

## **IOWA THESPIAN BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

June 27, 2018 (ITF)

### ***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 (P)  
Board Member: Katie Howard (P)  
Board Member: Bill Myatt (P)  
Board Member: Elizabeth Powers (P)

### ***Non-Voting Members:***

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

### ***Student Board:***

Chair: Brady Booth (P)  
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)

## **CALL TO ORDER: 5:56 PM**

- I. General Session
  - A. Approval or corrections of previous meeting minutes (Stephens moved, W. Myatt seconded; approved)
  - B. Financial Report (Mike)
    - In Google Folder
  - C. Student Report
    - ITF
      - Going to leadership and interacting with ITO candidates
      - Attending good workshops
      - Representing Iowa well
    - Current planning for Leadership Day & 2018 Festival
      - 3 workshop sessions are planned; will send full plan and titles in 2 weeks and will rehearse at July meeting
  - D. Chapter Director Report
    - Wants to make a push on membership; the shared folder has a spreadsheet of withdrawn/inactive troupes – adult board will make contact and encourage reactivation
- II. 2018 Leadership Day
  - A. Keynote speaker update
    - Scott Slechta is unavailable.

- Sarah Florian (DMPA / IHSMTA) is interested but not confirmed
  - Any other ideas – someone from the EdTA home office? Katie Hallman (the new Executive Director of Theatre Cedar Rapids)? Send ideas to Leslie.
- B. Review current registration
- 2 schools registered; Aaron will send out a reminder email
- C. Review host venue details
- Tom and Leslie will meet to finalize venue needs
- III. 2018 Iowa Thespian Festival
- A. Review festival schedule
- Schedule options are in the Google Folder
  - We will continue to explore the cabaret model and table the decision until July's meeting
- B. Select 2018 mainstage performances
- Hunter moved and Howard seconded to accept all three applications; motion passed
  - Tom will contact the directors to offer bids
- C. Discuss and vote on STO selection process (draft in Google Folder)
- Future festival theme will not be part of STO presentation
  - Hunter moved to approve the draft proposal and Howard seconded; passed
- IV. Board Structure
- A. Review revised board structure plan (draft in the shared folder)
- B. Discussion and voting
- Stephens moved to accept the draft proposal and Myatt seconded; Hunter calls the question; motion passes
- C. Currently filled positions will remain (Chapter Director, Board Secretary, Board Treasurer) through current terms. Student Leadership and Membership need to be filled for terms beginning in January of 2019.
- V. 2019 Junior Thespian Festival
- A. Date/location
- Waukee is very interested in hosting and growing the event.
  - We want to maintain the integrity of this as an Iowa Thespian event
- B. Committee?
- Nate Jorgensen will continue as committee chair
- VI. EdTA Events
- A. Advocacy Update (from Helen)
- National, ALN:**  
**ALN meets once a year FTF, every month electronically, and committees as needed.**  
 (My committee is the ALN powerpoint, workshop updating, etc.)
- A. Advocacy Workshops have been updated and will be presented at ITF, Leadership Summit, and National Conference by ALN members.
- B. Two workshops:
1. Advocating for Advocacy
  2. Building a Successful Arts Advocacy Day
- C. There is an Advocacy strand at Leadership Summit.
- Iowa Alliance for Arts Education – 2018 Legislative Priorities**  
 On the state level, here are the "asks" for the upcoming year from Iowa Alliance for the Arts.

- A. Add Fine Arts to Iowa Education Standards
    - 1. Administrative action by State Board of Education (Scheduled for November State Board mtg)
    - 2. (Maintain communication with key legislators)
  - B. Maintain proposed language in DE proposed draft regarding Fine Arts: “Work with Arts Alliance, etc., in determining language to conform with Federal “Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)”
    - 1. Maintain communication with key legislators
  - C. Expand Fine Arts Consultant position in DE from .5 to 1 FTE.\_\_(Maintain for 2018) – Delayed last year at DE request
  - D. Secure \$100,000 for Fine Arts Teacher Mentoring Program to be matched by private fundraising by Iowa Alliance
  - E. Fine Arts Advocacy Day: Wednesday, January 17, 2018
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- B. Leadership Summit
    - Aaron, Liz P., and Leslie are going
  - C. EdTA Conference
    - Helen will be inducted into the EdTA Hall of Fame at this year’s event
    - Liz H, Bill, Chris, and Helen are going

**MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:32 PM**

**UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS:**

- July 28 – Grinnell (9:30 AM – 3:30 PM)
- August 4 – Leadership Day – Mount Vernon (9:30 AM – 3:30 PM)
- October 21 – Mount Vernon (1:00 PM – 5:00 PM)