

**Wisconsin Association of Community Theatre
Board of Directors' Minutes
October 21, 2007 – Verona, Wisconsin**

Board Members Present: President Bob Kafka, Vice President Frank Peot, Treasurer Dee Baldock, Secretary Lynn Ruhl, Member at Large Jeannie Pitsch, Member at Large Allen Ebert, Member at Large Donna Thompson, Member at Large Mark Holten, Member at Large Darrell Wagner

Board Members Absent: Member at Large Carla Gallun

Guests Present:

I. Call to Order

President Bob Kafka called the meeting to order at 11:10 am.

II. Approval of Minutes

Moved the July 21st meeting minutes be approved as corrected.
(Frank Peot/Mark Holten – Passed)

III. Financial Report

Dee distributed and discussed the financial report. Dee will renew the CD. There are also additional deposits for memberships to be made. The insurance has been paid.
(Mark Holten/Jeannie Pitsch – Passed)

IV. Administrative

Potential promotional items from National Pen were distributed/shared.

Dee found the canvas bags and auction plastic bags from the festival but not the rest of the auction items. Allen could not find the auction items.

V. Committees Reporting to the President

A. Off Year Festival – 2008 – The information is on the website and the planning is progressing. They are working on the schedule. The Region III meeting will be held during the festival. Baron is trying to decide between adjudicating and audience question and answer.

It was moved that \$100 be authorized to be spent on Showbits merchandise.
(Mark Holten/Allen Ebert – Passed)

B. History – Frank will check with Elaine about the archiving.

C. Website –The website statistical report was distributed and discussed. The link to the membership form is not working and will be fixed. We need more show information from our

member organizations. It was decided not to pursue the affiliate links at this time.

D. Newsletter – The deadline is November 15th for the December newsletter.

Send your bio's and pictures to Jeannie as soon as possible. We need these for the newsletter and the website.

VI. Committees Reporting to the Vice President

A. AACTFest – FY09 AACTFest - We received a nibble from a Manitowoc hotel but there was no performing group involved. Nothing else.

Jeannie will ask at her university drama department, UW Marshfield, but they would also need a group that would be willing to host. Mark and Dee will check with Brad at Sauk City to see if they would be interested.

It was moved that any show selected to represent Wisconsin at a regional or national AACTFest shall be a Wisconsin Community Theatre. They shall have a Wisconsin address and the majority of their performances must be held in Wisconsin. If a group from a state other than Wisconsin wishes to present at a Wisconsin AACTFest it shall be on a showcase basis only and if space is available. They can be adjudicated and receive individual awards, but may not advance to represent Wisconsin at a regional or national AACTFest.

(Dee Baldock/Mark Holten – Passed with changes as written above)

Bob discussed proposed changes in AACTFest rules – If a state has a competition can send two rather than one group forward if at least four groups compete. Panel adjudication is allowed if a state wants to do it, ok on a trial basis. Get 3,000 toward travel for regional winners. The random/lottery order to be optional rather than required. Let national adjudicators adjudicate at up to two regional/state levels. The notification of disqualification was taken out, that is thought to be a mistake. The warranty of compliance form is only about royalty rights, not music rights.

The Harv Thompson Trophy is still missing, Bob will check on again.

B. Bylaws/Operations Manual – Frank distributed the WACT committees definitions and duties.

It was moved that the definitions be approved.

(Frank Peot/Darrell Wagner – The motion was withdrawn)

It was decided that Jeannie would review the definitions and duties and correct for consistency and correctness. These will be added to the operations manual once this is done.

C. Awards – Heard from no one

D. Nominating Committee – Heard from no one. Frank will get something together for the next newsletter.

VII. Committees Reporting to the Treasurer

A. Finance – Dee is working on the 501c 3 report and renewing the CD.

VIII. Committees Reporting to the Secretary

A. Membership – Individual members have gone down. This was discussed and it was decided that we need more benefits for the individual member.

B. Publicity – No Report. What participation do other groups get? Could we advertise in magazines such as Drama Biz, Stage Directions, America Theaters, or others? Allen will have a new brochure next meeting for input.

VIII. Other Reports – Allen Ebert has been nominated by the AACT national convention committee.

IX. Old Business – None

X. New Business – None

XI. Other – None.

XII. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Saturday December 8th in Green Bay, time to be announced (approximately noon).

XIII. Adjournment

Motion – That the meeting be adjourned.
(Mark Holten/Allen Ebert– Passed)

The meeting was adjourned at 1:02 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Ruhl, Secretary, WACT