

WACT Board Meeting
June 21, 2008
Verona Community Theater Building

Carla Gallun, Allan Ebert, Helen Blumer, Dee Baldock, Darrell Wagner, Mark Holten,
and Bob Kafka,

Post-Mortum on Baron Conference – The conference made money.

Went well: \$2639 rev - \$1515 exp – 1123 profit – 112.35 to WACT

Attendance was good – 58 people; lots of donations from vendors; lots of local support; schedule was good

Not Good: Gun show at the same time was not a good match; early instructions were not clear (with two events); directions to parking were not good; hotel was not good (went too cheap); workshop leaders dropped out last minute; Internal communication (in the building) was not what one would hope (girl at front didn't know); workshops were too short (some topics like stage combat take longer); people wanted more specifics on how to participate in AACT Fest (from Hayward, Spooner, Etc.); people were waiting to turn in evaluations – set up on website; timeline for planning (checklist or guidebook to assist groups who haven't hosted – Helen will develop)

The board should help organizers remember to focus off-year conference on education and festivals on performance.

Call to order – 10:30 a.m.

Approval of Minutes – no minutes available – postponed until next meeting

Financial Report – no discussion

Administrative – 8 people who need to turn in conflict of interest forms

Insurance carrier is redefining terms – Bob will review with expert assistance; he doesn't believe there is anything that will affect us.

(Frank is on an Alaskan cruise.)

Off-Year Conference – nothing to report

Website – e-mailed stats – photos from Baron in the album; internal navigation was down but it's back now; lots of capacity but bandwidth is an issue because Yahoo search engine is causing a problem but as we're not anywhere near critical, it's okay

Newsletter – June is out. Deadline is Aug 15 for the Sept issue. (Bob was anecdotal.)

2009 AACT Fest – No feedback from Brad or Frank. The hotel is an issue – may need to go to Baraboo for lodging. AACT has released the new version of the handbook – “changes are not that major.” February 27 - March 1, 2009.

Awards – e-mail sent by Bob on Individual award(s). Awards program has been dormant. No awards were given last year – the program only existed one year.

Letters of support have been an issue. For the organizational award it is hard to get three letters of support – should the nomination come from a WACT board member?

Set a deadline for nominations each year based on the festival/conference date.

Individual board members can make nominations. Allan/Mark motion to accept awards program was passed. Deadline is November 1 for 2009. Dee/Allan to accept deadline.

Naming individual award the “Frank Peot Award.” Mark/Dee to name the individual award. Motion passed. Mark/Darrell to give to Frank first year passed not precluding more nominations.

Frank, Carla, Darrell to sit on awards committee.

Membership – Status: 36 organizational; 51 individuals for 2007-08 Renewals... first notice out in July. Second reminder on post cards.

Regional Report – Regional meeting was by conference call; Wisc (Lynn Ruhl) and Bob, Illinois, Indiana and Darren M (regional rep). Not doing panel adjudication at regionals. Did approve if 4 or more entries at state, 2 can go to regional. Approved that at regional fest you have to show proof of permission to perform. Regional reps have an information loss. Can we use some of our excess website capacity to offer the region a presence? Dee/Mark to approve was accepted. Regional is in South Bend in 2009 – adjudicators Annette Procnier, Ron Ziegler, and Ron Cameron.

By-Laws and Operations Manual – e-mail was sent regarding revision on online voting. Dee/Allan act on the electronic voting procedures as presented passed unanimously.

Recess for planning session at 11:24.

Meeting reconvenes 12:15.

Darrell/Helen Moved that the budget as presented with the expectation that adjustments may be made within revenue and expenses approved as might be reflected by planning.

Meeting adjourned – 12:20

Darrell Wagner