

**COASTCON, INC.**  
**General Membership Meeting**  
**March 26, 2006**

**TIME AND PLACE:** Sunday; March 26, 2006, 2:00 pm. Holiday Inn, Gulfport, MS  
**PRESIDING:** Cynthia Majure, Chairman

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Cynthia Majure, Lynn Jerome, Carmen Tempone, William Murphy, Mark Tempone, Mike White, Michael Bledsoe, Kristina Hanck

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Bill Majure, Garland Young

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order at 2:15 p.m. Madame Secretary confirmed that we had a quorum.

**MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN:** The Message from the Chairman included:

1. She thanked everyone for attending CoastCon 29. We received many compliments for CoastCon being such a success.
2. Discussed the "Future of CoastCon" panel that had been held on Friday evening and said that the most important message emerging from that gathering was an emphasis on the continuity of CoastCon; there will be a CoastCon 30. She invited all members to pre-register because CoastCon 30 will happen.
3. Herbie Winner was Tony Kimsey; she thanked him again for all of his help.
4. Thank you to all the fan groups for their support.
5. Explained absence of absent Board member Garland Young due to surgery; members sent him their best wishes and hopes for a speedy recovery.

**PRESENTATION OF AWARDS:**

Cynthia Majure thanked a few key staff members who worked extra hard this year and for whom she wanted to show her appreciation; they were Carmen Tempone, Mike White, and Mark Tempone.

Carmen Tempone presented to Cynthia Majure a gift certificate to have a spa treatment from the staff of CoastCon, Inc. with thanks for her hard work throughout the year.

Carmen Tempone presented to Margie Dukes, the representative from Hope Haven, a check from CoastCon in the amount of \$6,730.06. She then announced that an anonymous donor asked that \$1000.00 be given to Hope Haven through CoastCon, bringing the total amount to \$7,730.06.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**MOTION:** Majure **SECOND:** White

“To dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last meeting.”

Motion passes.

**MOTION:** Majure **SECOND:** White

“To accept the minutes from the last meeting with corrections”

Motion passes.

**MOTION:** Majure **SECOND:** Hanck

“To suspend the rule of order that requires a motion to be on the floor before opening discussion”

Motion passes.

Floor is opened for discussion of the Bylaw Amendment proposals.

1. Bylaw Amendment 20061

**As it reads now** / Article VII - Fiscal Policy

B. Budget

Within sixty (60) days after the Annual Convention, the Chairman and Treasurer (and Governing Committee-appointed arbitrator, if deemed necessary) shall draft a Budget. The Budget shall become valid upon a resolution to this effect by the Governing Committee. No funds shall be disbursed by CoastCon unless the disbursement is covered by a valid Budget.

**Proposed** / Article VII - Fiscal Policy

B. Budget

Every CoastCon event must have a valid budget. A budget will be drafted and approved for the Annual Convention nine (9) months preceding the Annual Convention and four (4) months preceding any other event. The Chairman and Treasure (and Governing Committee-appointed arbitrator, if deemed necessary) shall draft a budget for each event. In addition, a budget shall be drafted for the corporation within sixty (60) days after the Annual Convention. Budgets only become valid upon a resolution to this effect by the Governing Committee. No funds shall be disbursed by CoastCon unless the disbursement is covered by a valid budget.

**MOTION:** Majure **SECOND:** M. Tempone

“To accept Bylaw Amendment Proposal 20061.”

Motion passes.

2. Bylaw Amendment 20062

**As it reads now** / Article VIII

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern CoastCon in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these By-Laws.

**Proposed** / Article VIII

The rules contained in the current edition of Democratic Rules of Order shall govern CoastCon in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these By-Laws.

Discussion debating Democratic Rules of Order versus Roberts Rules of Order.

**MOTION:** Majure **SECOND:** M. Tempone  
"To accept Bylaw Amendment Proposal 20061."  
Motion is tabled until GMM 2007.

3. Bylaw Amendment 20063

**As it reads now** / Article VI - Meetings

**A. General Membership Meetings**

**3. Announcements of General Membership Meetings**

All General Membership Meetings, whether Annual or Special, must be announced to all Members of CoastCon by notice either deposited in the US Mail, or emailed to the email address of record, not less than thirty (30) -days prior to the General Membership Meeting.

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**Proposed** / Article VI - Meetings

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a. If in the event that the Announcement of the Annual General Membership meeting does not meet the above time frame, then the only business that maybe conducted at the Annual General Membership meeting is the Nominations and Election of the Governing Committee for the Coming Year. The time and place of the Annual General Membership meeting must be clearly displayed at registration during its normal operations for the entire duration of the convention.

**MOTION:** Majure **SECOND:** C. Tempone  
"To accept Bylaw Amendment Proposal 20063."  
Motion passes.

4. Bylaw Amendment 20064  
Amend by adding to current Bylaws:

### **Article X for Emergency Conditions**

#### A. Purpose

The purpose of Article X is to provide the Governing Committee of CoastCon, Inc. latitude in performing their duties under disaster conditions.

#### B. Limitations

Article X cannot be activated at any time except during a State of Emergency as defined by Article X, Section C.

#### C. State of Emergency, Definition

CoastCon, Inc., shall be considered to be in a State of Emergency when at least one of the following conditions are met:

1. The State of Mississippi has declared the City of Biloxi or Harrison County to be in a State of Emergency and the CoastCon, Inc., Governing Committee has activated Article X via a two-thirds majority vote of the Governing Committee.
2. The United States Government has declared the City of Biloxi or Harrison County to be in a State of Emergency or a Federal Disaster Area and the CoastCon, Inc., Governing Committee has activated Article X via a two-thirds majority vote of the Governing Committee.

#### D. Duration

Once declared, CoastCon, Inc., will remain in a State of Emergency for the lesser of a period of time equal to six (6) months or until the end of the next Annual Convention.

#### E. Provisions

While CoastCon, Inc., is in a State of Emergency as defined by Article X, Section C, the following provisions, will be in effect:

1. A Governing Committee meeting, which is duly called and announced, shall have a quorum if, and only if, the lesser of four (4) voting members of the Governing Committee, including the Acting Chairman, or a majority of the current Governing Committee are present. Upon activation, this paragraph supersedes Article VI, Section B, Paragraph 4.
2. A General Membership Meeting, which is duly called and announced, shall have a quorum if, and only if, the Meeting is attended by at least twenty (20)

members of CoastCon, Inc., AND is held within 100 miles of the coastline of Louisiana, Mississippi, or Alabama. Upon activation, this paragraph supersedes Article VI, Section A, Paragraph 4.

**MOTION:** Majure **SECOND:** Derek  
"To accept Bylaw Amendment Proposal 20064."  
Motion passes.

**CALL FOR OTHER OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Nominations for Members at Large**

Chairman was asked to go over nomination process; she did so.

Chairman read all job descriptions.

Chairman opens the floor for nominations.

Nominated and seconded were:

William Murphy - accepts

Kristina Hanck - accepts

Michael Bledsoe - accepts

Derek Shabernak - respectfully declines

Mark Tempone - accepts

Mike White - accepts

Neils Erickson - respectfully declines

Frank Schiavo - respectfully declines

Doug Lewis - respectfully declines

Randy Richards - accepts

Tim Broome - respectfully declines

Unity Broome - respectfully declines

Derek Boudoin - accepts

Jason Fisher - respectfully declines

Tony Kimsey - respectfully declines

**MOTION:** Tim Broome **SECOND:** Floor

"To close the floor to nominations."

Motion passes.

Upon request, the Chairman talks about what she expects from each MAL. She then asks all the nominees to stand and introduce themselves.

Parliamentarian Doug Lewis counts number of members present as Member at Large Mark Tempone explains the voting process.

Chairman asks all the nominees to come forward, voting is carried out.

**New Members at Large 2006-2007**

- #1 Michael Bledsoe
- #2 Derek Boudoin
- #3 Randy Richards
- #4 Mike White
- #5 Kristina Hanck
- #6 Mark Tempone

**CALL FOR OTHER NEW BUSINESS:**

Discussion was held about holding a General Membership meeting in September at "Revenge of the LARPS" event.

Questions were asked and answered about the debts owed by private individuals to CoastCon.

Questions were asked about CoastCon receiving 501(c) status; Members at Large are looking into the possibility.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Mobicon will be May 19-21 in Mobile, AL.

"Revenge of the LARPS" will be September 8-10 in Gautier, MS.

**MOTION:** Kimsey **SECOND** Floor

"To adjourn the meeting."

Motion passes.

**ADJOURNMENT** Meeting was adjourned at 4:36 pm

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_ ADOPTED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman Date

Minutes recorded by Lynn Jerome, Secretary