

Wisconsin Association of Community Theatre
Annual Membership Meeting
March 7, 2004 – La Crosse, Wisconsin

The meeting called to order at 8:14 A.M. by President Bob Kafka

1. Introductions

2. Approval of Minutes from 2003 Annual Meeting

Don Nelson read the minutes to the membership and they were approved unanimously.

3. Treasurer's report

Fundraising efforts raised 609.80 and the overall budgeted income is \$1208.11 with a balance of \$3,406.58 in the checking account.

Members asked about the outstanding debt owed to Frank Peot and funds from the old state association. It was explained that the funds were not available. Issue is not closed. Treasurer's report was approved unanimously.

4. Membership report

Membership is still a little down. Don Nelson asked about setting a policy at our festivals for participating companies to join WACT.

5. Organizational Status

Bob gave a state of WACT report and talked about the 501 (c) (3) status, new logo merchandise, By-law updates, collection of history, WACTFest 2003, regional AACTFest 2003, future WACTFest, website updates, newsletters.

6. AACT Items of Interest

AACTFest 2003 in Conn. had about a dozen Wisconsin folks in attendance. AACT is using a new insurance carrier. AACTFest new handbook is out and available.

7. AACTFest 2005

Will be in Sauk Prairie (barring any possible difficulties) at the River Arts Center. The Riverside Players in the area will help as much as possible in conjunction with WACT members to help with the set of the festival. Date and more details should follow in the upcoming newsletter. AACTFest regionals will be held in Michigan with a date to be determined. National AACTFest will be held in Kalamazoo, Mich. The hotel should be able to accommodate everyone in attendance.

8. Committees

New structure was explained to the membership. Bob invited any interested participants to join the committees.

9. Bylaw Changes

Frank explained the proposed bylaw changes to the membership. The changes deal with membership eligibility, Board of Directors structure, financial duties in regard to signing of contracts. Changes have been approved by the Board of Directors and it was moved and seconded by the membership to give final approval of the proposed changes. Discussion was held in regards to the authority of the board after a contract has been entered into by the Board President or other designated officer of the Board. Suggestion was made to remove the 2/3rd vote of the board to approve the contracts entered into. Motion to amend the previous motion to remove the changes to Article X of the bylaws and moved and seconded. Motion was approved unanimously. No further discussion was made on the amended motion. Motion on the amended bylaws was approved unanimously.

10. Announcements

Bob presented the La Crosse Community Theatre a letter and certificate of congratulations for their 40th Anniversary. Bob went on to thank the participating companies and volunteers that helped make the festival possible.

11. Elections

Frank talked about the expansion of the board of directors from 8 to 10 with a maximum of 13 members. The proposal is to keep the membership to 10. Scheduled for election this year is Sandi Weber, Dick Davies and Frank Peot. Sandi and Dick have decided to not to run again. Frank Peot from Sun Prairie, Tom Yarnel from Green Bay and Dee Baldock from Verona were proposed to run for three three-year terms. James Nelson of Florence and Lynn Ruhl of Milwaukee were proposed to fill two one- year terms. Krista Berggren was nominated to serve a one-year term as a write-in candidate. Motion was moved and seconded to close nominations. Frank reported that the membership could vote in three new members into one-year terms rather than two. This would bring the board to 11. Motion to close the nominations. Frank moved and Sandi seconded a motion to expand the board to 11 rather than 10. Motion was approved. The slate of candidates was approved unanimously. Board of Directors will meet immediately upon adjournment of the annual meeting to elect officers.

12. Other Business

Frank announced the forming of a committee to help organize the WACTFest 2005 and is seeking volunteers for the committee.

13. Adjournment

Moved and seconded to adjourn was approved unanimously.