

Minutes
SOUTHEASTERN THEATRE CONFERENCE, INC.
Annual Business Meeting
Lexington, KY
Downtown Hilton, Grand Kentucky Ballroom
Saturday March 4, 2017

Mission: Connecting you to opportunities in Theatre

Vision: SETC is the strongest and broadest network of theatre practitioners in the United States. We provide extensive resources and year-round opportunities for our constituents. Our services, publications, and products contribute significantly to the careers of emerging artists, seasoned professionals, and academicians. SETC energizes the practical, intellectual, and creative profile of theatre in America

- I. Quorum was called. Quorum was met with 1% of the members of SETC.
- II. President *Tiza Garland* called the SETC annual Business Meeting to order at 2:37 pm.
- III. President *Tiza Garland* appointed Elected Past President *Alan Litsey* as Parliamentarian.
- IV. ***Dean Slusser* made a motion to approve the March 2016 Business Meeting minutes. *Mary Norman* seconded. Minutes unanimously approved.**
- V. President *Garland* provided an overview of the past year at SETC:
 - a. Thanked Pat Gagliano and Quiana Clark-Roland for the programming of this year's convention.
 - b. Thanked chairs for their work and contribution to programming.
 - c. Thanked chairs, coordinators, and adjudicators of Festivals, Auditions, Job Fair, Design competition, and the many Playwriting and Scholarly competitions.
 - d. Manuals have been updated to provide a sense of process and procedure to the organization's infrastructure.
 - e. Witnessed cooperative problem solving in the All-States Meetings over the past two conventions.
 - f. Great work and collaboration between EDs of national arts organizations under the leadership of Betsey Horth.
 - g. The continuation of Arts Administration to an Ad Hoc Committee and the creation of the Women in Theatre Interest Group.
 - h. Clay Thorton and Jean Wentz added to the Central Office staff.
 - i. Took the time to thank Quiana Clark-Roland for her work and dedicated service to SETC as she moves to her new job as American Association of Community Theatre (AACT) ED.
 - j. Mentoring program created and initiated by Jeremy Kisling.
 - k. Institute of Outdoor Theatre (IOT) has merged with SETC.
 - l. Initiative to create an online central information hub as suggested by Mike Hudson; currently in process and using the title "Theatre Resource Central."
 - m. Strategizing the implementation of consulting services that comes to SETC through IOT.
 - n. Scholarship and finance committees working with Endowment to manage scholarships and the endowment efficiently and effectively.
 - o. Realigned many of the scholarships and awards to their original intent.
 - p. New design award created in the John Spiegel Theatrical Artist Award.
 - q. Endowment is working to create a matching grant program to make it possible for more constituents to attend the convention.
- VI. VP of Finance *David Wohl* provided an update on the state of the organization's finances 1.5 million, total net assets and \$940,989 in Endowment. The board recently approved a 1.3 million balanced budget for FY2018.
- VII. Action Items
 - a. President *Tiza Garland* introduced the need for "Long Range" Planning Committee to read "Strategic" Planning Committee in Article X, Section 6; Article XI, Section 5 Part 2; and Article XII, Section 2 Part 5 based on discussions had by the Board and Long Range Planning Committee.

- i. ***Pat Gagliano* made a motion to change “Long Range” Planning to “Strategic” Planning in Article X, Section 6; Article XI, Section 5 Part 2; and Article XII, Section 2, Part 5. *Rex Knowles* seconded. Motion approved.**
- b. *Jack Benjamin*, Chair of Nominations Committee brings to the membership the following slate of officers for approval:
 - i. President: Tiza Garland
Elected Past President: Alan Litsey
Secretary: Maegan Azar
Vice President of Services: Pat Gagliano
Vice President of Administration: Jeff Gibson
Vice President of Finance: David Wohl
Vice President of States: Lee Crouse
Vice President of Divisions: Amie Kisling
 - ii. Nominations Committee: Sean Paul Evans, Lynn Nelson, Esthere Strom, Susan Cato Chapman
 - iii. State Representatives
Alabama: ND Seibel
Florida: Donna White
Georgia: Dean Slusser
Kentucky: Jeremy Kisling
Mississippi: Lee Crouse
North Carolina: John “Jerf” Friedenberg
South Carolina: Kris McIntyre
Tennessee: Rex Knowles
Virginia: Mike Hudson
West Virginia: Gregory Mach
 - iv. Division Chairs
Theatre for Youth: Amie Kisling
Secondary: Suzanne Allmon
College/University: Mary Fran Crook
Community Theatre: Tom Booth
Professional: Matt Davenport

***Dean Slusser* moved to accept the 2017-18 slate of nominations by acclamation. *Amanda Nelson* seconded. Slate approved.**

VIII. Announcements

- a. President *Garland* announced the Sunday meeting for new and outgoing board members. As well as a Board Meeting immediately following this Business Meeting.

IX. *Sarah McCarroll* moved to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 2:54 pm.

Submitted respectfully,
Maegan McNerney Azar