

General Meeting Notes

Apr 13, 2025



Attended:

Sami Kammeyer -
Alyx Lechner - virtual
Sarah Roh -
Cassandra Petersen -
Mychal Thompson -
Dan Weiner -
Charlie Naddeo -
Annastasia Gallaher -
Ashley LaBreck -
Renee Naddeo -
Shane Rideout -
Shannon Murphy -
Tobias McCurry - virtual
Nate Mottle -

Absent:

Mitch Brackett
Cassius Deutsch
Topher Fultz
Alex Cassett
Victor Albisharat

Presiding Officer: Nate Mottle

Start Time:

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

Alyx advised to check the Sakuracon.org website for accessibility information, there is a page up now.

Departmental Reports -

- Operations -
 - Barry advised IT is set up, IT@ for any questions

- Vlad asked about main stage setups, Shane advised they would connect
- Programming -
 - Everything seeming to be set and ready to go, most spots filled - send any further inquiries to volunteers@sakuracon.org
 - Need at least 10 panel mods
- Membership
 - Email membership@ with any questions for badge pickup etc.
 - Still hiring in reg, exhibits hall
 - Anna advised vouchers are still available for staff pres
 - Comms will go out today/tomorrow for badge pickup etc
 - Anna advised if there are badge issues, bring to registration for any remedy
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- Relations -
 - All relations prep done, other than last minute changes etc
- Publicity -
 - On track - will put together pre-event newsletter
 - Social media has been updated
 - COMMunity Central teams ready to mobilize!
 - Mariners Anime Day today!
 - MoPop x Asian Comics Exhibit collab went well!
 - print.shop@sakuracon.org for questions
- Treasury -
 - send any inquiries to [Sakura-Con Treasurer](#)
- Facilities -
 - Coords and above - all confirmations have gone out, if you have not received, see Dan after the meeting or email facilities@
 - Asked if badge pickup will need to happen prior to load in, advised yes
- Membership Comments and Ideas - none

General Questions:

Logistics reminding everyone that timing has been comm'd, please let them know ASAP if anything needs changed, sheds will be locked tonight

Reach out to logistics@ for any volunteering opportunities

Asked about any potential comms for accessibility page - Tobias advised that will be done this week

Hard goal to have an accessibility coord? Alyx advised we've had no one volunteer for this role but it is a priority.

Elevators brought up as being a problem in Summit, length of time extensive - Anna has advised that none of the elevators should be closed unless they are non-operational - if there are issues please alert

Ongoing conversation about how to prioritize folks for the elevator use with SCC staff - Mitch also working on this

Asked about badge name changes, Anna advised to visit process page on the registration FAQs

Always email info@ and/or chair@ if you have any issues with discrimination or a negative experience with staff.

Asked if we have a general staff handbook, Anna advised we do not but it is on the list of to-dos with Chair

Volunteer/ADA - attendee raised concern about a lack of mandatory staff training

When is the first meeting after con and volunteer sign up for 2026? Anna advised early summer 2025. Meetings will be discussed among the board.

Attendee asked about a orientation session first day of con - Anna advised that has historically not worked well and was inequitable

Attendee asked about an SOP for volunteering - Alyx informed that some depts have staff that never see attendees. One size fits all general SOP would not make sense for Sakura Con.

Attendee suggested each dept director do an orientation video to disseminate to staff.

Attendee brought up issue of lack of seating in summit specifically, as well as signage for seating, Alyx advised this is controlled by the building, fire marshal and building capacity laws

Anna also advised there are conversations about addtl seating, but that is an ongoing conversation with the fire marshal and Mitch

Accessibility will also depend on the convention layout. I heard that the layout last year between the two buildings made it difficult to navigate, have any changes been made to make it easier on those with accessibility needs? Such as aisle sizes or separation of panels and events between the two buildings? Advised that Aisle sizes are between 13-20 feet in Exhibits and Artist Alley

Attendee brought up that staff in the past hasn't been aware of where first aid is - Alyx advised if there is an emergency, a Green Coat (SCC staff) should be alerted

- Adjournment - 2:23 PM