

Texas Community College Speech and Theatre Association Fall Business Meeting Minutes

Saturday, September 16, 2017

Houston Community College-NE – Coldwell Hall – Houston, Texas

Breakfast was provided by Debra Schultz – fresh, hot waffles! Many thanks to Debra!

Officers:

Greg McLarty – Wharton County Junior College – President

Debra Schultz – Houston Community College-NE – President-Elect

Eric C. Skiles – Lone Star College-Kingwood – Secretary & Webmaster

Attendees:

Deborah Anderson – Houston Community College-SW & Lone Star College-Cy Fair, Houston

Dan Evers – Howard College, Big Spring

Damon Gengo – Lamar State-Port Arthur

Jami Hughes – Wharton County Junior College

Karen King – Panola College, Carthage (by phone)

Kim Martin – Lee College, Baytown

Brad Nies – Blinn College, Brenham

Anthony Reilly – Houston Community College-SW

Kalliope Vlahos – Kingwood

Meeting called to order by McLarty at 9:44 a.m.

- I. Minutes from Spring Play Festival Meeting –
 - a. Motion made by Vlahos, Schultz 2nd – motion carries

- II. Treasurer's Report –
 - a. Activity on Account
 - i. John Dement (Respondent for Play Festival 2016-17) - \$858.13 (stipend, meals, mileage)
 - ii. Meg Edwards (Respondent for Play Festival 2016-17) - \$647.62 (stipend, meals, mileage)
 - b. Balance on Account - \$3288.43
 - c. Anticipated income (Membership Dues/Registration Fees for 12 colleges) - \$3000
 - d. No need to change "X" at this time – "X" = \$100

- III. Webmaster's Report –
 - a. Web site builder good through 10/2018
 - b. Domain names (.org, .net, .com) good through 9/2021
 - c. Traffic highest during March (Play Festival)
 - d. Please send new show photos for Front Page of Website

- IV. Play Festival 2018 –
 - a. Schedule –
 - i. Standard One-Venue schedule for 12 shows
 - ii. Tuesday night, February 27th and running through Saturday morning, March 3rd
 - iii. Will condense down from Tuesday night & away from Saturday morning if fewer than 12 shows
 - iv. Schedule a "Meet & Greet" with Respondents for Tuesday evening
 - v. Schedule a "Festival-Wide Meet & Greet" for everyone on Tuesday night if there isn't a show
 - vi. Keep Membership Luncheon/Student Recruitment on Friday at lunch time
 - vii. Make Saturday morning as compact as possible for Earlier Travel on Saturday afternoon
 - viii. "Tech Olympics" added to schedule immediately following Membership Luncheon

- ix. Add Workshop times to second hour of lunch/dinner times on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
 - 1. Check with TAMU-Commerce on rooms for workshop locations
 - 2. Brainstorm workshops for acting, technical, play writing
 - 3. Offer TAMU-Commerce a chance to offer workshops
- b. Respondents –
 - i. Acting/Directing Respondents:
 - 1. Nancy Jo Humfeld - Howard Payne (preference 1)
 - 2. Andrew Gaupp – UTA (preference 2)
 - 3. Adam Howard - TTU
 - 4. Amy Jackson - Mountview (DCCD)
 - 5. UNT folks
 - 6. Adonia Placette - retired
 - 7. Terry Lewis - TAMU CC
 - 8. Don Luna - TAMU CC
 - 9. Kelly Russell - TAMU CC
 - ii. Technical Respondents:
 - 1. Michael Stevens - Texas Women's - Technical
 - 2. Kris Hanson (costuming) - Sam Houston
 - 3. Bruce Coleman - Theatre 3 Dallas – Technical Director
 - 4. Philip Johnson - Tech Director - TAMU CC
 - 5. Jonathan Middents - UofH
 - 6. Karin Rabe Vance - Prop Master Alley
 - 7. Costume Shop Manager - Dallas Theatre Center
 - 8. Kim LaFontaine - program design - chair - UTA
- c. Tech awards –
 - i. Tech Presentations – keep first hour for just respondents & membership - then students may enter
 - ii. Give time to membership to input data – perhaps use paper form THEN input data
 - iii. Computer room – check with TAMU-Commerce about computer lab for data input
 - iv. WiFi signal – check with TAMU-Commerce about WiFi signal in Technical Presentations room
 - v. Place Ballot Questions on Website Documents Page
- d. Founders awards –
 - i. Award Recipients – Tabled for future meetings
 - ii. Panels of TCCSTA History
 - 1. Create tri-folds with photos/bios/stories of Founders
 - 2. Use televisions in lobby at TAMU-Commerce with PowerPoint?
 - 3. Booth at TETA to share it
 - iii. Place the same PowerPoint on the Website
 - iv. Research EventBase for ability to share PowerPoint
- e. Ballot –
 - i. Save the show ratings until the final day of Festival – use a separate ballot
 - ii. Bring back the “GOOD” rating – create a certificate for colleges receiving this rating
- f. Acting Awards –
 - i. Create “Professors’ Choice” acting award (to mirror Technical Presentation awards)
 - 1. Call it “Outstanding Performance”
 - 2. Only Eligible students will be considered
 - 3. Award 2 per show
 - 4. Create online voting process – Eventbase OR Survey Monkey
 - ii. Create “People’s Choice” acting award
 - 1. All performers will be eligible
 - 2. All viewers will be able to vote for 1 person
 - 3. Award 1 per show
 - 4. Create online voting process – Eventbase OR Survey Monkey

- g. Plaques (Awards) –
 - i. All awards stored at Lone Star College-Kingwood were destroyed in the Harvey flooding
 - ii. Create new inventory of plaques:
 - 1. 7 Superior – Texas-shaped – 10”
 - 2. 7 Excellent – Texas-shaped – 10”
 - 3. 2 Bill Morton – Rectangular – 8”x10”
 - 4. 2 Greg Schneider – Rectangular – 8”x10”
 - 5. 1 Founders – Rectangular – 9”x12”
 - iii. Sources:
 - 1. Marin awards – online
 - 2. Monark Trophy – online
 - 3. Sherri’s connection in Tomball – Skiles will follow-up
- h. Housing –
 - i. Hotels in Commerce – Magnuson
 - ii. Hotels in Greenville (21 minutes away)
 - 1. Best Western
 - 2. Hampton Inn
 - 3. Comfort Suites
 - 4. Super 8
 - 5. Motel 6
 - 6. Holiday Inn Express
 - 7. Express Inn & Suites
 - iii. Vlahos will contact hotels to secure best rates

V. Play Festival 2018 –

- a. Commensurate dates for 2019 – February 26-March 2, 2019
- b. Host sites:
 - i. Panola College, Carthage
 - ii. Lone Star College-Kingwood, Houston
 - iii. Lee College, Baytown
- c. Change time of year for Festival?
 - i. November wasn’t a positive experience for many
 - ii. Fall is more difficult with TETA moving to September dates
 - iii. Moved later in April – best fit is last weekend of April (April 24-27, 2019)
 - iv. No consensus – TABLED until Spring Play Festival Meeting

VI. Field of Study & Curriculum –

- a. Field of Study has been delayed, but not killed
 - i. Hopefully have more information by November 1
 - ii. Perry Crafton (TETA Higher Ed Chair) is watching this closely
- b. Inclusion of courses for Design Track into ACGM – no action taken

VII. TETA Update –

- a. TheatreFest locations:
 - i. Galveston – Moody Gardens – January 24-27, 2018
 - ii. Dallas – Location TBD – September of 2018
 - iii. Dallas – Reunion Hyatt – September of 2019 (final Hyatt contract)
- b. SummerFest:
 - i. Probably moving to early June
 - ii. Higher Ed folks can attend for FREE if they present 2 workshops
- c. Travel Money:
 - i. Apply for travel money through the Higher Ed interest group

- ii. No one from 2-years is applying – money is going to 4-years
- iii. Requirement – come back and present at TETA
- d. Outstanding Faculty Award:
 - i. Too late for this coming conference in January of 2018
 - ii. Watch TETA for new application timelines for September of 2018
- e. Play Fest:
 - i. King is Co-Chair
 - ii. November 1 deadline to submit plays
 - iii. Respondents opportunity for TCCTA members
 - iv. Members/Students can submit plays
 - v. 10-minute plays get \$50 award (if selected)
 - vi. Full-length plays get \$200 award (if selected)

VIII. USITT Update –

- a. Fort Lauderdale, FL – March 14-17, 2018
- b. Blinn College-Brenham – hosting the USITT Winter Symposium over MLK weekend 2018

IX. ATHE Update –

- a. No members were in attendance this year
- b. ATHE is in need of 2-year representation
- c. 2018 Conference held in Boston, MA – August 1-5, 2018

X. Treasurer’s Position (serves through 9/18) –

- a. Membership does not accept Sherri Ryan White talk of resignation
- b. Membership approves Brad Nies to help/shadow Sherri through September 2018
- c. President McLarty appoints Nies

XI. Election of Secretary (serves 9/17-9/20) –

- a. Skiles not allowed to step down
- b. Re-Elected by affirmation of Membership

XII. Election of President-Elect (serves 9/17-9/18) –

- a. Kali Vlahos is nominated by Reilly, Gengo 2nd
- b. Nies moves to approve by Acclamation, Gengo 2nd – motion carries

XIII. Fall Business Meeting 2018 -

- a. Proposed dates – September 7/8 & September 14/15 – decided at Spring Play Festival meeting
- b. Location – Lone Star College-Kingwood, Houston

XIV. Other Items –

- a. Play Festival entries for 2017-2018:
 - i. Blinn-Brenham – “Black Comedy” – Peter Shaffer
 - ii. Blinn-Bryan – ??
 - iii. Eastfield – ??
 - iv. Wharton – “Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night”
 - v. LSC-Kingwood – ??
 - vi. HCC – ??
 - vii. Howard – possible “Piece of my Heart”
 - viii. LSC-CF – possible “Evening of Moliere Shorts”
 - ix. LSC-T – ??
 - x. Panola – “Ajax in Iraq” – Ellen McLaughlin
 - xi. Lamar – ??

- xii. Lee – “Grapes of Wrath” – Steinbeck
- b. Workshop at Wharton County Junior College
 - i. Frantic Assembly
 - ii. End of September to do workshop at Wharton (Sept 29)
 - iii. If you want to come and watch – only allows 24 people working on stage
 - iv. Times – 9 am-12 pm / 2-5 pm
- c. Nies has plays – tons of them – just ask!

Meeting Adjourned at 12:25 pm