

USITT Board of Directors Meeting
Meeting No. 61
Friday, August 26, 2011
Web Conference

Present

Board of Directors: J. Aldridge, L. Asbell-Swanger, B. Browning, J. Darling, T. DeCastro, D. Denhart, M. Fantova, E. Gill, M. Gros, M. Hefter, D. Krajec, J. Knott, C. Lefko, D. Lockwood, A. Lyons, M. Marking, J. Maurer, M. Mehler, B. Reed, K. Rigdon, K. Scott, L. Schreiber, M. Shanda, J. Tilford, S. Wagner-Henry, D. Will, S. Young

Absent: L. Essig, D Culhane

Excused: P. Leung

Executive Director: D. Grindle (non-voting)

Staff: C. Carrigan, T. Davis, M. Merritt, B. Lucas,

Guests: D. Antonakos, J. Duckworth, J. Feivou, D. Fox, M. Grant, D. Hazlett, G. Head, E. Kazle, A. Klein, M. McNamara, M. Moore, J. Nogee, E. Paget, K. Pragman, M. Ramsaur, S. Ragusa, D. Rodgers, H. Willard

I. Call to Order and Announcements: President Joe Aldridge called the Friday, August 26, 2011 Board of Directors Web Conference Meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.
Meeting was recorded.

II. Corrections and Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Motion to approve the Minutes of the Friday, June 3, 2011 Board of Directors Meeting -Web Conference
Motion seconded.
Corrections – add Sherry Wagner-Henry to the guest list
Motion to approve the Minutes as corrected
Motion seconded.
Motion approved.

III. Action Items and Interest Items

Future Conference Sites – D. Will
2014 Austin, Texas or Fort Worth, Texas
As more information becomes available, recommendations will be posted on Call Board

Complimentary Memberships – M. Marking
Sent e-mail to USITT affiliated Organizational members to compare and obtain information about their affiliate membership voting rights and privileges.
Questiones regarding scope of research, is it just voting rights or should we look into the titles we provide, asked for further guidance and will take to the Membership Committee.

Policy on Nomination by Petition

Removed from table

Policy and Procedures Compendium chaired by J. Montgomery

Should we continue nomination by petition?

What is the appropriate amount of support to bring a petition forward?

Currently 50 signatures are required.

2% of active membership is customary

Discussion followed--majority of board felt we should keep a process for nomination by petition, but debated the appropriate amount of support (50 signatures versus 2% of the membership.)

Motion to establish 50 signatures as the requirement to be considered a viable write-in candidate for the election.

Motion seconded.

Three opposed, one abstention.

Motion approved.

Executive Directors Update

Board encouraged to get the word out on award nominations for YD&T and Rising Star
New Member Benefit - Grainger

IV. New Business

Rose Brand Design Competition

J. Aldridge reported on the competition similar to the student architecture competition.

Team competition, held at the Conference, students would apply in advance of the Conference, teams would be chosen, meet at the Conference before Stage Expo opens, where they would receive their challenge. They would design and build a model and have a presentation using Rose Brands products.

Still in preliminary stages of development.

D Will reported that Luis Valdez will be the Keynote speaker for Long Beach and other Long Beach updates

Action Item: Awards and Resolutions Committee

Action Requested: Approval of the 2012 Awards & Resolutions Committee recommendations for the Distinguished Achievement Awards and the Thomas DeGaetani Award for Long Beach 2012

Distinguished Achievement Awards

Michael Devine – Distinguished Achievement in Scene Design

Howard Brandston – Distinguished Achievement in Lighting

Dana Nye – Distinguished Achievement in Costume Design and Technology

Tom Hall – Distinguished Achievement in Management

Judy Adamson – Distinguished Achievement in Education

Thomas DeGaetani Award

The Pacific Conservatory for the Performing Arts

Michael Booher, Artistic Director

Michael Black, Managing Director

Roger DeLaurie, Conservatory Director of Actor Training/Associate Artistic Director

Michael Dempsey, conservatory Director of Technical Training

Jeff Allen, Production Manager

Motion to approve.

One opposed

Motion approved.

J. Aldridge reported on his visit to the CITT Rendez-vous Conference. He was welcomed and thanked for attending as a USITT official representative. Joe noted the CITT conference “fun factor”, such as “swag bingo”, “junkyard wars”, and the sense of comradery and family which made Joe, (an outsider), feel like he had been a member of CITT for a very long time.

Joe encouraged members to attend the next CITT conference in August 2012 in London, Ontario.

D. Grindle – Safety Rigging Update

12 grants approved, several are in process

Second round are due October 15.

J. Aldridge stated that the program is off to a good start, and there is now a need to perpetuate the funding.

M. Mehler – Broadway Green Alliance, trying to extend base outside of New York. Is USITT interested in endorsing the project or becoming involved? Are any of the Board members/guest listening interested in becoming involved? Michael is unsure of the goals and objectives at this time. Broadway Green Alliance is committed to a greener industry. Positive discussion ensued. Michael will bring back an intent of involvement to Board at the November meeting.

S. Wagner-Henry –Point of information.

Board took on task of separation of Policy and Procedures from the Bylaws. The Bylaws are completed. Work on Policy and Procedures process will continue at the fall Board meeting. Individuals were encouraged to respond and contribute to J. Montgomery's questions.

B. Reed –asked about November Board meeting schedule.

J. Aldridge – Meeting will begin on Friday at 9 a.m.

Travel, plan on leaving Sunday morning or possibly a redeye on Saturday evening.

November 11 – 12, 2012, Syracuse, New York

November 11 – Retreat

November 12 – Board of Directors meeting

V. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 2:10 p.m.

Motion seconded.

Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted by,

Sherry Wagner-Henry
Secretary