

# ICG Board Meeting Agenda

21 April 2017 9.00-10:30am at Costume-Con 35  
Hilton Mississauga Meadowvale / 6750 Mississauga Rd / Mississauga, ON L5N 2L3  
North Studio 3 (tentative – please check onsite)

**Agenda:** The following items are on the meeting agenda:

- Call to order
- Approval of the 2016 Board meeting minutes
- Discussion of ICG progress and direction by the President
- Officer and committee reports
- Old Business
- New Business
- Chapter discussion of common issues
- Recess for Members Meeting
- Election of the officers selected at the Members Meeting

**2016 Meeting Minutes:** A draft of the minutes from the 2016 annual members and board meetings are available on the ICG website at: <http://www.costume.org/bod/annualmeeting/2016meeting.pdf>. Board members can offer corrections to the minutes at the meeting.

**Officer and Committee Reports:** To avoid duplication with reports at the members meeting, please use this time to present information or bring up issues that are mainly of interest to the board.

Consider making very brief summary presentations at the board and members meeting, and submitting more complete reports to the Recording Secretary for inclusion with the minutes. This will make the information more widely available to those who can't attend, and allow more time for chapter discussions.

**Chapter and SIG Discussions:** As with last year, this discussion period will give chapter and SIG representatives a chance to share experiences and discuss issues of common interest.

**Election of Officers:** Under Maryland law, the ICG board elects the officers of the corporation. The Board will adjourn for the Members Meeting, and reconvene at 11:40 to elect the officers who were selected by the members.

# ICG Annual Members Meeting Agenda

21 April 2017 10:45am-11:45am at Costume-Con 35

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North Studio 3 (tentative – please check onsite)

**Agenda:** The following items are on the meeting agenda:

- Call to order
- Approval of the 2016 meeting minutes
- State of the ICG by the President
- Status reports by ICG officers and committees
- Old business
- New business
- Selection of 2017 ICG officers
- Question and answer period

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**Officer Nominations:** Nominations for 2017 officers can be made at the meeting. 2016 officers who are standing for re-election include Jeanine Swick (Treasurer) and Tonya Adolfson (Corresponding Secretary). Other candidates who are running for election include: Marianne Pease (President), Mera Babineaux (Vice President), and Anne Davenport (Recording Secretary). Under Maryland law, ICG members select officers who are then elected by the ICG Board.

Here are candidate statements for those who have indicated that they are standing for election at the time of this announcement.



**Marianne Pease (VA) – President.** I started cosplaying in college thirteen years ago when I coerced my roommate to sew a Witch Hunter Robin dress for me. I went on to sell blood plasma twice a week so I could afford my first sewing machine. By the time Marty Gear swept me up in my first Balticon masquerade and I joined the GCFCG, I was absolutely in love. Since then I've served in my local guilds here and there. I'm currently the Treasurer of the NoVA chapter.

I've watched the enormous explosion in popularity that cosplay and costuming has received, and the vast numbers of people fall in love with costuming just like I did. While not all convention goers are costumers, we clearly have a lot of room to grow. My primary goal is to reach out to the rising generations of costumers and cosplayers and offer them the same home and sense of community among the ICG that I found.

I never expected to be in this position but last year when I was sitting in the annual members meeting, I made a resolution to reach out and get to know more of the ICG on an international level. I assumed that it would come in the form of volunteering for a committee, but then ICG President Philip Gust announced that he would not be running for President again. We spoke after that meeting and stayed in touch over the past year. I've always been a great believer in stepping up and volunteering for causes that I care about, and I can think of no better way to support the ICG than running for this office. With everyone's support, and a whole lot of passion for this organization, it may just be possible.



**Mera Babineaux (VA) – Vice President.** I'm half of the creative duo behind Shimmer and Shade Family Cosplay and Prop House 42 Productions. I am a makeup artist, have been actively costuming since high school theater where I was the costume mistress for 3 years, and also build sets and props. I inadvertently entered the Con community through the DragonCon Masquerade in 1996, and have been very involved ever since. In addition to attending conventions, judging costume contests and running panels, I have also been a board member, Director of Costuming and Con Design, and general member at large for several east coast conventions, most recently serving on the Mysticon Board and as their costuming director and Masquerade maven.

My passion is for education and outreach with children and teens and I actively volunteer in my community to promote sensory friendly costuming, disability friendly costuming, anti-bullying efforts, after school programs, and social and life skill building through costuming and cosplaying. I'm very interested in being active in the ICG and helping in any way that I can, and so I hope you will consider me as a candidate for the VP position.



**Jeanine Swick (MA) – Treasurer.** My work is "period inspired" rather than historically accurate, incorporating my own creativity. I costumed in high school for theater, and later for my own teens. I sell at regional renfaires, cons, SCA, and belly dance events. I have been ICG Treasurer for 8 years, and am happy to stand for election again this year.



**Tonya Adolfson (ID) – Corresponding Secretary.** I have done costumes for stage and screen as well as private collectors, charities, schools, and non-profit organizations. I am well-versed in everything from wigs to shoes to packable props. Most recently, I participated on the ICG Publications Committee to help form the ICG Press. I served as Corresponding Secretary this past year, and would like to continue in that role this year.



**Anne Davenport (FL) – Recording Secretary.** I have been costuming for 40 years since sewing and wearing a Starfleet uniform for Senior Class Dress-up Day in high school. Most of my costuming energies are aimed at convention hall costuming, but I also participates in Masquerades at the Master level from CostumeCons to Worldcons.

Relevant fan experience: editing a very tiny SF club newsletter and serving on a couple of fan club boards in the 1990's. I am currently helping the Rebel Legion (a Star Wars costuming group) revise their club charter, which currently has significant organizational difficulties. I am confident that I can also do some good for the ICG (which I have been a member of for at least twice as long as I have been with the Rebel Legion) as Recording Secretary.