

Kumoricon / Altonimbus Entertainment

General Meeting of the Membership on July 12, 2020, 1:00pm

Online

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:02pm by Brian Mathews.

At the initial quorum count, the meeting continued once 30 members signed in as present, thus meeting quorum. In total during the meeting, 36 members signed in as present out of 251 total, with 30 needed to reach quorum.

Minutes

The minutes from the membership meeting of June 14, 2020, were approved without objection.

Reports

Chair

Brian Mathews, Chair, presented slides *[lightly copy-edited]*:

- Still working on special projects. Nothing to show yet.
- Been doing lots of background things you all can't see, such as finding ways to make our executive meetings more efficient.
- The special projects have been slow going, as I've been helping many of the other departments.
- We know you guys want answers about what's going to happen with Kumo this year. We will let you know soon.
- Thank you for being patient with us!
- There are **so many things** coming.

Brian also reported:

- We are so close to having answers for everyone, but we are not quite ready to announce things this meeting. We expect announcements in the next week.

Infrastructure

Ash "Bunny" Butler, Director of Infrastructure, presented slides *[lightly copy-edited]*:

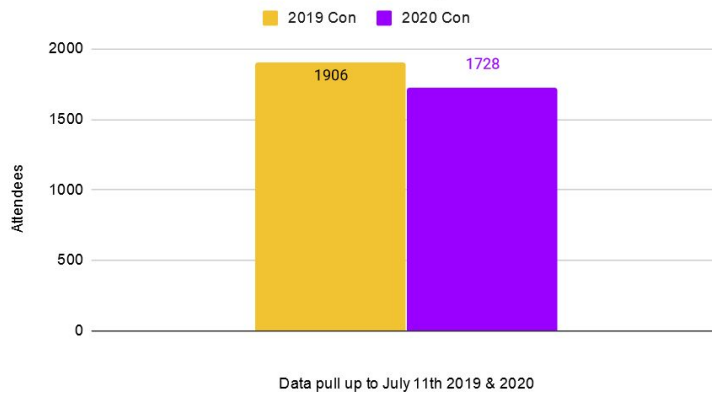
- I have been working really hard on a lot of stuff. We can't announce what those things are yet. But you'll hear about them soon!

Membership

Charmaine Martinez, Director of Membership, presented slides *[lightly copy-edited]*:

- Process of staff registration is going smoothly thanks to assistants and Jeff.
- Discussing scenarios with our department's management.
- Still waiting on status of Kumo to be figured out before we get moving...
- Regular attendees: 1,707
- VIP: 21

2019 and 2020 Attendee Pull as of July 11th



Operations

Ben Riker, Director of Operations, reported:

- Jason is stepping down as Assistant due to career opportunities. Angeline is the new Assistant.
- In a holding pattern.

Programming

Devin Hunter, Director of Programming, presented slides *[lightly copy-edited]*:

- Working on behind-the-scenes projects that are not yet ready to announce.
- If you are a coordinator or above, and have not checked in with your Programming exec, please do so soon.
- The execs will be in the Programming voice channel on the staff Discord after this meeting for breakouts. Come talk about whatever you need.
- Late Night Cosplay Lingerie Fashion Show is now an official Kumoricon hosted event.
 - We have created staff positions for the folks who organized the show last year and will be working on making this event more official.
 - This event is a celebration, not a competition, of the creativity of our community.

Publicity

Samantha Rushford, Director of Publicity, presented slides *[lightly copy-edited]*:

- Lots of behind-the-scenes writing and we are very exhausted. Many bandaged fingers.
- Still working on the public-facing Discord (including emojis!!).
- Plans for merchandise sales are exciting.
- Purchasing new merch and getting designs back for new pins is exciting!
- Seeking staff:
 - Do you have experience running a Discord server? We are looking for a Public Discord Manager for our official Discord server.
 - Our social media team is looking for some skilled content creators to keep our social media exciting!
 - Looking for people interested in joining our website development team.

Sammi also reported:

- Will let people in to the public-facing Discord in rounds, and then eventually widely to the public.
- Social media pep talk, including staff:

- Even if you haven't said you are staff, lots of people know who staff are. Also, be careful what you say. People will take things as definitive.
- Generally, let the social media team answer questions. Right now, everybody is looking closely at everything, and reading between the lines. There is usually a really good reason we want to keep secrets. Secrets are usually kept because of contracts. Be patient, and we'll have answers out as soon as we can.

Relations

Sam Fletcher-Taylor, Director of Relations, presented slides *[lightly copy-edited]*:

- Working on a lot of projects that are not ready to announce. But they're coming!
- Seeking staff:
 - Specialty Events Manager
 - Guest Translators (Japanese)
 - Autograph Staff
- If you are a coordinator or above, and haven't checked in with your Relations exec recently, please do so soon.
- The execs will be in the Relations voice channel on the staff Discord after this meeting for breakouts. Come talk with us!

Secretary

Jeff Tyrill, Secretary, presented slides *[lightly copy-edited]*:

- Assisting with procedural and policy stuff. (Can't share details yet!)
- Seeking staff:
 - Assistant Secretary:
 - Meeting minutes
 - Both membership meetings and executive meetings.
 - Note-taking, editing, verifying, cleaning up for publication.
 - Record-keeping
 - Maintenance and organization of convention's Google Drive storage.
 - Making sure important documents are added, and can be found.
 - Policy and legal-oriented research
 - Familiarity with internal and public-facing organization policies.
 - Policy is the domain of all departments, but Secretary focuses on it more.
 - Help distill an initiative into specific rules or procedures.
 - Very details-focused—lots of organization and planning.
 - Position may be a fit even if you don't have experience in all three areas.
 - Archivist Coordinator:
 - Help maintain and organize our cross-department Google Drive storage.
 - Help organize content by department and section, and by year.
 - Make sure important documents are added, and can be found.
 - For all open positions:
 - Apply at the staff application form online
 - Email secretary@kumoricon.org for questions.

Treasurer

Jo Ayers, Treasurer, presented slides *[lightly copy-edited]*:

- Seeking staff:
 - Quartermaster positions:

- Moving objects from point A to point B (Load-In/Load-Out Staff).
 - Organizing stuff, inventory tracking, and having answers during Load-In/Load-Out (Locker Coordinator).
 - Fetching things for people on demand **during con** (Supply Coordinator).
 - Driving trucks and overseeing truck loading (Load-In/Load-Out Driver).
 - If interested, reach out to quartermaster@kumoricon.org for more information, or apply at <https://www.kumoricon.org/staff-application>.
- Treasury Staff:
 - Counting
 - Documenting
 - Auditing
 - Cash drops
 - Cash deliveries
 - Keeping confidential information to yourself
 - If interested, reach out to treasurer@kumoricon.org with questions, or apply at <https://www.kumoricon.org/staff-application>.

Outreach

Brian Mathews, Outreach Committee Chair, presented slides [*lightly copy-edited*]:

- We will have content at KuroNekoConline on July 18th!
- The advent of more and more digital conventions is giving us some ideas. Stay tuned!

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

New Business

There was no new business.

Good of the Order

Meeting participants reported on the following upcoming and current media:

- Brand New Animal—Netflix
- The God of High School
- Haikyu!!
- My Next Life as a Villainess: All Routes Lead to Doom!
- Keep Your Hands Off Eizouken!
- The Book of Joy
- Emotional Awareness

Brian encouraged people to sign up for staff, and to “con-script” your friends:

<https://www.kumoricon.org/staff-application>

Brian said that he knows things have been hard for a lot of people right now, and that everyone is awesome. Thank you for coming to the meetings even though our announcements have been “we’ll let you know as soon as we can”.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at about 1:31pm by Brian Mathews.

Submitted, and revised and approved by the members,
Jeff Tyrill, Secretary

Attachment: Presentation slides

See file *kumoricon-minutes-member-20200712-attachment.pdf*