

Texas Community College Speech and Theatre Association  
Fall Business Meeting Minutes  
Saturday, September 9, 2011  
Trinity Valley Community College - Athens, Texas

Meeting was called to order at 9:27 am by President Joy Richmond of Trinity Valley Community College.

Members in attendance:

Joy Richmond – Trinity Valley Community College – President  
Eric C. Skiles – Lone Star College-Kingwood – Secretary  
Sherri Ryan White – Lone Star College-Tomball – Treasurer  
Nancy McVean – Weatherford College – Play Festival Host (VP)  
Bradley Nies – Blinn College – Archivist

John Corley – Houston Community College-SW  
Elizabeth “Biz” Grim – Trinity Valley Community College  
Clay Grizzle – Panola College  
Greg McLarty – Wharton County Junior College  
Bohb Nelson – Trinity Valley Community College  
Sam Smith – Wharton County Junior College

Sherri presented the Treasurer’s Report (see attached) – Balance of Funds is \$3330.60. “X” is currently set at \$100.00. There is a possibility of lowering “X” in future years since the organization no longer purchases trophies for the State Forensics Meet. Sherri provided copies of the 2011-2012 Membership Dues form – the form will also be put on the website. Eric moved to approve. John seconded. Report was approved.

Eric presented the Secretary/Website report. The hosting site was renewed early for a reduced price. The price is approximately \$5 less than last year - \$72.82. Next year the organization will have to renew the hosting site AND the domain names – approximate cost will be \$75 for hosting (one year) and \$170 for domain registration (five years). All agreed that the website was vital and should be continued. Links to be added to the website – USITT & APO/DPO. Brad moved to approve. Clay seconded. Report was approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

I. Nancy provided an update for the 2012 Play Festival to be held at Weatherford College. Dates are February 28 through March 3, 2012. Respondents have already been contacted and confirmed – Joe Brown of Texas Wesleyan College & Dana Schultes of Stage West Theatre of Fort Worth. Both respondents are local, so no housing will be needed for respondents. Brad passed all existing awards to Nancy. Nancy will purchase the next round of awards including plaques for the Bill Morton Challenge Award & Greg Schneider Technical Award. Honor Crew was discussed – Brad will ask Kevin Patrick of Blinn College to held the Honor Crew.

Potential participants:

Trinity Valley Community College – “Agnes of God”  
Lone Star College-Tomball – “All My Sons”  
Panola College – “The Rain Came to Mayfield”  
Blinn College – “God of Carnage”  
Houston Community College-SW – “The Yellow Boat”  
Weatherford College – TBD  
Wharton County Junior College – TBD

Other colleges to contact (Brad) – Lee College, Navarro College, Tarrant County-Trinity River, Houston Community College-NE, Eastville College, Lon Morris College, Paris Junior College, Blinn College-Bryan, San Jacinto College-South, Cisco Junior College.

II. Clay stated that Stephen F. Austin University had no availability to host the 2013 Play Festival on February 27 – March 2, 2013. They have two smaller spaces that would be available on the scheduled weekend. All agreed that the date was more important than the venue. Joy volunteered to host the 2013 Play Festival at Trinity Valley Community College. All approved.

III. “X” should stay at its current value - \$100.00. John moved to approve. Brad seconded. Motion passed.

IV. Brad, Sherri, and Eric will work on language for Founder’s Award to be included in the Constitution. Membership will vote on the inclusion at the Play Festival Director’s Meeting. Language will include: description of award and timelines for submitting nominations.

Other additions to the constitution including time limits for performance/strike & set-up created great discussion. Eventually Eric moved to table the discussion until the Play Festival Director’s Meeting. Sam seconded. Motion passed.

John discussed the need to clarify the presentation requirements of Tech Awards. Much discussion ensued. It was decided that the presentation should focus on the design process and ability of the student to present their ideas either through verbal means and a portfolio of documentation of the design/creative process. Ample time should be provided for all presentations so students don’t feel rushed or slighted. All directors have a responsibility to attend all tech presentations. Eric read the portion of the constitution that stated that if a director wasn’t present to vote, then that school’s students would not be eligible for awards. It was decided that no formal language would be added to the constitution at this time.

V. Founder’s Award Nominations were brought forward. After discussion, Sherri moved to approve. Nancy seconded. The following recipients were decided by acclamation: Sheleigh Carmichael, Liz Hedges, and Freddy Mason. Each will be contacted by Eric and notified of the Honor – the awards will be present at the 2012 Play Festival Awards Ceremony. It was also decided that last year’s living recipients – Ray Karrer & Pat Baldwin – would be contacted and invited to the 2012 Play Festival Awards Ceremony. Recipients will be asked to provide a headshot and bio for the archives.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

I. The location of the 2014 Play Festival will be Lone Star College-Tomball. The commensurate dates are February 26 – March 1, 2014.

II. Eric asked the membership about a booth at TETA. The general consensus was to NOT have a booth. All agreed to continue to promote TCCSTA through table signs, buttons, and word-of-mouth at the College-University meeting at TETA.

III. Election of Officers:

a. Secretary – Sherri moved to re-elect Eric as Secretary. Eric accepted nomination. Brad seconded. Nancy moved to approve by acclamation. Joy appointed Eric by presidential fiat. Robert’s Rules of Order were thrown out the window.

b. President-Elect – Brad nominated Sam. Sherri nominated Clay. Sam accepted the nomination. Clay declined the nomination for this year. Brad moved to elect Sam for 2011-2012 and elect Clay for 2012-2013 by acclamation. Motion passed.

c. President – Joy volunteered to continue as President – filling the vacancy left by Madison Spencer. Eric moved to approve. Sherri seconded. Motion passed.

III. Brad suggested using some of the TCCSTA fund to hire an official photographer for every Play Festival – Larry Wigman. All agreed that this was a valuable expenditure and important for website and archives. Sherri moved to approve. Clay seconded. Motion passed.

IV. Eric will create official letterhead for the organization.

V. Brad and Nancy announced the details of their yearly trip to New York. All were encouraged to attend.

VI. Dates were set for the Fall Business Meeting for 2012 – September 7 & 8, 2012. President-Elect Sam Smith will host meeting. Location will either be Wharton County Junior College Main Campus or Sugarland Satellite Campus. Details will be forwarded as they become available. TCCSTA will send an official Presidential letter to the administration of Wharton County Junior College congratulating Sam and explaining the mission of TCCSTA.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:43 am. Hugs and Kisses all around.