

Kumoricon / Altonimbus Entertainment

General Meeting of the Membership on June 26, 2021, 1:00pm

Online

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:00pm by Brian Mathews.

At the initial quorum count, the meeting continued once 34 members signed in as present, thus meeting quorum. In total during the meeting, 48 members signed in as present out of 251 total, with 30 needed to reach quorum.

Minutes

The minutes from the membership meeting of May 16, 2021, were approved without objection.

Reports

Chair

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

- Regarding the governor's order (yes, we saw it):
 - We're still a long way away from con, and a lot can happen.
 - That said, we know people will want to prepare and don't want to make any announcements RIGHT before con.
 - We hope to have answers for you all by September.
 - We've already been making plans, on plans, on plans, we're going to be watching the next couple of months very carefully and see what we need to keep you all safe. :)
- Working with everyone, on everything, all the time.
- A little behind on my backlog of stuff (like usual).
- Had a productive meeting with my Chair team!
- Charity should be up soon.
- Other than that, I'm always putting bugs in people's ears about ideas.

Infrastructure

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

- Artist Alley and Small Press have all been juried and contacted.
- Exhibitor applicants are being contacted as well.
- Having meetings with contacts again.
- Behind-the-scenes work is still happening, not much I can report today unfortunately.
- Infrastructure is hiring in all its sub-departments. Please contact us directly with questions about any positions or you can check out: <https://www.kumoricon.org/open-positions>
- Please stay safe in this historically hot time period and if you're in an evacuation area for a wildfire right now, please know that I'm thinking of you and hoping for the absolute best outcome for your area.

Membership

Jessica Ulibarri, Director of Membership, presented slides *[lightly copy-edited]*:

- 2021 registration numbers (as of noon on 6/26):
 - General attendee: 2,249
 - VIP attendee: 24
- Email membership@kumoricon.org to inquire about a position:
 - Attendee Registration
 - Cosplay Repair
 - Con Suite
 - Staff Registration
 - Specialty Registration
 - Registration Development
- Registration training:
- If you are part of Attendee Registration or Specialty Registration this is for you:
 - As we are about to hit the 4-month mark to Kumoricon 2021, the Registration team thought it would be best to start doing some training on our registration systems and go over some general policies and procedures.
 - The Registration team will be meeting tomorrow (June 27) at noon. This meeting will be held on the Kumoricon staff Discord server in the #membership-voice channel.
- If you are part of the Attendee Registration or Specialty Registration teams, please make sure you have access to the server and voice channel before the meeting.

Operations

Angeline Abuyen, Assistant Director of Operations, presented slides *[lightly copy-edited]*:

- Fill the ranks:
 - Operations Office: Supporting administrative needs within Operations
 - Yojimbo: Attendee service by guiding policy enforcement
 - Hitsujikai: Attendee service by managing lines and keeping pedestrian traffic safe
 - Dispatch: Communication hub for all departments of staff
- Have more questions? Email operations@kumoricon.org.

Programming

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

- What are we up to?
 - Collecting content for DigiKumo Lite.
 - Planning space layouts.
 - Panel applications are now open! If you want to host a panel or event, please fill out the form on the website!
- What are host incentive points?
 - This is a replacement of the panelist discount for people who ran a bunch of content.
 - Earn points for each hour of approved content that you run and trade them in for cool stuff. 1 hour of content = 2 points.
 - 2 points = Discounted attendee badge (\$45 for the weekend)
 - One-time-use coupon that can be used by anyone.
 - 4 points = \$5 discount from Kumorion online merch store
 - 4 points = 5 Kumori Cash for prizes at con
 - Only the person who submits the panel application gets the points.

- Come join us on Twitch!
 - Schedule is posted monthly on the public Discord in #kumo-twitch-stream.

Publicity

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

- 2022 Mascot Contest will be opening soon.
- We are extending the deadline to get the Heart of Gold pin. You now have until 11:59pm on July 18. (That is the last day of DigiKumo Lite.)
- Join our Discord.
- Support us on Patreon.
- Staff positions needing filled:
 - Marketing Manager
 - Plot Bunnies
 - Newsletter Staff
 - Social Media Staff
 - Merchandise Staff
 - Photographers
 - Videographers
 - Press Office Staff
 - Publicity Office Staff

Panda also reported:

- A pin design will debut at DigiKumo Lite.

Relations

Heather Holland, Director of Relations, reported:

- Guest announcement in the next week or so.
- DigiKumo Lite will have a fair number of guest announcements.
- Industry and Partner Table applications are launching soon.
- Need Cultural Coordinator.
- Need staff in a bunch of other areas:
 - Autographs
 - Industry / Guest Staff
 - All other Relations
- Please look at the list and see if something fits for you.

Secretary

Tracy Creel, Secretary, submitted slides *[lightly copy-edited]*, which were omitted from the live reports due to a technical issue:

- Nothing exciting to report. Working mostly behind the scenes.
- Interested in volunteering but don't know what you want to do? Start here, you can look at all the open positions and apply in one place: <https://www.kumoricon.org/open-positions>

Treasurer

Brian reported:

- Money in, money out.

- Black Lives Matter!

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

New Business

There was no new business.

Good of the Order

Brian noted that good of the order items can be sent to good.of.the.order@kumoricon.org.

Brian reminded that available staff positions are listed at <https://www.kumoricon.org/open-positions>. All staff including executives are volunteers. Staff perks include free con attendance, T-shirt, and more.

Brian reminded to stay safe and hydrated during the heat wave, noting that three Portland-area cooling centers are open 24 hours a day through Monday: Oregon Convention Center (777 NE Martin Luther King Jr Blvd), Sunrise Center (18901 E Burnside St), and a county-owned shelter (1952 N Lombard St). Pets are welcome.

Brian reported that hotel booking information is not out yet, but will be soon.

Anime and media

Meeting participants mentioned anime and other media of interest:

- Fate/stay night: Heaven's Feel III. spring song
- Weathering with You—July 25, 27
- Belle
- ODDTAXI—Crunchyroll
- Vivy -Fluorite Eye's Song—Funimation
- Mars Red—Funimation

Other topics

Brian thanked people for attending the meeting.

Brian reminded people to get vaccinated if they are able.

Brian reported that any COVID requirements or rules for the con are expected to be decided around September.

Devin reported that there is a Programming break-out meeting on the staff Discord.

Brian encouraged people to attend DigiKumo Lite online next month.

Some directors wished Happy Pride.

Adjournment

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

Submitted, and revised and approved by the members,
Tracy Creel, Secretary

Attachment: Presentation slides

See file *kumoricon-minutes-member-20210626-attachment.pdf*