

IOWA THESPIAN BOARD MEETING MINUTES – via Zoom

Sunday, April 22, 2018

Voting Members:

Board Treasurer: Mike Hunter	P
Board Secretary: Tom Stephens	P
Oversight and Governance: Elizabeth Hansen	P
STO Liaison: Samantha Burns	A
Arts Advocacy: Helen Duranleau-Brennan	P
Communications: Stacie Kintigh	P
Board Member: Katie Howard	A
Board Member: Bill Myatt	P
Board Member: Elizabeth Powers	P

Non-Voting Members:

Chapter Directors: Aaron Dean (**P**) and Leslie LaCorte (**A**)
Scholarship Coordinator: Christina Myatt (**A**)
Individual Event Coordinator/Junior Thespian Committee: Nate Jorgensen (**A**)
Tech Challenge Coordinator: Kate Baumgartner (**A**)

Student Board - not present at this meeting

Chair: Brady Booth
Communications: Melanie Comer
Secretary: Sophia Pike
Junior Thespians: Ava Deitrich
Membership: Anna Myatt
Special Projects: JJ Pierce & Samuel Castaneda

GUESTS PRESENT

n/a

CALL TO ORDER: 7:32 PM

I. Financial Report

- Mike sent .pdf reports on spending from January through February – they are in the shared folder (https://drive.google.com/open?id=1NpeSCrxW7D3gM0VQonWC2Q7y_LvBLLGc)
- Junior Festival made money; Leadership Day effectively broken even

II. Junior Festival Post-Mortem

- <https://drive.google.com/open?id=1Z9o3U76YsSaHrBYURe7yvXXjlxMNZOyoMIK4YIUGZaE>
- Waukee (Sarah Shaffer) is already interested in hosting in 2019

III. Leadership Day

- Will be held Saturday, August 4 in Mount Vernon (moved by Hunter, seconded by Duranleau-Brennan; motion passed by 5-1)

- Scott Slechta (Fairfield) has been suggested as keynote speaker; Leslie and the Leadership committee will follow-up.
- Cost will be set at \$20/student (moved by Duranleau-Brennan; seconded by Kintigh; passed 6-0)

IV. HS Festival

- Colin Muenster will be paid \$250 for artwork design throughout the year (moved by Duranleau-Brennan; seconded by Stephens; passed 6-0)
- Schedule, currently the same as last year. Please review for suggested changes: <https://drive.google.com/open?id=1nbjki0ozktAl2nOeSmEkAJeZvHtQrh6V18WLEvJw-7w>
- Christina will send out a Save the Date card to colleges

V. Mainstage and Studio Applications

- After a few minor revisions, the forms were approved and will be made live
 - Studio shows will be adjudicated using a new standards-referenced rubric this year

VI. STO Selection Process

- Discussion of STO candidates who are not able to attend Leadership Day. A concern is if the alternative (such as an essay or online meeting) is too easy, Leadership Day numbers may suffer. Discussion led to the suggestion that in case of immovable conflicts, students may apply (to Chapter Director) to participate in the alternative. Leslie will work on a model and specific wording for presentation at the June meeting.
- Discussion of current STOs running again for another year. To facilitate this process, the STO liaison needs to be hands-on enough to know whether a student is working out or not. Adult board and troupe director should be in conversation with the STO well ahead of Festival on concerns about the STO returning for a second year (which needs to happen in the summer, likely after Leadership Day, to allow a school to nominate a new candidate).
 - Motion that current STOs do not need to run again, but a conversation will happen in August about each candidate's capacity to return (moved by Myatt, seconded by Stephens; motion failed 4-3).

VII. Revised Board Structure

- Tabled until June meeting

VIII. Advocacy Report - Helen (sent via email)

- Advocacy Day, DC, March. Brady and I attended Monday and Tuesday. I was also asked to be a part of a new States Policy Network by Americans for the Arts and I attended their inaugural meeting on Sunday.
- EdTA Advocacy Leadership Network met in Cincinnati April 13-15. I am in my second year of the "pilot" and would like to start working with someone on our board who would be interested in learning about this work and be Iowa's rep eventually. Part of the work I am doing on my committee is creating/updating advocacy workshop materials. These materials could be used at state festivals and other events. There will be several options.
- Iowa's Advocacy essay was a good format to find a student who is interested in being our STO advocacy person. Do we want to continue to have this essay process? Should it continue to be open to just our STO or do we want to extend it to other Iowa Thespians? If we do that, does that person then become part of the STO? There are pros and cons to both. But we do need a student on the board who can be responsible to work with Iowa's Thespians on advocacy. And it should obviously be a student who wants to do this work.

IX. Development

- Liz Hansen will join Helen on a new development committee

X. Future Meeting Dates

- The June meeting will be at ITF and will be set once we have track schedules
- The July meeting will be in Grinnell and scheduled via Doodle (Aaron Dean)
- The October meeting remains TBD

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

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| ● June 25-30 | Lincoln, NE | International Thespian Festival |
| ● July (TBD) Grinnell | | |
| ● Saturday, August 4 | Mount Vernon | Leadership Day |
| ● October (TBD) | | |
| ● November 9-10 | Cedar Falls | 2018 Iowa Thespian Festival |

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:44 PM