

# SOUTHEASTERN THEATRE CONFERENCE, INC.

## Board of Directors Meeting

The Galt House – McCreary Room

Louisville, Kentucky

March 10, 2013

**Executive Committee Members present:** President Jack Benjamin, Programming VP Tiza Garland, Administrative VP Steve Bayless, Secretary Lynn Nelson, Treasurer Duke Guthrie, Past President Chip Egan, States Representative Mike Hudson, and Divisions Representative Bill Murray.

**Board Members present:** Theatre for Youth Division Chair Amie Kisling, College and University Chair Karen Brewster, Community Theatre Division Chair Kristy Meanor, Professional Theatre Division Chair Dewey Scott-Wiley, Alabama State Rep N.D. Seibel, Florida State Rep Donna White, Georgia State Rep Dean Slusser, Mississippi State Rep Joe Frost, North Carolina State Rep Andrew Gall, South Carolina State Rep substitute Pat Gagliano, Tennessee State Rep substitute Anna Filippo, and West Virginia State Rep substitute Dennis Wemm.

**Also in attendance:** Executive Director Betsey Baun, Finance Committee Chair David Wohl, Bylaws Committee Chair David Thompson, Adanma Barton, Denise Halbach, Vivian Majkowski, Darren Michael, Chris Rich, Sam Sparks, and John Spiegel.

- Meeting called to order at 9:45
- Announcement of taping and roll call
- Appointment of parliamentarian

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

- The attendance total at beginning of week was down 37 from last year. The attendance total at the end of the week was up 46.
- Expressed thanks to many sponsors who step up year after year to help produce this event. Will be looking for adding keynote sponsors in future. Solicited board's help in identifying those sponsors. Officially thanked all, but especially staff, who helped produce the convention.
- President Jack Benjamin officially thanked Betsey on behalf of board for all her work.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

Chip Egan

- Motion to dissolve the column in Endowment “President’s Memorial Fund” and move funds to “Undesignated” column. Approved

Duke Guthrie

- Endowment fund proposed amendment to 2014 budget on award amounts of scholarships to build fund back up after downturn in market. John Spiegel assisted in presentation of amounts and answering questions. Approved

## **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

Tiza Garland

- As new VP of Programming, solicited ideas for keynotes. Also solicited other feedback.

Others

- Darren Michael, chair of the Out of Region task force said that the task force will meet again in March 2014 to make certain they are meeting the needs of constituents.
- Dennis Wemm, chair of Long-range planning stated that they are planning a survey monkey to explore issues.
- Stage Movement committee asked about how to change name of committee and was advised that it would take a rule change. They also inquired about permission to develop a Facebook page. Theatre for Youth advised them that their Facebook page was not used very much.
- Adanma Barton inquired about how to move the Diversity Committee from committee status to division status in order to get assistance with managing size of group. Suggested increasing use of vice chairs – that accomplished with manual change.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Advisory board solicited members

Jack Benjamin reminded all that ExCom will meet May 17 & 18, 2013, in Greensboro. The full board will meet September 6 & 7, 2013, in Atlanta.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15.