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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



pring? There will be Spring, right? I only ask because 10 inches of snow in March is kinda' weird. For St. Louis, anyway.

But it certainly feels like Spring aside from the weather cause we're whipping up a frenzy of preparations for Costume-Con just like every Spring. Costume-Con 26 is in late April so that gives us a little more Spring than usual

before we have to be done, which is nice. So here's the plan:

1. Attend Costume-Con 26 in San Jose, CA. See all your friends, attend panels, see the shows, be in the shows, go home & dream of next year.

2. While at CC26 - go to the ICG Annual Meeting. Yep, that's right, your yearly opportunity to see the ICG Board of Directors live and in person. They're not just a myth, they really exist - come see how cool they are (or not). Come see if your Chapter rep actually shows up to represent your interests. Harangue them later if they don't.

3. While at the ICG Annual Meeting - vote. You get to vote on who serves on the Corporate Board for the next year as well as any other exciting agenda items. If you can't make it the meeting, send your voting proxy with your representative (someone who will be there). You can print off a copy from the ICG website or get one from your local rep or newsletter editor.

4. After the meeting go and enjoy the con, I guarantee it will be more fun than the meeting. But having attended the meeting you can feel smugly good about yourself because you made the effort to be part of the process.

And if you're going to be at Costume-Con 26, I want to meet you. Come up and say "hi" when you see me. If you don't see me (I will be there), look for me. Don't be shy, don't assume I'm too busy to talk to you, don't think I'm not interested - I am interested. Or if we've met before, come up and say "hey" again. Keep your expectations suitably low, however, I'm horrible with names - I'll probably recognize your face, though.

So that's it for now - I have to get back to the sewing machine/spray paint/shoe dye; it ain't gonna' get done on it's own!

EDITOR'S MESSAGE

Famous Closing Lines:

"Don't touch that red button!"

"Mommy, what does D-E-T-O-N-A-T-O-R spell?"

"So, you're a cannibal."

"Are you sure the power is off?"

It's been a true joy heading the team for the last two and a half years that has ensured that the newsletter remains a jewel, alongside the amazing archives collection, in the crown of the International Costumers Guild. The cool people I've had a chance to meet (and hit up for articles), the layout and editing lessons I've learned (Fun With Semicolons), the embarrassing photos I've had the opportunity to publish of family and dear friends ...

But this is it. Like all other good things, my tenure as editor of the ICG Newsletter is at an end. My life has been running merrily along in the background for the last couple of years. But after a few fun-filled years of putting together the ICC newsletter on a six-times yearly basis, it's now time for me to get back to costuming, my nascent freelance journalism career, and my loving family.

On my way out, however, let me take this opportunity to send thanks to just a few of the many people who've made my tenure as Editor the success it has been: Betsy Delaney; Richard Man, Nora Mai, Linda Wenzelburger, Kevin Roche, Andrew Trembley, Trystan Bass, Carole Par;ker (haha!), Carl Mami, Frances Burns, Aurora Celeste, Henry Osier, Byron Connell, Bruce and Dana MacDermott, the ICG-D list, our advertisers, and any and all other writers who so kindly sent content for the newsletter. And especially of course to Jay, whose hard work and efforts editing me, writing articles, and often serving as the other half of the Official ICG Newsletter Mailing Committee, were crucial to getting the beast out, issue after issue for the last two years. (Note: If your name is not on the list, and it should be, please take as consolation that I just love you too much, and given how steamy our relationship has become over the last 6 and a half years, I wasn't sure you wanted it publicized and your spouse/cat/priest finding out about us. That, or it's late and I've had wine and fell asleep mid-list. Also, this list is in no particular order, whether ranking or otherwise. That having been said, please feel free to send a letter of complaint re same to the new editor along with your article submission.)

So there. I'm going now. Really this time, I mean it. Thanks a ton everyone. And remember:

SUBMIT EARLY, SUBMIT OFTEN!!!!

(And remember to look both ways when crossing the street.)

ICG Newsletter Deadlines: May 1 ... July 1 ... September 1 ... November 1

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Chair: Denisen Hartlove (SiW)
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ICG Web Site: www.costume.org

Membership Report as of 12/31/07 (Non Primary in Parens)

Chapter Name	Chapter Members	Last Updated
Armed C.G.	27 (18)	July
Beyond Reality	40	December
Chicagoland	18 (1)	December
CG Western Pennsylvania	10	March
Dallas/Fort Worth	17	December
Denver Costume and Cosplay	15 (1)	December
Fiber Fantasy Artists	6	December
Greater Columbia Fantasy	21	July
Greater Delaware Valley	7	July
Middle Tennessee	11	May
New Jersey/New York	27 (3)	December
Northern Lights	36	December
SiliconWeb	47 (2)	December
SouthEastern Costume Society	15	December
SouthWest	22	November
St. Louis	41 (4)	December
Utah	10	July
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	341	

ICG Membership Benefits

Your ICG membership benefits include voting rights and a subscription to this newsletter. Chapters that fail to report their members and submit their dues run the risk of being deactivated. Members of deactivated Chapters who wish to participate in activities as ICG members must join an active Chapter of the ICG.

ICG Email Mailing Lists

ICG-D@yahoogroups.com (General Discussion)
ICG-BOD@yahoogroups.com (Board & Officers)

ICG-D is open to everyone, including non-members. Instructions for subscribing to any of the ICG email mailing lists can be found at this URL:

help.yahoo.com/help/us/groups/groups-19.html

Publication Specifications/Advertising

Deadline to receive materials or advertising for print: The 1st of the month prior to publication. Further, updated information will be included in the next issue. Please get us your submissions and advertisements for the next issue by no later than March 1, 2008.

Electronic Submissions

Electronic submissions must be at least 300 dpi resolution. Material may be formatted as follows: text, RTF, MS Word or Corel WordPerfect. Sorry, we can't accept .txt format. Graphics at 300 dpi resolution in GIF, JPG or TIF. Email to icg-newsletter@costume.org. Please contact us first before sending attachments in email - we're sensitive to viruses!

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Quarter Page	\$15	\$30
Eighth Page (Business Card)	\$7.50	\$15
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ICG Annual Meeting - Agenda
Friday, April 25, 2008 at Costume-Con 26, San Jose, CA

9AM: ICG Board of Directors Meeting

Convene

Call roll of Board of Directors

Recess - during recess validate & count proxies as have been carried by Board Members

10AM (or earlier if appropriate & feasible): ICG Annual Meeting

Call to order

Validate remaining proxies carried by non-Board members

Minutes of Last Meeting

Call for motion to not be read minutes aloud, waive discussion & vote to accept outright (it is online for those interested in reading them)

Reports from Executive Board

- * President - Nora Mai - State of the Corporation
- * Vice President - Jan Price
- * Treasurer - Bruce MacDermott
- * Corresponding Secretary - Karen Heim
- * Recording Secretary - Frances Burns
- * Parliamentarian - Pierre Pettinger
- * Archivist - Pierre Pettinger (& Bruce Mai)

Reports from Committees

- * Budget & Finance - Bruce MacDermott (Chair, ICG-T)
- * Newsletter Editorial Board - Denisen Hartlove (Chair, Newsletter Editor)
- * Fundraising - Elaine Mami (Chair)
- * ICG Guidelines - Andy Trembley & Betsy Delaney (Co-Chairs)
- * Archives Online - Bruce Mai (Chair)
- * T-Chapter - Jan Price (Chair)
- * PR Committee - Karen Heim
- * Website status - Jeff Morris

Old Business

New Business

Officer Nominations

- * List of Nominees
- * Brief personal introduction by each
- * Voting on Officers

Recess from General Meeting

Reconvene Board of Director

Brief meeting to confirm elections & other topics as necessary



