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- Articles of Incorporation discussed, Mark and Fran made some points, pointed out one thing that seemed weird
 - the plan: Fran is going to post something to this page for us to review [ArticlesOfIncorporation](#)
- everyone seems to be in support of [this plan Simon posted to the email list](#), to reiterate:
 - we should all commit to paying dues starting on August 1st, 2009
 - monthly dues are \$50
 - those who pay dues starting August 1st are charter members and continue to pay dues at this rate, regular members (those who join after August 1st) will pay \$60/month dues
 - we need to finish articles of incorporation first, select treasurer, open bank account, set up [amazon payments account](#) which accepts recurring monthly payments with the exact same fees as paypal and google checkout (2.9% plus \$.30 per transaction. For a \$50 payment, we lose \$1.75 to amazon.
- some discussion about whether to have student memberships or not, i think the consensus was yes, let's have that after we get a space
- some discussion about having a yearly membership option/discount. if we copy houston, if you pay for a year all at once, you get a two month discount. so charter members would pay \$500 for one year, non-charter members would pay \$600 for one year. consensus seemed to think this was a good idea.
- we all think [HunterKing](#) should be the treasurer. Simon called him after the meeting and said "Hi Hunter, as punishment for not making it to the meeting you have been nominated as treasurer..." he laughed and agreed.
 - his experience with quickbooks was for his uncle who collected monthly rent for his properties. that's somewhat similar to the accounting that we'll need to do, collect monthly dues instead of rent. we talked about maybe paying the CAC accounting for non-profits (that Liz from NOVAC told me about) to help set up the books to make sure we get the setup right.
- [HoustonFieldTrip](#) everyone who wants to go, sign your name to that wiki page: [HoustonFieldTrip](#)
- Ben couldn't make it this week due to work, so he'll show the cool stuff he's working on next week
- also, next week Chris is going to show some awesome sound/electronics stuff he's been working on
- Simon showed a silly robot he put together following the instructions from a set he picked up for \$10 on sale: Struxx Basic 40. it has glowing eye, people! that's right, they glow! everyone at the coffeeshop stared at us... ahem.

-- [SimonDorfman](#) - 24 Jun 2009

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