

*General Meeting Notes*

Feb 16, 2025

Attended:

Sami Kammeyer -  
Alyx Lechner - virtual  
Nate Mottle -  
Sarah Roh -  
Cassandra Petersen -  
Mychal Thompson -  
Dan Weiner -  
Cassius Deutsch - virtual  
Mitch Brackett -

Absent:

Charlie Naddeo  
Annastasia Gallaher  
Ashley LaBreck  
Renee Naddeo  
Shane Rideout  
Tobias McCurry  
Victor Albisharat  
Shannon Murphy  
Topher Fultz  
Alex Cassett

Presiding Officer: Alyx Lechner

Start Time: 1:01 PM

- Opening/Welcome - Chair/VC
- Announcements from the board/officers if any?

Departmental Reports -

- Operations - Gear is ordered, payments being made. If looking for a volunteer position, let Mitch know - Just signed digital signage coord. Sponsor ads, schedules etc. If interested in that dept, please let Mitch know/email [Operations@sakuracon.org](mailto:Operations@sakuracon.org)



- Barry - ensure you are putting in your internet and hardware requests asap - email [IT@sakuracon.org](mailto:IT@sakuracon.org) with questions.
  - Logistics - Will have inventory available in the next week and will email to have folks confirm their items. Latest pickup time Sunday for logistics? Cannot confirm for sure yet, latest is ideally 5pm though to give folks chances to have a break in the evening. Email [operations@sakuracon.org](mailto:operations@sakuracon.org) with vendor information logistics wise.
- Programming - Just closed a large number of contests - add numbers from board meeting. Cosplay chess is opening today. Hiring for panel mods, Arts and Crafts, various gaming depts, mecha modeling, any interest please email [programming@sakuracon.org](mailto:programming@sakuracon.org). Manga library also looking for staff - email programming@ or [manga.library@sakuracon.org](mailto:manga.library@sakuracon.org). 5-7 folks for manga library. Email [hunt@sakuracon.org](mailto:hunt@sakuracon.org) if you need more people in your dept's room. Schedule lock need to be finalized today and sent to programming@. [tcg@sakuracon.org](mailto:tcg@sakuracon.org) for game helpers.
    - Miracle - worked with Anika as potential rave talent? Mychael and Shane will meet with them at the programming breakout
    - Question for Military discounts - instructed to email [membership@sakuracon.org](mailto:membership@sakuracon.org)
    - Chat Q - when will emails go out for volunteering assignments - resolved to email respective directors. [operations@sakuracon.org](mailto:operations@sakuracon.org)
  - Membership - Staff site is opening in the next week or so - this will be a phased approach starting with coordinators and managers first.
    - Membership is hiring for general staff in most departments: Registration, Artist Alley, Exhibits, and Staff Registration. Please email [membership@sakuracon.org](mailto:membership@sakuracon.org) if you are interested in any of these positions.
- Relations -
    - Finalizing last of guest of honor contracts
    - Anime day sales tracking well, 92 tickets sold - link is on social media
    - Email [relations@sakuracon.org](mailto:relations@sakuracon.org) if you'd like to volunteer within Relations
    - Stopped using twitter and moved to Bluesky
- Publicity -
    - Official afterparties from board notes
    - Apps close this week for media
    - Community central - in approval state for any community groups
    - Hoping to find someone to head newsletter - email [publicity@sakuracon.org](mailto:publicity@sakuracon.org) if interested
    - Looking for volunteers for community central group, email [publicity@sakuracon.org](mailto:publicity@sakuracon.org) if interested.

- Treasury -
  - send any inquiries to [Sakura-Con Treasurer](#)
  
- Facilities -
  - Hotels - filling up! Please book asap! Westin still has the majority of rooms, Olive 8 does as well. Please utilize help numbers if you have any issues with the booking system. Phone numbers/email addresses at the bottom of the page.
  - **Hotel booking questions & support**
  - **Phone:** 801-797-0966
  - **Toll free phone:** 888-341-0161
  - **Email:** help@orchid.events
  - Coords and above - working out of Eventeny. Looking into the availability of ADA rooms for this block. If you need one, email your director and they will work with Facilities.
  - Attendee asked about purchasing food through Aramark to have in their rooms - Mitch advised work with your director on this.
  - Anna working on staff vouchers to use at food establishments within the convention center
  - Asked if Westin has staff discounts, Dan advised he needs to look into this
  - Is sas getting food vouchers, Mitch advised yes - all staff will get them
  
- Membership Comments and Ideas - none

General Questions:

Asked about January meeting notes - Mitch advised the website is touchy right now but will be updated asap.

Attendee asked about working as a coord with disabilities - for example, can they add costs into the budget to assist them in doing their job like a motorized scooter. Shane advised they will discuss with Tori - as a rule please work with your respective director on this

Attendee asked where to report misconduct, instructed to email [chair@sakuracon.org](mailto:chair@sakuracon.org)

Attendee asked about a contact tree, Mychal advised that this will be available once staff site launches, Barry also indicated that your manager should be first POC and if anyone else needs to be involved, the manager/director will liaise contact.

Bring up email signatures in the next board meeting to facilitate ease of contact and orient who you're talking to - we should all have a standard signature - Alyx will reach out to Tobias about this for assets.

- Adjournment - 1:42 PM