

Texas Community College Speech and Theatre Association Fall Business Meeting Minutes

Saturday, September 19, 2020
Virtual Meeting - ZOOM Platform

Officers:

Greg McLarty - Wharton County Junior College - President
Brad Nies – Blinn College-Brenham – Past-President & Play Festival Host/Liaison
Debra Schultz – Houston Community College-NE – Treasurer
Eric C. Skiles – Lone Star College-Kingwood – Secretary & Webmaster

Attendees:

Jami Hughes – Wharton County Junior College
Karen King – Panola College, Carthage

Represented by Proxy:

Kevin Patrick – Blinn College-Brenham
Kalliope Vlahos – Lone Star College-Kingwood

Meeting called to order by McLarty at 10:07 am

- I. Approval of Minutes from Spring Play Festival Meeting –
 - a. No Minutes from Spring Play Festival Meeting were posted by Secretary - Skiles will get minutes typed up and sent out to Membership for Approval by October 1.

- II. Treasurer's Report –
 - a. Status of Current Account – Balance on account is \$
 - b. No need to change “X” at this time – “X” = \$100
 - c. More expenditure this past spring than usual due to Skiles reimbursement after floating costs for interim.
 - d. TCCSTA was never charged for Respondent's hotel rooms.

- III. Webmaster's Report –
 - a. Web site builder will renew on 10/10 - \$359.76
 - b. No cost benefit for extending contract on website
 - c. No good “free” websites out there that don't include a lot of side advertising.
 - d. Domain names (.org, .net, .com) good through 9/2021.
 - e. Please send new show photos for Front Page of Website

- IV. Play Festival 2021 –
 - a. There is agreement that the Benefit of the In-Person Play Festival is getting the students together to see theatre and meet other theatre people from across the state. The students discovering that they are “not the only ones”. That being said, the current pandemic, and resulting financial cuts at many campuses (and campuses who cannot current have productions), requires that we SUSPEND the In-Person Play Festival.
 - b. Discussion about have some sort of Virtual “Celebration” of Theatre - showing the world that we are still here and still producing work. Some ideas thrown out...
 - i. A Design-Fest type situation through Zoom meetings & chats
 - ii. Perhaps a different timeline for 2021, since KC-ACTF will occur virtually at the same time
 - iii. Have a “Showcase” - original works/still shots/e-portfolios
 - iv. Video Monologue “competition”/Design Work “competition” - would need respondents
 - c. After lengthy discussion, it was concluded that another meeting would be needed to flesh out details. The next virtual meeting is scheduled for October 17th at 10:00 am. Bring your most equitable ideas.

V. Verbiage for Website to Support BLM and Equity/Diversity

- a. After thorough discussion, the membership present crafted the following statement to appear on the website - “As educators, we celebrate the diversity and inclusion of the theatrical artform.”

VI. Drama Field of Study

- a. State has announced that all Fields-of-Study that were scheduled to start in Fall of 2020 have been suspended.
- b. Eastfield students’ financial aid has been pulled from those classes
- c. Some campuses are still working from “Pathways” or “Metamajors”
- d. Some campuses have all the FoS courses on the books, but haven’t been able to enroll students.
- e. Very frustrating, and fluid - much more discussion will occur at TxETA next weekend.

VII. Election of Secretary (serves 9/20 - 9/23)

- a. Skiles was nominated.
- b. Skiles agreed to nomination under proviso that this would be his last term as Secretary. He has served as Secretary since 2009. Someone else needs to “learn the ropes”.
- c. Elected by acclamation.

VIII. Election of President-Elect (serves 9/20-9/21)

- a. Schultz nominated Jami Hughes, King 2nd
- b. Hughes accepts nomination
- c. Elected by acclamation

IX. Other Items –

- a. KC-ACTF - all fees have been waived this year - responses are virtual - great time to get involved.
- b. TTAO - Real Change initiative - helping low-income schools in the UIL OAP arena.

Nies moved to Adjourn, King 2nd
Meeting Adjourned at 11:56 am