

# Dedicated people made Arcon possible

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we had grown from less than ten members attending each meeting to over three dozen. I'd just stepped down as STG president as I began graduate school. We had a great president in Alan Gallagher who was supportive of my crazy schemes. I decided it was finally time — let's start our own convention!

Gaming conventions aren't organized by just one gamer, however.

We assembled a committee of those brave enough to organize a huge undertaking — or spectacular failure. Shamus Hair designed our preregistration packet and organized registration. Dave Blair put together the anime schedule and handled the logistics of the movie room. Bob Manning solicited board games and card games, while Mike "Godfather of STG" Virgo handled the collectible card games. Sean Treacy was our PR Czar and got the word out about our little convention through the local community and other



nearby gaming cons. Jeremy Lahnum was my right-hand man, handling the roleplaying games (the bulk of the schedule). Alan Gallagher coordinated with our vendor, Boldo, and managed the vendor room. Lastly, Bret Gillan was responsible for our war games and miniatures.

Without these few, these happy few, there would have been no Arcon.

Our first order of business

was coming up with a convention name. I'm not sure what apocryphal tales are circulating about the origin of "Arcon," but the truth is probably far less interesting. I remember sitting in my dorm room with a couple of friends and using a dictionary website to find every word in the English language that ended in "con." Once ideas like "Bacon" and "Deacon" were thrown out, we discovered the term "Arcon."

It was a variant spelling of "Archon," a Greek word for ruler or lord. A little research revealed that Athens had once been ruled by a council of nine archons (which lead to creating a "council of nine"). That seemed to carry some geek cred. I seem to recall several possible names we voted upon, but in the end, Arcon prevailed.

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## Lahnum: The STGAA has plans for the future

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Charette is our Treasurer. Pete Sterpe is our STG Representative.

Together we're planning on building an organization that will both support the STG and provide a place for alumni to connect with each other and stay in touch as they move out of college and into the larger world. We're doing this because we all love STG.

Personally, I often look back on my days in STG and think of all of the great things the organization did for me.

Through STG, I connected with a group of awesome people who changed my life.

I met some of my best friends and fell in love for the very first time through this organization. To this day, I keep in touch with a great number of the people who were in it with me.

I'm sure this story is the same for many of STG's current members. STG has forged friendships, relationships and even marriages since it began. It has been a great social force for all of us and that is why I love this organization so much.

This newsletter is coming to you on the 10th anniversary of Arcon. When we created Arcon in 2001, it seemed like a bit of a pipe dream. We casually tossed the idea around until a few of us took the risk

and decided we were going to give it a shot. Here we are 10 years later, and I'm simply amazed that something I helped create has existed for a decade. It's a really touching and special thing to see it grow and become what it is today. Nearly 100 people attend Arcon annually now, and that is a testament to what the STG is capable of.

I sincerely hope that STGAA will become part of the STG family and that we can provide a network of support and friendship that extends beyond the club.

We have some ideas in place for some amazing things. In the very near future we hope to offer a scholarship to current

STG members.

We're also going to be there to help members make connections with alumni out in the workplace. We can provide valuable connections to people already working in the fields that future alumni may wish to enter.

You can help us by becoming a part of the organization. Your membership and your dues will help fund scholarships and help the organization support STG as it grows and continues to provide a great experience for the gaming community of SUNY Oswego. I look forward to seeing each and every one of you join us and help us develop this organization together.