

Masquerade Video Digitizing Project Details

The Archives was recently contacted by Geri Sullivan, who is connected with this year's Worldcon committee, MidAmericon II. A set of professional quality U-MATIC 3/4" videotapes (think 1960s-1970s technology) recently came into their possession that were part of a private collection of [Scott Imes](#). The tapes included the following masquerades, which are not in our Archives:

MidAmericon I (1976)

Confranciso (1993)

Conadian (1994)

(There may be more, which we may pursue at a later date - hopefully less expensively! See:

<http://fancylopedia.org/scott-imes-video-archive>.)

The conversions are being performed by Guy Spiller, of [VGO Productions, LLC](#), who runs an online business for video transfers called [AnalogRetentive.com](#).

Video conversion to digital files cost: \$1.10 per minute The three masquerades will cost no more than \$1452. These files will be put on a 3T hard drive provided by us (\$150) and shipped back to us (\$50).

We are requesting the Board to amend the 2016 budget by adding \$1452 to "Acquisitions" (5110) to cover the conversion costs. The amount will come from accrued assets in Archives account 1325. There is approximately \$5000 available in this account. The cost of the hard drive and shipping will come from amounts already approved in the 2016 budget.

This is a rare opportunity, and we encourage the board to approve this request.

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on behalf of the ICG Archives