

Kumoricon / Altonimbus Entertainment
General Meeting of the Membership on August 14, 2016
DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Portland
1000 NE Multnomah St, Portland, OR 97232

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:50pm by Phillip Koop.

At the opening of the meeting, 94 members were present out of 636 total, with 74 needed to reach quorum. Quorum was met.

Minutes

The minutes from the membership meetings of May 21, 2016; June 12, 2016; and July 16, 2016; were approved without objection.

Reports

Phillip Koop, Chair

- Con is approaching. Things are picking up. Directors are starting to get more frantic than usual.

John Krall, Director of Infrastructure

- Companion animals vs. service animals: Only service animals are allowed in convention center space. This is OCC policy and we clarified it with them.
- As contracts are a year-and-a-half-long process, we are currently in the middle of working on hotel and OCC contracts for 2017.
- Rapidly approaching halfway mark on hotel room blocks being filled.
- Staff hotel (staff rate) is Inn at the Convention Center. Con Suite is there, too.
 - Prioritizing 4 to a room due to the limited number of rooms available.
- Next three general meetings are in this hotel [DoubleTree].

A meeting participant asked about a staff walkthrough of OCC. John reported that he will inquire. John reported that you can also explore the space during Rose City Comic Con and Portland Retro Gaming Expo.

- Room layouts and preliminary schedules will be due soon, so if Programming and Relations are panicky, that may be why.

Brian Mathews, Director of Membership

- Pre-registration total is about 200 ahead of the total last year at 9 weeks pre-con.

- Cosplay Repair and Con Suite are looking for staff (both Back of House, making meals, and Front of House, customer service and serving food). Both Con Suite positions require Food Handler Card.

Jason Pollard, Director of Operations

- Operations is hiring for Dispatch department (radio and phone communication). Used for departments calling for assistance or locating missing minors.
- Kumoricon Lite staff positions are full.
- Yojimbo, Maid Squad, and IT are also full.

Jaki Hunt, Director of Programming

- Looking for Video Gaming, Tabletop, Panels, and Main Events staff. Lot of staff needed.
- Working on scheduling panels.
- Karaoke sign-ups will be up in a couple of days.
- Cosplay Chess applications will open soon.

Samantha Feldman, Director of Publicity

Mariona Gates, Assistant Director of Publicity, reported:

- Attended Northwest Comic Fest; sold 2 registrations.
- Attended KuroNekoCon in Spokane; sold 8 registrations.
- Attended Anime PDX last weekend; sold 13 registrations.

Ally Fields, Director of Relations

Sam Taylor introduced herself as the newly-minted Assistant Director of Relations and reported:

- Guest of Honor Kieran Strange was announced on Wednesday.
- Looking for donation items for Charity Auction and Art Show.
- Working on a new project in collaboration with some artists in Artist Alley: Kumo-Dolls.
 - Volunteer artists will decorate them as they like. Attendees can bid on them. Proceeds will go to charity (Doernbecher).
- Exhibits Hall is filled.
- Accepting donations for Charity Auction.

Jeff Tyrill, Secretary

- Working on some legal goals.
- Because we made quorum this meeting, 2015 staff status will expire in 10 days. (Does not usually happen this late in the year.)

Amy Bourgo, Treasurer

- Made good money from registrations and merchandise sales at outreach events.

- Looking for Load-In/Load-Out Staff for Kumoricon Lite next weekend. (Volunteering for this does not obligate you to work for this department at Kumoricon in October.)
- Also looking for Load-In/Load-Out staff for Kumoricon. All work is before or after con so you can enjoy con.

Phillip continued further with the Chair report:

- Kumoricon Lite is August 21. If not staffing, come as attendees. \$10 or 3 manga (certain titles excluded). Ambridge Event Center. Next to MAX, but unfortunately it will be undergoing a period of repair starting Aug 21. CC and Rose Quarter closed. Take Portland Streetcar or line 6 to get the rest of the way. Yellow line goes to Interstate Rose Quarter. Not Rose Quarter Transit Center.
- Portland Streetcar is free for PSU students.
- Kumoricon just joined JASO (Japan-America Society of Oregon), and we are already seeing benefits from this membership.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

New Business

There was no new business.

Good of the Order

A meeting participant asked about parking at the convention center. John reported that we'll have a fix for staff staying on site for using MAX instead of parking. Will elaborate closer to event. Phillip reported that we'll have free MAX tickets to give out. John stated that there will be limited distribution and quantities are limited. Probably not for attendees.

A meeting participant asked about staffing needs at Kumoricon Lite. Some directors answered Load-In/Load-Out, and Registration Staff. A Registration staffer added that the advantage of Registration Staff is that you get to see every cosplay.

Mariona reported that we are seeking Merchandise Staff at Kumoricon Lite. Must be age 18 and have cash handling experience.

A meeting participant asked to clarify the 10-day staff expiration. Jeff clarified it is to maintain uninterrupted voting rights. John asked who in audience is 2015 staff, but not 2016 staff, and only two hands were raised. Jeff reported to contact your director or secretary@kumoricon.org for assistance if in this situation.

Brianna, Multimedia Manager, reported that we are looking for Photographer/Videographer Staff. Need own equipment, and portfolio to apply. Contact multimedia@kumoricon.org.

A meeting participant stated that white polyester fabric is up for grabs.

A meeting participant stated that the Hollywood Theatre recently showed the first installation of the live action adaptation of Rurouni Kenshin, and that they will be showing the second and third as well.

A meeting participant asked how to get a refund when upgrading from attendee to staff. Brian reported to contact membership@kumoricon.org.

Mariona reported that we are also looking for Merchandise Staff at Kumoricon 2016. Selling products at con. Seeking Social Media Staff and Press manager. If not sure if you're qualified, talk to us. Seeking Info Booth Staff and Website Staff. Jeff reported that for Website Staff, seeking people for software development, content editing, and IT. Contact website@kumoricon.org.

Phillip reported that Con Suite needs at least 10 staff to run. Badly need staff. Back of House creates food. Front of House serves food. Free food for staff the entire convention.

A meeting participant asked if can be staff for two positions at once. Phillip reported that it depends entirely on positions. Sometimes, there are logistical difficulties.

Jo, MSO (Member Services Office) Manager, reported: Office is location where you are picking up your staff badge, T-shirt, and other staff goodies. When checking in, we ask for ID. If your name on ID doesn't match your display name, please email secretary@kumoricon.org with real name and ID name. Jeff stated to email membership@kumoricon.org for that situation for attendees.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at about 2:28pm by Phillip Koop.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeff Tyrrill, Secretary