

REGION III - AACT Board of Directors' Meeting

Minutes Saturday, April 10, 1999

Members Present: Bob Miller, Indiana; John Falkenbach, Ohio; JoAnne Berry, Michigan; Frank Peot, Wisconsin; Barbara Rowell, Illinois; Craig Monk, Indiana

I. Call to Order

The Board of Directors' Meeting of Region III - AACT was called to order by chairman Bob Miller at 10:00 A.M. in Muncie, Indiana.

II. Minutes of the Last Meeting

Frank Peot reviewed the minutes of the June 26, 1998, meeting. The chair declared the minutes approved as reviewed and mailed.

III. Treasurers Report

Chair Bob Miller presented the treasurer's report for Barbara Elliot, treasurer. We have received the \$50.00 donations requested from Indiana and Michigan. We have bank fees of \$28.00 for the last year. This is a charge we need to look at. Perhaps we need to put our money in a savings account or look into a not for profit account. The most important thing is that we need an account that does not "eat" our money with fees.

IV. Regional Representatives Report

Regional Representative Bob Miller presented he report on the activities of AACT.

a. National Community Theatre Week will be next week. All member organizations received information on activities and ways to participate. Geoff Leonard commented it is important to schedule activities during this week. Ross Rowland commented the International Amateur Theatre Association has an agenda item concerning an International Community Theatre Week.

b. Region III has gained membership and now has 227 members which is the largest region in AACT.

c. The AACT Endowment fund has surpassed the \$100,000 mark and is still growing.

d. AACT FEST 20001 will be held in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Harrisburg was selected at the AACT winter board meeting.

V. Old Business

Secretary Frank Peot was asked about the request for a \$50.00 donation from each state. Frank commented these requests were sent. Only two states have responded so far. Frank will send another reminder and request with the minutes of this meeting. These minutes are sent to each state president.

VI. New Business

Chairperson Bob Miller reminded the members present that we will need to be looking for nominations for Region III - AACT's Board for the year 2001. We also need to be looking for state representatives to AACT.

We also need to select a new Regional Representative from the state of Ohio along with a site for the 2001 regional festival in Ohio.

Chairperson Bob Miller presented the idea of writing a Regional Guideline Manual for AACT Festivals at the regional level.

MOTION Barbara Rowell/Joanne Berry The motion was made by Barbara Rowell and seconded by Joanne Berry to authorize Bob Miller to write a rough draft of a Regional Festival Manual to be presented at the July 1999, board meeting. The motion passed.

Other Announcements:

Frank Peot announced that Wisconsin is in the process of organizing a new community theater organization after several years of not having an organization.

Geoff Leonard suggested Region III conduct one-on-one sessions with adjudicators following festival performances. This could be voluntary. Region III could be a forerunner for this type of activity. He suggested Ohio try this at their regional in 2001. This would be a good time to institute this type of activity since Ohio already conducts one-on-one sessions at their state festival and so they are already familiar with the procedure. Eleanor Smith said Ohio would be willing to do this. If it is successful it could be included in the Regional Festival Manual.

Other Meetings:

The next Region III - AACT meeting will be held during the national festival in Memphis, TN. The time and place will be announced later.

We will meet in New York City in the year 2000 unless another regional activity takes place where we could meet. Ross Rowland said Indiana will have a meeting in Terre Haute in April 2000. Eleanor Smith said Ohio will be meeting in Toledo in 2000 and in Covington, KY, in 1999. These are all possibilities for meetings in addition to others which will be scheduled.

Racine, Wisconsin, has submitted a proposal to host an international festival in 2002.

VII. Adjournment

The Board of Directors' Meeting of Region III - AACT was officially adjourned at 11:00 P.M.



Frank Peot, Secretary

Region III - AACT

1747 Pennsylvania Avenue
Sun Prairie, Wisconsin 53590
June 5, 1999

Memo to: The Presidents and Boards of Directors' of the Community Theatre Organizations in Region III [This memo is being sent to all state and regional contacts and those on the regional board in hopes that it will reach the proper persons and board of directors.]

From: Frank Peot, Secretary Region III - AACT

Re: Donation to the Regional Organization

This is an open letter to the Presidents and Boards of Directors' of all of the Community Theatre Organizations in Region III of AACT. On March 5, 1997, Region III - AACT was organized with three very definite purposes. These were: 1) to elect a Region III Representative to AACT, 2) to coordinate a Region III community theater festival, and 3) to facilitate and assist the interaction of community theater between and among the states composing said Region III -- Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin.

Each state has a representative to this regional board which meets at least once a year, usually at the national or regional festival. At the board meeting of June 26, 1998, a motion was made and passed to request each state organization make a \$50.00 yearly contribution to the regional organization to help defray costs of printing, postage, and phone.

At that time I attempted to contact each state president with this information. To date only two states have made a contribution. We hope that each state would consider making this yearly contribution to this important regional organization. Please bring this up at your next state board meeting. Send your contribution to Barbara Elliot, Treasurer Region III - AACT, 3985 Grand Haven Road #103, Muskegan, Michigan 49441.

Thank you in advance for your contribution.

Frank Peot