

General Meeting Notes

January 22, 2023



Attended:

- Tom Allmendinger
- Annastasia Gallaher
- Sarah Roh
- Heather Chambers
- Ashley Motta
- Mitchell Bracket
- Dan Weiner
- Shane Rideout
- Brenton Maynard

Presiding Officer: Tom Allmendinger

Start Time: 1:03 pm

Operations

- Working on getting all permits and layouts completed.
- Hiring in all department, specifically need staff for SAS.
 - Email operations@sakuracon.org

Programming

- Most every room is getting a size increase due to the new building opening.
- All media programming contests, except cosplay, are open.
 - Cosplay Contest will open next weekend.
- Panels are open.
 - Submission form closes on February 1st.
- Arts and Crafts room will be available this year.
- Gaming is getting more space on the 6th floor.
- Hiring within Programming for multiple positions.
 - Email programming@sakuracon.org

Membership

- Registration is moving to a larger space and keeping the same number of booths.
 - Changing some of the pick-up items.
 - More to come later.
 - Pre-reg increase at the end of January.
- In the middle of selecting artists for Artist Alley.
 - Artist Alley will be increasing in size.
- If you have volunteer requests, please work with your director, and use the volunteers@sakurcon.org.
- We will be updating the Covid protocol on the website.
 - Masking will be required for all staff and attendees.

- All staff will need to have the original covid series and a booster within 6 months of Sakura-Con.
 - Boosts must fall within November 2022 – April 2023.
 - The board will be reviewing the 6-month position and will re-issue a formal guidance after discussion.
- Hiring for multiple positions.
 - Email membership@sakuracon.org

Relations

- Wrapping up the guest book and continue
- Gearing up to announce music guests.
- Sponsorships close at the end of January
- Hiring in Exhibit Hall and Japanese Liaison
 - Email: relations@sakuracon.org

Publicity

- The blood drive will be back this year.
- Working on table swaps and cultural group outreach.
- Will be tabling at Chibi Chibi con.
- Hiring within Publicity for multiple position.
 - Email: publicity@sakuracon.org

Treasurer

- No Report

Facilities

- Summit Building Images
 - <https://seattleconventioncenter.com/venues/summit-addition>
 - Open House on January 27th, 2023
 - <https://www.summit-openhouse.com/web/event?eventid=2138572221>
- Hotels
 - The housing link is coming soon.
 - Contracts had to be redone for all hotels which slowed the process.
 - Crown Plaza and Renaissance will not be on the list due to distance from the Convention Center.

Membership Comments:

- Jan 26: Talk Connecting Threads: Japanese Textiles in the British Royal Collection (Oxford Asian Textile Group)
- Jan 26: Presentation Journey to Hokuriku: Ishikawa (Japan America Society of Chicago)
- Jan 28: Discussion The Old Capital (Zusetsu Store's January in Japan Bookclub)

Motion to adjourn by Chase B.

- Seconded

Adjournment: 1:34 p.m.