cat Slater (CGW)

There are more dead letter addresses on file. For a complete list, contact us at [newsletter@costume.org](mailto:newsletter@costume.org).

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