



Recently, OS4CA announced a Cosplay Guest to appear at the 2023 Tokyo, OK. Upon this announcement, OS4CA Leadership was made aware of comments that were made on the Instagram version of the announcement stating some concerns regarding this Guest.

In our on-going effort of continuing the utmost transparency, the following events transpired:

Upon this Guest initially contacting OS4CA stating their interest in appearing at the 2023 event, The OS4CA Communications team conducted a review of the Guest's personal information, online accessible records, social media personas, & general online discourse and then validated the Guest's prior convention appearances. Upon the completion of this search and having found nothing of note, the Communications team forwarded the Guest's request to the Programming & Guests team. The Guest was contracted and announced to appear at the 2023 event.

Following the announcement of this Guest, as stated above, we began to receive comments on the Instagram version of this post. Of the initial two comments from the same user, one contained an accusation and one a general statement of a request that we complete a background check on this Guest. The Communications team documented both comments, and removed the one containing the accusation, leaving a comment . However, 2 other comments containing similar statements were commented. The Communications team then notified the Community Relations Officer of the Board. The Community Relations Officer then commented in his capacity as Chair Pro Tem of the Board to state that the leadership was made aware and a second investigation would be undergone. He then directed the Communications team to complete the review.

The Communications team then worked with the Personnel Officer to gather further information from prior conventions this Guest was involved with and individuals who left comments, and to conduct a second full review of the Guest's publicly accessible data.

Upon a satisfactory completion of these efforts, the Personnel Officer called an emergency meeting of the Executive Board for the following day.

The information presented was concerning, but the Executive Board was unable to truly confirm any of the accusations that were levied. However, the Board decided that they believe that even the appearance of failing to place the safety of our community at the forefront of importance was unacceptable and that in the lack of concrete evidence to either effect, the best decision for the community would be to release this Guest from their contract and release this statement confirming the ambiguous nature of the totality of evidence.

Upon the simultaneous posting of the social media post announcing this action and the posting of this statement to our website, the original guest announcement posts were deleted or archived after having been documented according to our policies.

We appreciate your understanding and will continue to do our best to earn your patronage and commitment to us.