

QCA Monthly Board Meeting

September 9 2025

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

Attendees: Sherrilyn B, Jen R, Nate T, Janella R, Ross C, Woop B, Rose M, Richard H, Erick T, Julie C, Bill

Call to Order: 8:06 PM

Convention Chair Update [0:01:00]

- Currently helping several teams on various projects:
 - Pin options for merch to determine cost and time for availability
 - Guest relations, including details and plans for panels, rooms, etc.
 - Guiding the mostly-new Confuel staff in their preparations
 - Looking at different options for streaming the Cosplay Contest (likely either Discord or Facebook)
 - Setting up orders for equipment rentals and purchases
 - Coordinating for upcoming social media posts
 - Getting information and structure with the individual helping with our program guide
 - Coordinating information and communications for partners and ambassadors
 - Getting pre-con volunteer needs and prizes finalized
 - Working with Naomi to get the charity auction materials sorted out
 - Seeking sponsors and partners, including OutFront, Planned Parenthood, Fragmented Nostalgia, and Sony
 - Details for room parties and making sure all preparatory information for the convention spaces is coordinated with the hotel, including setting up a meeting with Crowne Plaza leadership to discuss plans in detail, including addressing concerns and issues from last year
 - Sending staff out to purchase Halloween decorations to give some extra flair to our con spaces
 - Assessing potential external guest involvement for one-off activities

Treasurer Update [0:09:25]

- *[See slideshow for details/numbers for treasury report.]*
 - We’re up by about \$2,000; everything that was in PayPal has been transferred to bank account
 - Still have some payments to reimburse several individuals
 - Our current checking balance is close to what it was at this time of year in

2024 (number does not include savings)

- Insurance is due by next week; we are currently trying to contact the insurance agent to get more information on several questions

DEIB Committee [0:15:30]

- There was an applicant to the committee, but the board hasn't yet had the opportunity to review it.
- Nate is open to anyone else on staff joining this year's DEIB panels

Completed Items

- None this month.

In-Progress Items [0:17:45]

- Update on the ban and complaints policy:
 - Damarra worked on the Fusion ban policy, Joy worked on the QCA one, and then they had a meeting to compare notes and tweak a few things. They are now ready to be voted on.
 - [0:39:39] Voting on ban protocols.
 - Motion passes unanimously on both policies.
- [42:04] Continuation of Anime Fusion
 - This was first brought up during the last board meeting, and we scheduled a special meeting for discussion from other members.
 - The general consensus appears to be that we cannot continue next year, in large part due to a number of staff from key departments resolving to no longer be involved after this year.
 - Some passionate members had presented a plan as to how we could continue, but it just doesn't seem feasible without the means and greater support from a larger number of staff.
 - QCA is currently another matter. It holds all the assets, and dissolving it would require paying out our financial debts. There is a possibility of continuing to have a community presence and even returning to holding cons in the future, but for now that does not appear feasible.
 - [1:09:10] Voting on discontinuation of Fusion.
 - Rico: Aye
 - [Joy submitted beforehand that she would vote Aye.]
 - Jerry: Aye.
 - Daniel: Aye.
 - Damarra: Aye.
 - Derek: Aye.

- Motion passes. There will not be an Anime Fusion 2026.
- Discussion on continuing QCA: Damarra raises the points that we could still function as a community organization, perhaps go back to operating as a "club" as it was originally, or using our material assets to support other organizations and events. It would also let us take a step back and focus on possible recruitment in the meantime.
- [1:22:50] Vote to continue with operations as Quad Cities Anime.
 - Rico: Aye.
 - Jerry: Aye.
 - Derek: Aye.
 - Daniel: Aye.
 - Damarra: Aye.
 - Motion passes. QCA will continue as a legal entity.

New Items

- None this month.

Open Floor

- None this month.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:36 PM