

AACT Region III

Minutes

Meeting – Phone conference June 1, 2008

Present: Darrin Murrell, Region III Representative, Frank Peot, Secretary, Lynn Ruhl, WI, Toni Higgins-Thrash, IL, Marty Grubbs, IN, Bob Kafka

I. Call to Order – Roll Call

AACT Region III Representative Darrin Murrell called a meeting of the AACT Region III Representatives to order at 12:08 PM

II. Panel Adjudication for the Regional Festival

A suggestion, from the AACTFest Commission, would allow adjudicators to share the floor and have an exchange back and forth for an extended period of time for the adjudication process. This is a suggestion for regional use as a test to be reported back to the full festival commission. It would serve as a basis for discussion at the national level

Discussion:

Lynn Ruhl reported Wisconsin feels they want to stay with the traditional form of adjudication.

Toni Higgins-Thrash favored continuing the way it has been done in the past. Although change is good, Illinois favors the present form of adjudication.

Marty Grubbs said Indiana favors the traditional method of adjudication. It works better to give actors and directors a better, clearer opinion of various educated ideas. There are other ways of exploring forms of adjudication.

DarrinMurrell commented on the benefit of hearing adjudications independently so no one adjudicator can unduly influence any other adjudicator.

MOTION Ruhl/Higgins-Thrash A motion was made by Lynn Ruhl and seconded by Toni Higgins-Thrash to have AACT Region III continue with the traditional form of adjudication, with one adjudicator at a time and not attempting a panel at this point. The motion passed.(3 yes, 0 no)

III. Lower threshold for sending two entries to the regional festival

Another suggestion from the AACTFest Commission concerns lowering the number of participants at the state level for sending two entries to the regional festival. The new number for state level participation would be: four entries would allow two entries to the regional festival.

Potentially we would have ten entries at our regional festival. This would mean the regional festival would begin with a session on Friday, three sessions on Saturday, and the awards brunch being done on Sunday morning. We could expect as many as ten entries at the 2009 festival.

Discussion:

Wisconsin felt this gives more people a chance to participate and it would be a good thing.

Illinois questioned if Indiana would want to do this. Darrin responded they are willing and would rather have more than fewer participants. This would bring more income for the host theatre.

Illinois also feels it is a good idea.

Indiana supported the idea.

MOTION Grubbs/Ruhl A motion was made by Marty Grubbs and seconded by Lynn Ruhl to allow an individual state to send two entries to the regional festival if they have four or more entries at their state festival. This would negate the old rule of requiring ten entries at the state level before two entries could be sent to the regional festival. The motion passed. (3 yes and 0 no)

IV. Minutes

Approval of the minutes of the last meeting was tabled until we can meet in person and have copies of these in hand.

V. State Reports

Wisconsin reported their state festival would be in Sauk Prairie, WI, at the River Arts Center on February 27-March 1, 2009.

Illinois reported Theatre Nebula, Palatine, IL, had been approached for hosting their state festival.

Indiana reported its state festival would be in Muncie, IN, March 27-29, 2009, at the Muncie Civic Theatre.

The Region III Festival will be April 17-19, 2009, in South Bend, IN.

Ruth Bardy will be replacing Toni Higgins-Thrash as the AACT state representative from Illinois.

VI. Regional Festival Site

Motion Grubbs/Higgins-Thrash A motion was made by Marty Grubbs and seconded by Toni Higgins-Thrash to accept South Bend, Indiana, as the site for the Region III AACTFest for the weekend of April 17, 18, 19, 2009. The motion passed.

VII. Communications

Bob Kafka offered to assist with communications in Region III by setting up a simple website to facilitate our communications. Darrin empowered Bob to do this with our thanks. Frank Peot was asked to forward previous minutes and other pertinent information for Bob to include on this site. The site will include information from Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin and other national level communications. Contact information for board members would also be included on this site.

Darrin volunteered to donate the first \$20.00 for setting up the site, which would cost approximately \$10.00 per year.

VIII. Proof of Performance Rights

MOTION Ruhl/Higgins-Thrash A motion was made by Lynn Ruhl and seconded by Toni Higgins-Thrash that we continue our policy of requiring all performance permissions, including performance rights, and musical rights, at our regional festival. The motion passed.

IX. By Laws

Toni Higgins Thrash noted there is nothing in our by laws to prevent e-mail voting. Darrin suggested this be an agenda item for the next time we meet in person.

X. Adjournment

MOTION Higgins-Thrash/Grubbs A motion was made by Toni Higgins-Thrash and seconded by Marty Grubbs to adjourn. The motion passed.

The meeting of AACT Region III was adjourned at 12:38 PM CST.

Frank Peot, Secretary