

IOWA THESPIAN BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 28, 2018 – Grinnell High School

Voting Members:

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

Student Board:

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

CALL TO ORDER: 9:34 AM

I. General Session

- A. Approval or corrections of previous meeting [minutes](#)
 - Approval moved by Howard, seconded by A. Myatt; motion passed
- B. Financial [Report](#)
 - Few changes in June
 - Junior Festival records were cleaned up and reflect profit of approximately \$700
 - Overall account balance YTD is approximately \$9800
- C. Student Report
 1. ITF
 - Met a lot of STOs from neighboring states
 - Anna was an ITO candidate and appreciated the experience
 - Leadership training was beneficial and helped inform planning our event
 - STOs attended workshops and have already applied some new learning
 - Students will receive a check from Mike Hunter for ½ of their festival registration
 2. Update on planning for Leadership Day & 2018 Festival
 - Would like to use star necklaces at Leadership Day and Festival to identify who STO candidates are
 - Have updated plans for Saturday morning Shuttle Landing (formerly “Rest Stop”) and will address some concerns about the size of groups and

students being able to interact – Aaron will check with UNI about finding a second space to hold this event

- To clarify: the purpose of the STO candidate board will be personal, not based on a potential theme

D. [Advocacy Report](#)

- ALN is a network of 10 professional members who are promoting arts education and meet face to face once a year in Cincinnati and throughout the year electronically. Helen's committee deals with customizing and updating presentations for the state level
- Helen is also on the Iowa Arts Alliance.
- Would like to develop/improve our theatre educator mentorship in Iowa; please pass along the names of new theatre teachers to Helen
- Fine Arts Advocacy Day is January 17, 2019

E. Chapter Director Report

1. EdTA [Leadership Summit](#) – Aaron, Leslie, and Liz P. all attended in Kansas City
2. Chapter Goals:
 - a. New Troupe Director mentorship program
 - b. Increase sponsorships
 - c. Implement revised board structure

II. 2018 [Leadership Day](#)

- A. Keynote speaker is Katie Hallman, the executive director of Theatre Cedar Rapids
- B. Sarah Florian from IHSMTA is presenting a workshop
- C. Final registration is 92 students
- D. Finalize [details](#) – STOs should arrive in MV by 8:45 am

III. 2018 Iowa Thespian Festival

A. Review & finalize [festival schedule](#)

1. Discuss & vote on [All-State Cabaret proposal](#)
 - Motion to approve the proposal by Stephens, seconded by Comer; motion passed 12-0
2. Vote on Studio Theatre selections
 - Motion to accept all seven studio shows with five on Friday and two on Saturday by Powers, no second; motions fails
 - Motion to accept all seven studio shows with all seven on Friday by Comer, seconded by Deitrich; motion passes
3. Mainstage schedule
 - Proposal for *Footloose* Friday morning, *Triangle Factory* Friday night, and *Spelling Bee* Saturday morning.
 - Motion to accept the proposal by Hunter, Howard seconded; motion passes

B. Event Cancellation insurance

- Motion to purchase event cancellation insurance with the "full terrorism" clause by Howard, seconded by Stephens; motion passes

C. Background Checks

- Motion to do a free background check on adults not affiliated with participating schools with the host verifying their own personnel by Duranleau-Brennan, seconded by Hunter; motion passes.

D. Iowa Send-a-Troupe

- Motion to provide two \$500 grants to schools to attend Festival with Liz Hansen, Sam, and JJ developing specific guidelines for the application process by Deitrich, seconded by Pierce; motion passes.

E. Coordinator Reports:

1. Festival Financial Coordinator

- Motion to accept the 2018 [Festival fees](#) (including a \$5 increase to the basic registration fee and a \$10 increase to the group IE fee) by Stephens, seconded by A. Myatt; motion passes
- 2. Registration
 - EdTA is looking at using the ITF online registration for all Chapter Festivals; however, the cost would be around \$4000 compared to the \$100 that we use through Colorado Thespians now
 - Registration opens August 13. The [packet](#) should be updated by August 3 so it can be sent to directors.
 - Junior Thespians *may not* attend the high school Festival
 - The STO process language has been updated
- 3. Sponsors/Exhibitors
 - Discuss potential [sponsor](#) list and sponsorship [levels](#)
 - Can the corporate and college lists be combined?
 - Encourage mainstage schools to provide Liz P. with local businesses that could be contacted for sponsorship of that school's performance
- 4. Studio Theatre
 - Tom will contact selected schools and also reach out to potential judges
- 5. Individual Events
 - EdTA is finalizing NIES rules for 18-19 and will be ready to roll out with registration
- 6. Hall of Fame
 - Please get nominee suggestions to Lynn Jensen
 - Can the reception be in Davis Hall (GB-PAC) again?
 - Can the reception meal have a protein (eggs, bacon, protein bar, etc.), which will cost more? Aaron will investigate and email options.
- 7. Tech Challenge
 - Kate and Mike will update the guide for this year
- 8. Hospitality Coordinator
 - Katie proposed reinstating the Troupe Director gift
 - Motion to spend up to \$500 on director's gifts by Powers, seconded Comer; motion passes
- 9. Workshops
 - Guest artist/vendor letter has been updated and will be sent out
- 10. State Thespian Officer [Elections](#)
 - Contract has been updated to reflect changes approved in June
- 11. Special Projects
 - Need to give student delegates an idea of how much money to bring to Festival and what that money would be going towards
 - Ribbons
 - Badge ribbons are popular among students – can we sell them?
 - Sam and JJ will develop a list of ribbons that students would buy
 - 2018 fundraisers will be Minute to Give It, Pie an STO, silent auction, T-shirt grab, and Broadway Buckets
 - Each mainstage cast will be asked to bring a signed show poster and/or program
 - Please ask in your communities for donations of items for the silent auction

- IV. Leadership Day Workshop Rehearsals
- A. JJ/Brady (Advocacy)
 - B. Melanie/Ava (Be A Shooting Star)
 - C. Sam/Sophia (Teamwork)

MEETING ADJOURNED: 3:17 PM

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

- August 4 – Leadership Day – Mount Vernon (9:30 AM – 3:30 PM)
- October 21 – Mount Vernon (1:00 PM – 5:00 PM)
- November 9-10 – 2018 Iowa Thespian Festival