

IOWA THESPIAN BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, June 22, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT

Adult Board: Colleen Babcock (via Zoom), Sam Burns, Aaron Dean, Helen Duranleau-Brennan (via Zoom), Liz Hansen (via Zoom), Mike Hunter (via Zoom), Stacie Kintigh, Leslie LaCorte (via Zoom), Elizabeth Powers (via Zoom), and Tom Stephens

Student Board: Maaz Ahmed, Oswaldo Ambrosio, Brady Booth, Melanie Comer, Ali Girsch, Isobel LaCorte, and Kate Struble

MEMBERS ABSENT

Katie Howard, Nate Jorgensen, and Bill Myatt

CALL TO ORDER: 12:02 PM

I. General Session

- A. Approval or corrections of previous meeting minutes (Burns moved, Ambrosio seconded; motion passed)
- B. Board Reports
 1. Financial Report
 - No changes
 2. Student Report
 - STOs have been attending leadership camp all week and are meeting with other state boards
- C. Leadership Day
 1. Finalize Selection and Contract of Keynote Speaker
 - Leon Kuehner is confirmed as keynote
 - Liz is working with Leon to work through details
 2. Review Host Venue Details
 - Nate is coordinating venue arrangements with the Des Moines Playhouse
- D. Iowa Thespian Festival
 1. Discussion and Vote on Host Bid Proposals for 2018/2019/2020
 - Stephens moved to stay at UNI for the 2018-2020 Festival cycle, Kintigh seconded; motioned passed 8-0
 2. Discussion and Vote on Mainstage and Studio Theatre Applications
 - Burns moved to accept the mainstage slate (in performance order as listed below), Ambrosio seconded; motion passed
 - i. *Peter and the Starcatcher* by Rick Elice and Wayne Barker, Davenport North High School Troupe #3994, Director Leslie La Corte
 - ii. *A Piece of My Heart* by Shirley Lauro, Mount Vernon High School Troupe #1470, Director Tom Stephens
 - iii. *Almost, Maine* by John Cariani, North Scott High School Troupe #739, Director Stacie Kintigh
 - iv. *Next to Normal* by Tom Kitt, Davenport Central High School Troupe #2951, Director Thea Intveldt
 - Babcock moved to accept the studio slate, Booth seconded; motion passed
 - i. *Nineteen Minutes* by Jodi Picoult, Clinton High School Troupe #452, Director Sam Burns
 - ii. *The Yellow Boat* by David Saar, Davenport West High School Troupe #2027, Director Kristin Koski

- iii. *The Skin of Our Teeth* by Thornton Wilder, Grinnell High School Troupe #4274, Director Kate Baumgartner
 - iv. Pleasant Valley High School Troupe #856, title TBD
 - v. A studio offer to Indianola High School Troupe #4575, TBD
 - Pleasant Valley and Indianola will have until Leadership Day to submit a viable title
 - Scheduling of studios will be deferred until titles are more concrete
3. Review Festival Schedule
- Aaron will forward to UNI

II. New Business

- A. Review timeline and plan for July Retreat
 - 1. The dates are confirmed for July 29 & 30 at North Scott High School
 - 2. Many items that are historically completed outside of meetings may be accomplished this weekend
- B. Action items to be completed before the retreat

III. Agenda for next meeting (July retreat at North Scott)

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

- Saturday, July 29 & Sunday, July 30 – North Scott (10:00 AM)
- **Leadership Day** Saturday, August 5 – Des Moines Playhouse (10:00 AM)
- Saturday, October 14 at Waukee High School (9:30 AM)
- **2017 Iowa Thespian Festival** Friday, November 10 & Saturday, November 11 – UNI

MEETING ADJOURNED: 12:56 PM