

BRCG Meeting Minutes January 2004

The January meeting of the Beyond Reality Costumer's Guild commenced at 7:39 PM with "gavel action" from our Grand Pooh Bah, Vicki.

We discussed the upcoming BRCG convention "BeyondCon" which will take place on February 7th and 8th at the hotel in Everett. As of the meeting, we were close to, if not over the necessary reservations required to get our discounted meeting space for the convention. However, we still have plenty of memberships left to sell before we reach our convention limit. A preliminary schedule has been posted on our website at brcg.org. Anyone participating in a panel who requires supplies should contact Vicki or Richard.

The Northwest Science Fiction Society (NWSFS) hosts a monthly get together they call "My Favorite Restaurant". As members of NWSFS, Vicki and Don have proposed our meeting space, Olympia Pizza in Wallingford, as their pick for a future NWSFS get together. Vicki asked if the Costumer's Guild would be willing to host this event by attending in costume, and many members said they would participate. The event will be held on Tuesday, March 2nd, beginning at approximately 7 PM. The guild encourages all current members to attend as a way to both introduce ourselves and become familiar with the members of NWSFS. It's rumored that Vicki will thumb wrestle the leader of the NWSFS, thereby securing our hunting rights at local fabric stores.

The annual BRCG anti-superbowl event, Sari Safari, will take place on Sunday, February 1st. Many members expressed interest in attending, including veterans and newbies. No doubt there will be write-up's in the next newsletter or meeting minutes.

Vicki reminded the group that she'll be the Masquerade Director at this year's Norwescon, so if you'd like to volunteer please contact her soon. The guild also needs hall costume judges, and volunteers to spend some time at the BRCG information table. Lots of hall costume ribbons were made at Carol's ribbon making event in January, just waiting to be pinned onto some great looking outfits. The guild is also looking for a

volunteer to host a BRCG room party at Norwescon after the masquerade. The guild will probably contribute to the party supplies, so contact Vicki if you would like to host this room party.

Vicki also told the group that she had an idea for a BRCG Banner that she'll share at BeyondCon, but wanted to keep it a surprise until then.

Other events of possible interest to the group include a Somewhere in Time event, March 19th-21st in Portland. RingCon, a Tolkien convention, is March 5th - 7th at the Hilton Seattle airport. TolCon, another Tolkien event, is May 14th-16th at the Seattle Marriott hotel in Seattle. More details can be found on our website at brcg.org.

Vicki used more "gavel action" to bring the meeting to a close at 8:40 PM, followed by wacky door prizes, and a bead and button free for all. Fortunately, no limbs were lost.