

Kumoricon / Altonimbus Entertainment
General Meeting of the Membership on September 16, 2018
DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Portland
1000 NE Multnomah St, Portland, OR 97232

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:14pm by Brian Mathews.

At the opening of the meeting, 61 members were present out of 398 total, with 46 needed to reach quorum. Quorum was met.

Minutes

The minutes from the membership meetings of November 12, 2017 (corrected); July 12, 2018; and August 11, 2018; were approved without objection.

Reports

Brian Mathews, Chair

- Making sure people get things done, and helping as needed.
- You guys are awesome.
- To show appreciation to staff, the next meeting is now at Laurelhurst Park. In addition to being one of our meetings, it is a staff appreciation party, with games, food, and a chill afternoon to kick off the very end of the summer. We appreciate all the work you do.

Ash Butler, Director of Infrastructure

- We are at 94% filled for our room block. Get hotel rooms while you can. Make sure to also fill out the staff rate form. After you apply, you'll receive an email from hotel@ after the block closes on September 25 listing the amount of your discount. You'll get a staff rate coupon based on your position's staff rank.
- If you have questions, or want to apply to Infrastructure staff, email infrastructure@ or hotel@.

Jessica Ulibarri, Director of Membership

- Currently at 2580 pre-registered attendees, and 49 VIPs. Pre-registration closes October 13.
- Encourage people to pre-register. Saves money and time waiting in line, and can check-in on Thursday.
- Seeking staff, especially in:

- Specialty Membership—Check in exhibitors, artists, VIP, industry, etc. Work for a few hours on Wednesday night, and also Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Have Sunday free.
- Cosplay Repair Staff—Good for those with experience fixing or making their own cosplay. Help staff and attendees with cosplay repairs in a quiet room.
- Con Suite Staff—Cooking and customer service. The lowest staff level in Membership.

Jason Pollard, Director of Operations

Leon Lewis, Yojimbo Coordinator, reported:

- Seeking Yojimbo Office Staff—Experience most of the con, but with less walking around. Will train people. Looking for good attention to detail, discretion, and ability to multitask.

Dave Mackin, Dispatch Manager, reported:

- Seeking Dispatch Staff. We have a management team put together, but we're looking for more staff. Need to keep track of details and interact with people well. Customer service experience is awesome. Don't have to wander around the con.

Angeline Abuyen, Maid Squad Manager, reported:

- Seeking Maid Squad Staff—Also, having a breakout meeting today.

Brianna Campbell, Assistant Director of Operations, reported:

- Accepting applications for Accessibility Manager position. Working with accessibility policies, the OCC, and taking staff applications.

Jaki Hunt, Director of Programming

- Seeking staff, primarily:
 - Panel Mod Staff and Panel Tech Staff
 - Video Gaming Staff
 - Main Events—Set up Main Events and Coliseum. We will train, for this position and for or all positions.
 - Additional staff openings throughout Programming
- Schedule creation is in progress.
- All contest sign-ups are open, including Pro-Bending, Cosplay Chess, Fanfic, Fan Art, Karaoke, and more.

Samantha Rushford, Director of Publicity

- A ton of things have been posted on the website.
- Social media is pretty busy.
- We have announced charity items.
- Mascot contest entries have closed. Voting will open this week. Will email staff. Voting is a staff perk.
- Seeking staff:

- Photographers and Videographers—Have a photo booth in KumoriMarket. Especially good if you studio photography experience.
- Info Booth Staff—Help answer questions, tell people where things are.
- Merchandise Staff—Sell ghost neko and other merchandise.

Sam Taylor, Director of Relations

- KumoriMarket applications are closed. Exhibits Hall applications closed yesterday. Artist Alley and Small Press are full and registered. No more waitlisted applications.
- Working on opening reservations for both Maid Café and Tea Party.
- Charity Auction items have been organized and logged, and a preview of items has been posted on social media.
- Just announced Yoshitaka Amano, and still have more guest announcements coming.
 - Amano is the lead character designer for Final Fantasy 1-6, and also contributed to 7, 9, 11, and 12. Did cover art for all of them.
 - Did all artwork for Vampire Hunter D.
- Seeking staff:
 - Small Press—Walking around, assisting Small Press vendors, answering questions, and patrolling the hall.
 - Autograph Staff—Make sure our new autographs process succeeds. Need more staff to make sure we catch all the opportunities for improvements.
 - Guest Hospitality Staff—Handle Green Room and logistics for guests, and other guest work.

Jeff Tyrrell, Secretary

- Have received a flood of staff applications. Helping those people find positions and get signed up.
- Just under 400 staff right now.

Rene Webb, Treasurer

Robert Trotter, Quartermaster, reported:

- Seeking staff to help count money. Requires director vetting from a previous staff position. Email treasurer@.
- Need minions for Load-In/Load-Out Staff. Work Wednesday and some Thursday before con, or Monday after.
- Reporting for Infrastructure: Room-night coupons are based on staff rank. Coordinator get \$50, Managers get \$125, Executives get \$175; coupon is per entire stay per eligible person (not per night).

Outreach

Brian reported:

- Had a booth at Resin Rose BJD Expo. It was really cool, and we want to go again.

- Had a booth and provided panels at Rose City Comic Con. The booth was very popular, and we sold 48 pre-registrations.
- We have one outreach event left—Uwajicon, on September 29.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

New Business

There was no new business.

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Jaki reported that we are seeking volunteers to cut fur for cat ears.

Samantha encouraged staff to re-share the Staffer Saturdays posts on social media.

Jessica reminded that we have an educational group discount program for anime clubs and other nonprofit youth groups. The intent is to benefit those who may not be able to afford events like this. For every 5 attending youth, we provide a free membership for a chaperone.

Brian reported (in response to a question) that Uwajicon is at the Uwajimaya Beaverton, in the parking lot.

Jessica reminded that if you plan to join staff, please fill out a staff form in the back of the room, have the director initial it, and turn it in.

A meeting participant announced that the My Hero Academia movie is playing from September 25 to October 2, in certain locations, in both dub and sub. Also, Digimon Adventure tri. Future is playing on September 20.

Brian reported that The Transformers: The Movie is playing on September 27.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:43 pm by Brian Mathews.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeff Tyrill, Secretary