

QCA Monthly Board Meeting

October 14 2025

Board Members: Amanda “Rico” Dalsted, Damarra Atkins, Daniel Greene, Derek Herauf, Jerry Keohen, Autumn “Joy” Rivera

Attendees: Woop B, Sherilyn B, Nate T, Ann R, Rose M

Call to Order: 8:10 PM

Convention Chair Update [0:01:05]

- Payments from both Fragmented Nostalgia and Sony are in
 - Fragmented Nostalgia is a sponsor this year
 - Sony is doing a promotional table
- We were not able to establish the external guest features we had been looking into
- Planned Parenthood is going to have an ambassador table with us this year; they will not have a blurb in a program guide, but their presence will be mentioned
- We weren’t able to establish engagement for this con from OutFront
- ACLU will be benefiting from our charity auction this year, and Damarra will be having a meeting with them this week discussing possible involvement with our auction this year
- Crown Plaza has agreed to hold our dates for 2027 until October 2026, in case things work out for us to bring the convention back by that point
- Damarra has been working on the program guide, team correspondence and team assistance, and ordering merchandise items
- Diagrams and BEOs have been updated with the Crowne
- Also putting things together for guest panels and the live auction

Treasurer Update [0:15:10]

- *(See attached slides for numbers.)*
- Balance is currently down due to payments and purchases for the convention
- We’re still getting some payments coming in; most of our income usually comes at the door
- Some payments still have to be made to cosplay guests, a reimbursement to Damarra pending receipts, and getting in contact with to Mo
- Insurance has been accounted for this year

DEIB Committee [0:21:50]

- Nate has been preparing the DEIB panels for this year.
- Damarra asks if anyone from MNeurodivergent had reached out. Nate was put onto the email chain but hasn’t heard anything from them.

Completed Items [0:25:00]

- Our ban and complaint policy was revised, finalized, and approved
- Last meeting we voted to discontinue Fusion for 2026, but voted that QCA as a nonprofit organization will continue in some form.

New Items [0:25:50]

- We need to schedule the annual meeting.
 - A poll will be sent out in the near future to survey prospective dates.
- The future of QCA: [0:31:20]
 - We need to update the by-laws for QCA to continue without Anime Fusion. Without Fusion staff there is currently no basis for QCA membership.
 - We also need to consider what our activities will be moving forward. Some ideas included doing smaller events (such as the recent OtakuFest event) or loaning out our equipment resources to other organizations in the local community
 - We would need to consider some board restructuring, including reducing the board size to better match the scale of our organization going forward.
 - Ann recommends staying as flexible as possible to be mindful of the future, keeping between the state minimum of 3 and possibly having a maximum of more, and also considering a difference between voting and non-voting board members
 - Rico raises the question: In addition to the board, do we want to maintain the DEIB committee, since it is already a part of QCA rather than the convention?
 - Nate wouldn't mind having an advisory even if the committee in its current form does not continue.
 - Joy recommends that we establish our purpose better going forward before we revisit the idea of having committees.

Open Floor

- None this month.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:13 PM