

## **BRCG Meeting Minutes September 2002**

“Virgo’s Unite” was the unofficial theme of this month’s Beyond Reality Costumer’s Guild meeting, and Treasurer Kate surprised all the September birthday members (of which there were quite a few) with cool stuff from Archie McPhee’s before the meeting began. Vicki, the Birthday Girl/Grand Pooh-Bah called the meeting to order at 7:40, and passed around a newsletter article Julia wrote describing monster makeup. The article was intended for this month’s postponed newsletter, but Vicki wanted members to be able to benefit from it’s information before the upcoming Mad Scientists event on September 28<sup>th</sup>. The reading of last month’s meeting minutes was dispensed with faster than a Krispy Kreme at an overeater’s convention, and we discussed Guild officer nominations.

Vicki announced that it was decided the new position of “Newsletter Editor” would not be an elected position, but a volunteer position, and Kate volunteered to act as newsletter editor. The floor was opened to other nominations, and Vicki was nominated for another term as Grand Pooh-Bah, Richard for Lesser Pooh-Bah, Audrey for Treasurer and Erik for Secretary. The election will be held later this year, and Florida will not be allowed to vote.

The majority of the meeting was then used to discuss and prepare for the Mad Scientist’s Ball, which has been dubbed, “Madness Under the Stars”. The specific details of volunteers, sign making, decorations and music were discussed and assignments issued to the lucky few. Kate showed off some excellent “Chemical Spill” hazard tape and banners she found at Archie’s.

The Lord of the Rings costume preparation/ear casting party was discussed next, to take place Sunday October 13<sup>th</sup>. Julia has volunteered her house, and will announce on the Topica list the specific time and directions to her place.

Lisa reported that the WesterCon committee wants to pay the guild to make corsage-type guest of honor ribbons. Kate volunteered her house for that future event.

Vicki reminded us that Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, guild member Lori would be hosting a Victorian Trunk Show at the Northgate Pacific Fabrics.

In committee reports, Kate reported that the guild was still in the black. Vicki reported for Don on the status of the bid to have Costume Con 24 in Seattle. It appears that the Doubletree hotel offer was too high, so other hotels are being solicited. Sacramento has dropped out of their bid, which leaves only Seattle and Des Moines in the running. Holly suggested a possible title for the Con should it be combined with Left Coast Crime, and that was, “Crimes of Passion, Crimes of Fashion”.

The next guild meeting was set for October 15<sup>th</sup> at the same location, Olympia Pizza in Wallingford. Vicki closed the meeting at 8:50 PM, and Betty served two, count ‘em two, birthday cakes for everyone to enjoy. It was the best September 2002 meeting ever!