

Board Meeting Sunday, March 7th, 2010
SOUTHEASTERN THEATRE CONFERENCE, INC.
Minutes
Hilton Hotel, Salon D—Lexington, Kentucky

ExCom Members in attendance: President, Alan Litsey; President-Elect, Steve Bayless; Administrative, Vice-President, Jack Benjamin; Secretary, Mark Charney; Treasurer, Chris Rich; States Representative, Kathi Ellis for Leslie Dellinger; Divisional Representative, Lynn Nelson; Past President, Beth Harvey

1. Board meeting called to order at 10:59
2. Beth Harvey agreed to serve as Parliamentarian
3. Not In Attendance: Leslie Dellinger, States Rep Rep/ SC State Rep; Kathi E.B. Ellis, Kentucky State Rep; Kimberly Kemp, VA state rep.
4. **MOTION:** Beth Harvey: ExCom recommended two new rules to establish the committee to coordinate the scholarship given by Denise Halbach. This requires a vote. The Denise Halbach award: Rule 4.20 to a graduate of an undergraduate program to be an MFA in acting or musical theatre. Vacant slot in 2.5. Standing committee appointed by the President.
Motion: The award 4.20
The Committee rule 2.5
Move to accept the first—4.20
Discussion about accreditation from Michael Howley
All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.
5. **MOTION:** Committee rule 2.5. No discussion. All in favor. Motion passed Unanimously. Steve Bayless wanted to know if we will get new copies of the By-Laws after changes. Changes will be reviewed. Sent to Central Office. Posted and down loaded as PDF. Included in the Directory.
6. **MOTION:** Chris Rich made a motion to accept the 2010-2011 Budget Draft
7. **Discussion:** Jack Benjamin: One line with no funds—transportation and expenses of the staff who run the convention. He re-entered the same dollar amount in line 240: 8,500 dollars. 2677.75 surplus at the end of the time there.
Any discussion? None
Motion: Move we accept budget as presented.
Greg: Discussion: West Virginia: Don't like the membership increase because of economic times. Alan asked to share the rationale of the proposed increase:

DISCUSSION OF FEE INCREASE: Initially the increase in membership dues—first since mid 1990. Not added anything for some time. Costs going up. Want to stay sound as an organization. Fiscally sound. We are required as a board to have a balanced budget. To balance budget we've had to transfer funds from our reserve to balance budget. We can have a surplus instead of a deficit. Betsey fine steward of our funds. Want to stay on positive side/not negative side. (Explanation from Jack). Keeping staff and great service. Small office staff for number of folks served.

Alan Litsey: Wants to protect benefits we have. Exploring new benefits. Add year round services. Ability to move forward with needs of the constituency. Fees significantly higher. Bill Mitchell, our strategic planner, was amazed at low price.

Jack Benjamin: Not always an easy sell to be the cheapest game in town. Chris: A number of folks here for the first time. Excited about what they are getting based on price. Real value. Committed to coming back to Atlanta. To grow organization we are balancing how much we can grow financially—a minor increase on a good deal. Jack: get budget requests in. Fervently want to hold on to making this affordable for our students, for generations to come together, to move the art form forward.

Anna Filippo: Asked about opportunity to volunteer, and we discussed that. Greg Mach from W VA: wondered about why now...

Last few years, very solid. Stable time for us.

Motion to approve budget unanimously approved.

8. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION: Chris Rich: Observer in division meetings: Things put off year after year. Some division work may be done in the days here about things that need to move forward. Use conference to make projects happen—begin to meet earlier and finish by the conference.

Meeting Adjourned: 11:23

APPENDIX 1: Committee Assignments:

SECONDARY DIVISION CHAIRS AND VICE CHAIRS:

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PAST PRESIDENTS

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STRATEGIC PLANNING

Betsey Baun

Beth Harvey

Alan Litsey will appoint others

SCHOLARSHIP AND AWARDS

Beth Harvey

Denise Halbach

Porterfield Chair

Ballew Chair

Wilson Chair

David Wohl, FinComm

Chris Rich, Treasurer

Betsey Baun, Ready to Work

KEAP COMMITTEE

Chris Rich, Chair

Lynn Nelson

Ginger Willis

Denise Halbach

Michael Howley

MJ Etua, Alternate

APPENDIX II: Board Positions and Addresses

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