

Board Meeting
Saturday, September 8, 2012
SOUTHEASTERN THEATRE CONFERENCE, INC.
Grand Ballroom A, Hilton Atlanta Airport Hotel
Atlanta, GA
Minutes

ExCom Members in attendance: President, Jack Benjamin; Programming VP, Steve Bayless; Administrative VP, Dawn Larsen; Secretary, Lynn Nelson; Treasurer, Duke Guthrie; State Representative Rep, Michael Hudson; Division Rep, Bill Murray; Past President, Chip Egan

Board Members and Division Representatives in attendance: AL State Representative, Neil David Seibel; FL State Representative, Donna White; MS State Representative, Joe Frost; TN State Representative, Darren Michael; WV State Representative, Jeff Ingman; GA State Representative, Dean Slusser; Theatre for Youth Chair, Aime Kisling; College and University Chair, Karen Brewster; Community Theatre Chair, Kristy Meanor; Professional Division Chair, Dewey Scott-Wiley

Also in Attendance: Executive Director Betsey Baun, Adanma Barton, Tiza Garland, Glenn Gourley, Tony Haigh, Denise Halbach, Susan Smith, Sam Sparks, Esthere Strom, David Thompson, Dennis Wemm, David Wohl

- Meeting called to order at 4:15
- Roll call and establishment of quorum
- Chip Egan appointed Parliamentarian
- Announcement of taping
- Approval of March 2012 Board minutes
- Welcome of new board members

Action Items

Programming Vice President – None

Administrative Vice President –

- **Bylaw Changes**
- Recommendation from ExCom for revision to Rule I.6 – Identify additional meeting times for ExCom (in addition to the Spring meeting in March and Fall meeting in September) as normally being the weekend immediately following the first Sunday in January and the weekend immediately following the third Sunday in May. Passed unanimously.
- Recommendation from ExCom that rule establishing Stage Management Committee be changed from II.27 to II.26. Passed unanimously

- Recommendation from ExCom to amend Bylaws Article V Section 5 (2) replacing the word “maintain” with “verify the maintenance of” in describing the duties of the Treasurer. Passed unanimously.
- Recommendation for revisions to Ballew manual. Passed unanimously.
- Recommendation from ExCom for revision to College and University manual. Passed unanimously.
- Recommendation from ExCom to recommend approve annual audit. Passed unanimously.
- Recommendation from FinCom to amend the budget. Passed unanimously.
- Recommendation from ExCom for revision to Long Range Planning Committee manual. Passed unanimously.
- Recommendation from ExCom for revision to Southern Theatre manual. Passed unanimously.
- Recommendation from ExCom to charge Central Office to research and seek appropriate legal counsel with estate planning experience to review scholarships and endowment in order to affirm SETC’s interpretation of the deeds of gift with the possibility of change. Passed unanimously.

Secretary – None

States Representative – None

Division Representative – None

Treasurer – None

Past President – None

Items for Discussion

President – encouraged the board to provide feedback to ExCom about the revisioning document – what is liked and not liked.

Discussion was held about reason the number of professional companies attending has declined. Discussed the need for being proactive about creating value for companies attending and the possibility of regionalizing auditions or permitting skype auditions. Also discussed the need for helping those theatres increase their audience in order for them to survive. Encouraged committees and LRP to look for solutions and communicate them.

Programming Vice President – None

Past President – None

Administrative Vice President – None

Secretary – None

States Representative – None

Division Representative – None

Treasurer – None

No unfinished business

No new business

Announcements – Dutch treat dinner at Simon’s Steak and Seafood

Meeting adjourned at 5:30