

## **MTA BOARD MEETING**

Saturday, June 25, 2016

University of Southern Mississippi

### Approval of Minutes

Motion: Tom Hardy

Second: Bill Rester

Motion passes

Treasurer's Report: Deborah Hardy

Executive Director's Report: Stacy Howell

MAC Grant - \$7500

Strategic Plan has been amended per committee work. Members will please proof amendments.

Long Range Goals: Stacy Howell

Members will please let Stacy know if there are any further amendments that need to be made to the LRG.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Theatre Workshop: MJ Etua

- Workshop will be held Oct 7 & 8 @ USM.
- MJ will send out letters to teachers and possibly an electronic flier.
- More proposals for workshops are needed by August 1.
- Workshops should be approximately 90 minutes.

*\*Side Discussion of starting an MTA youtube channel. Stacy to talk to our IT team and work out exactly who will man the website.*

SETC Report: Lee Crouse

- SETC voting body voted to approve the acquisition of the Institute of Outdoor Theatre.
- Eastern Carolina University will pay SETC \$25,000 to help begin the transition of the merger, plus an additional \$75,000 later.
- Next meeting of SETC is the Friday after Labor Day in Atlanta .

Performing Arts Standards: Stacy Howell

- Members are encouraged to share ideas for the framework with Juniper or other committee members.

HB 1523: Lee Crouse

- Board reviewed the letter composed by Lee & Stacy (?) to be submitted to Gov. Bryant (pending correction of HB # typo) and agreed that it is ready to go.
- Stacy will also post the letter on the MTA website.

Middle School Division: Stacy Howell

Motion to create ad hoc committee for Middle School Division: Tim Matheny

Second: Christopher Schager

Motion passes

*\*Side Discussion reveals that the board agrees that there is a need for a community/youth division at MTA festival even though WINGS isn't interested.*

Dream Team: Stacy Howell

- Members should brainstorm what volunteers they could use in each division at festival. We will work ahead to have these positions in place by 2018.

Creation of a Central HS Division: Stacy Howell

- The board will continue to monitor need throughout the registration process.

**NEW BUSINESS**

2017 MTA Festival: Tom Hardy & Tim Matheny

Location: Tom Hardy

- @ USM
- many activities centrally located in the Theatre & Dance bldg.
- Theatre & Dance USM faculty all on board with sharing facilities
- Secondary festival in PAC
- Community festival in Tatum (T&D bldg..)
- Adult Social – JORT will host at Dean Smith’s cabin
- Youth Social – DJ playing music, food, drinks – Thad Cochran bldg.

Adjudicators: Tim Matheny

Chris Rich, Troy University - booked

Emmanuel Buckley, American Blues Theatre in Chicago – tentatively booked (checking dates)

Mike Aulick – West Liberty – tentatively booked (checking dates)

Brian Martin – Alabama State (maybe)

Greg Maupin – Actor’s Theatre of Louisville (maybe)

Chris Kuss – West Alabama State

Shannon Robert – Clemson University – has offered

Michael Bobbitt – suggested by MJ Etua

Yolanda Williams – suggested by Lee Crouse

2018 MTA Festival: Lee Crouse

- deadline for submissions of proposals is July 15, 2016. The University of Mississippi has already submitted; Mississippi State University & Mississippi University for Women plan to.

**DIVISION REPORTS**

Playwriting: Joe Frost

- Division continues to encourage submissions for adult & high school competitions.
- Darian Michael – possible judge
- Joe would appreciate other judge suggestions.

College/University: Christopher Schager

- Division requests bulletin board to post overall callbacks from auditions.

SETC Auditions: Cody Stockstill

- November (?) 19 & 20
- Chris Roebuck – possible respondent
- Cody will make students & teachers aware of new audition rules: no bookending – do one song, one monologue.

Community Theatre: Stacy Howell

- Friday & Saturday shows will be in a separate venue from the high school competition.
- Stacy will encourage members of the division to start looking for and referring after-school programs.

Professional Division: Stacy Howell

- Francine is headed to the Theatre Communications Group convention and plans to enlist them as a vendor for MTA.
- Cody suggested that Stacy contact PreSonus (Baton Rouge) as a vendor for festival.
- 4 Wall (formerly Theatrical Lighting Systems) was also suggested as a vendor for festival.

Secondary Individual Events: Bill Rester

- Bill will create a video to inform students & teachers of changes.
- Bill requested online form for teachers to fill out when registering students for IEs so he doesn't have to type score cards by hand.
- Tim Matheny suggested asking USM faculty to display design work to inspire students & encourage student/professional dialogue.

Adult Individual Events: Kenneth McDade

- Division would like to add more information about Adult IEs to the MTA website and make the link more obvious.

Theatre for Youth: Dana Jones

- Sherrie has created Facebook group for the division.

Secondary: MJ Etua

- MJ plans to create a Facebook group for the division.
- There was much discussion over whether to offer boxed lunches.
- Division made suggestions for souvenir items to sell: flash drives, lanyards, ribbons, buttons, koozies.
- Photo-op ideas: free red carpet shots and photo booth w/props w/fee per pics.

10-Minute: Yolanda Williams

- Division requested college interns to assist with and/or present workshops.
- Division plans to get back to a more structured schedule for their portion of the festival.

Other Business – none

**LUNCH**

**TOUR OF FACILITIES**

**ADJOURNMENT**