

QCA Monthly Board Meeting

July 8, 2025

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

Attendees: Sherilyn B

Call to Order: 8:04 PM

Convention Chair Update [0:01:11]

- We are doing another community garage sale on Saturday, this time in conjunction with Fragmented Nostalgia. Damarra will be making a round of announcements and updates on social media. It will be held at Maplewood Mall.
 - We’ve had around 34 applicants for tables.
 - Fusion will have its own table with our merchandise; we are looking for staff members available to help out with this.
 - [0:03:31] - [0:05:15] (*Sound issues*)
 - We were present at CONvergence this past weekend. We made 5 adult registrations and 2 t-shirt sales and a significant amount in tips.
 - [0:08:48] - [0:09:15] (*Sound issues*)
 - Damarra is currently reviewing the standard operating procedures and team task timelines. There is currently a low percentage of teams that have turned in these items and they need to get done.
 - Also going through the team lead reviews and team member checkins to measure where each team is at.
 - Sponsorships/Partnership items: We have several additional partnerships that are in the process of finalization.
 - We have had a space reallocation meeting; registration is staying where it is, merch is moving to the dealers hall, safety/ops is staying put, as is volunteers. Guest signing tables will move from the dealers room into the reactor lounge to make more space and give them higher traffic.
 - We’ve had a meeting with MNeurodivergent, who will be managing our quiet zone (now designated as a sensory space). We’re also hoping to connect with them to find potential members for our DEIB committee.
 - Dream Duffel will be providing the grand prize for our cosplay contest; several other businesses and organizations that will be providing smaller prizes. The other groups will be getting a spot on the slideshow, and Dream Duffel will have weekend passes and promotions in our program guide.
 - At CONvergence we made contact with Fox Den Game Cafe who have expressed interest in running our Tabletop Game Room at con.

Treasurer Update [0:19:21]

- We are getting some cash flow through PayPal with tips from CONvergence.
- Need to get receipts from Damarra for miscellaneous equipment, and items from several others who are due reimbursements.
- Dan has reached out to insurance agents to get our insurance reviewed.

DEIB Committee

- None this month.

Completed Items [0:25:35]

- Minutes are up on the website, as well as recordings.
- We've given the memorial posterboard for Tom to his sister.

In-Progress Items [0:29:14]

- Communication Time Standards needs more review and clarification but should be done in time for the August meeting.
- Roles and Responsibilities of the Board, and the Ban Policies are currently being worked on.

New Items [0:31:00]

- Damarra has taken on a position working with Fragmented Nostalgia, a local small business selling geek-related merchandise and attends many cons, including ours, as a vendor. Their position is on a contractor basis for operational management consulting. This is being disclosed for transparency reasons since we have a business relationship with FragNos.

Open Floor [0:35:53]

- Just a reminder for board members to look at the email that will be sent to Alex Diaz regarding his ban.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:45 PM