

AACT REGION III BYLAWS OF ASSOCIATION

I. Purpose

It is the purpose of these Bylaws to associate the states defining Region III in the Bylaws of the American Association of Community Theatre (AACT) for the following purposes:

- A. To elect a Region III representative to AACT.
- B. To coordinate a Region III community theatre festival.
- C. To facilitate and assist the interaction of community theatre between and among the states composing said Region, to-wit: Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin.

II. Membership

The membership of this Association shall be comprised of the respective state community theatre associations.

III. Board of Directors

The Board of Directors of this Association shall be comprised of one member from each of the associated states to be elected or appointed by the respective state community theatre association; or, if there is no state community theatre association, then by the consensus from the community theatre associations within said state. If there is no state association, and no consensus from the community theatre association within said state, then the regional representative shall appoint a representative from that state. State representatives shall assume office immediately following each biennial regional community theatre festival.

If a state so chooses, it can elect or appoint an alternate, in case the state representative cannot attend a meeting. The alternate shall have the same rights as the state representative, if the state representative is not available. Any alternate shall be elected or appointed in the same manner as the state representative.

IV. Voting

The affairs and decisions of this Association shall take effect upon majority vote, with each state having one vote. Action may be taken at a meeting, by written consensus or by a conference call meeting.

When action is taken by written consensus, the proposition to be decided must be set forth in writing and mailed or sent by FAX transmission to each state's representative. The state representative shall vote for or against the proposition with or without comment and return the transmission by FAX or mail to the chair of the Association or to the Region III AACT representative appointed by this Association.

V. Regional Representation

This Board of Directors shall meet to elect its Region III representative to the American Association of Community Theatre one year prior to the regional community theatre festival.

VI. Officers

This Association shall elect a chair, to preside over the meetings, and a recording secretary. These officers may be elected from the state representatives or from any other AACT member who resides in this region.

Either the chair, the regional representative or three of the state representatives may call a meeting or initiate a written consensus. The recording secretary shall keep a record of all written consensus and shall keep a record of all minutes of all meetings.

This Association may establish committees and appoint AACT members to said committees as it determines to be in its best interest.

VII. Meetings

This Association shall meet at least once a year and must meet during the regional community theatre festival.

VIII. Elections

If the regional representative is elected from the Board of Directors of this Association, he or she must resign immediately from the Board of Directors. His or her replacement shall then be named pursuant to paragraph III.

IX. Rules of Order

The meetings of the Board of Directors of this Association shall be governed by the latest revised edition of Robert's Rules of Order.

X. Approval

These Bylaws of Association are approved by the states of Region III as follows:

<u>State</u>	<u>Dated</u>	<u>By</u>
Illinois	4/5/97	Joanne Kots
Indiana	Robert J. Miller 4-5-97	March 5, 1997 Joanne Berry
Michigan		
Ohio	4/5/97	John Falkenh
Wisconsin	4/5/97	Frank R. Peot