

**Iowa Thespian Chapter Board**  
Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Saturday, January 15, 2022  
**Time:** 10:00 AM  
**Place:** Zoom

Board Members Present	Board Members Absent
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Lynn Jensen, Chapter Director</li> <li>● Mike Hunter, Treasurer</li> <li>● Michael Peitz, Secretary</li> <li>● Alan Strait, Communications</li> <li>● Liz Hansen, Membership outgoing</li> <li>● Dixie Forsht, Membership incoming</li> <li>● Nate Jorgensen, Student Leadership</li> <li>● Lydia Benesh, STO Chair</li> <li>● Bailey Garrett-Cornelison, STO Sec</li> <li>● Ally Nolan, Junior Thespian STO</li> <li>● Libby Albright, Communications STO</li> <li>● Olivia Mick, Membership STO</li> <li>● Arissa Khan, Advocacy STO</li> <li>● Gabby Johnson, Outgoing STO</li> <li>● Brooke Richardson, , Outgoing STO</li> <li>● Caroline Sierk, Incoming STO</li> <li>● Otto Fox, Outgoing STO</li> <li>● Luis Avalos, Outgoing STO</li> </ul>	
Special Assistants to the Board Present	Others Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Helen Duranleau-Brennan-Advocacy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Aaron Dean, Chapter Director</li> <li>● Leslie LaCorte, Chapter Director</li> <li>● Suzie Jones, Sp. Projects Coordinator</li> </ul>

Meeting called to order by State Director Lynn Jensen at 1:05 AM via Zoom.

I. Welcome by Lynn and Introductions by all attendees.

II. Helen presented her advocacy report and explained her role on the EdTA Advocacy Leadership Network and the Iowa Alliance for Arts Education, her activities, and resources.

III. Lynn and others thanked Liz Hansen who is retiring from the IA Thespian Board.

IV, STO Festival comments: Luis reported on Festival 2021 successes and suggestions for incoming student board for festival success. Caroline extended comments on actions that successfully promoted inclusivity. Mike Hunter encouraged all to put festival notes and suggestions in the Postmortem document.

V. Festival Co-Chairs' report: Leslie reported UNI was pleased and hopes to avoid 3 tracks, also commented on meal census concerns, etc. Record suggestions in the Postmortem document. Aaron voiced thanks to festival coordinators, STOs and celebrated having 29 schools in attendance. Suzie Jones, special projects, discussed the need for staffing for silent auction and sales. Michael Peitz reported studio theatre went well. UNI staff have the process and plan well worked out. Kristi Peck should get the chance to coordinate next year since he was a stand in. Alan Strait, PlayWorks, hopes to get scripts early on and have a stronger and fuller audition, development, and rehearsal process. Dixie Forcht offered to MC the Tech Challenge next year.

VI. Financial Report: Mike Hunter discussed post Festival finances. We are showing a profit; however, a final bill is yet to come from UNI which will reduce the surplus somewhat. The report is posted in the Shared Folder.

VII. Student and Adult boards moved into separate work sessions.

VIII. Adult Board:

Discussed meeting dates. List is found at the end of the minutes.

Leadership Day was discussed with a location set: So. Tama. Michael P will contact Kevin Worley to see if he is still available to serve as a Keynote speaker and workshop presenter.

Discussed PlayWorks Policy. At this time there will be a stipend paid as follows:

\$300 for the director

\$300 for a mentor playwright

Alan will talk with Bill Myatt and present a plan of duties and actions to the Board in March with recommendations.

IX. Combined Meeting/ Work Session review:

Lynn and others thanked the outgoing STO for their excellent work.

The outgoing STO shared thanks.

STO report: Nate reviewed the STO's work to get email addresses, links, etc. set up and functioning, and noted that goals will be a focus in their next meetings.

The calendar was reviewed with both groups.

Meeting adjourned at 1:55 PM.

#### **UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS**

- March 19 10 AM So. Tama HS
- June (Date TBD) TBD International Thespian Festival
- July 18 Ldrday Prep 10:00-1:00 So Tama HS or other location in the area TBA
- August 6 10 AM Leadership Day, So Tama HS
- October 23 1 PM Location TBA
- November 10-12 Cedar Falls Iowa Thespian Festival

- January 14, 2023 TBA LOC TBA