

## USITT Southwest Conference Minutes

Don Childs call the meeting to order: 9:00 AM

### **New membership update**

- 15 Individual
- 1 Organizational
- 48 Students

Clairemarie Verheyen reported that Elizabeth had pneumonia and ask Clairemarie to report that the Region Was Financially Sound.

Meeting was turned over to Kasey Forman and Kris Hanssen to discuss regions role in Phoenix and in Houston in 2008

### **Session Suggestions issues discussed:**

- 7 Tobin Collection: Possible PDW. The display is closed at that time but would be willing to open.
- 7 Houston Space Center: Possible PDW
- 7 Fashion Modification:
- 7 Alley Theatre: Metal Workshop
  - If the Alley space not available at that time, the school will be on Spring Break-- ....Space could be found there.
- 7 Tours Of Houston Spaces: Pay small fee for transportation
- 7 Rendering: Possible PDW. Hold in conference center
  - o If using Desmond Heely check with National to see about selling posters.
- 7 Stage Management PDW: Focus on Equity rules and regulations. How to work equity
- 7 Combat: Specifically combat tools: Brian?[not sure last name]
- 7 Film- Clairemarie Verheyen
- 7 Oscar Brockett- Don Childs?
- 7 Alley Theatre: Health and Safety on the Renovations
- 7 Bob and Dockett Puppet Theatre
- 7 Wigs and Millinery: Paige Willson [Milliner/Crafts Master]at Alley.
  - o **Additional ideas bring to Nationals**
- 7 Lighting: Still looking for a lighting PDW topic idea.
  - Need a space in the Houston area with a light lab and Computers to do a proper lighting PDW. Have yet to find one. Don Childs will look into this.

### **Student Workers for Houston Conference**

- 7 Students get Free conference registration
- 7 Jason Foreman Resource Coordinator

### **Two Positions that need Heads”**

- 7 Transportation- Gregg Buck volunteered
- 7 Student Volunteer Head- Clairemarie volunteered

### **Programming for National in 08**

- 7 Looking for Volunteers to man the EXPO table
- 7 Desmond Heely proposed as Keynote speaker
- 7 Betty from the Alley: Suggested by Clairemarie Verheyen
- 7 David Nancarrow also suggested as possible honorees
- 7 Going to Table the vote until Phoenix meeting since there may be stronger turnout at that meeting.

### **Vice President in charge of Regional Symposiums issue discussed:**

- 7 Vote on this in Phoenix due to lack of turnout
- 7 Casey Foreman Motion
- 7 Doug Gilpin Second

### **Discussed changing meeting time from MLK weekend to new slot since it conflicts with TETA**

- 7 Vote in Phoenix due to lack of turnout

### **Super Saturday's issues discussed:**

- 7 Proposed by Don Childs
- 7 Pick a few times a year to meet up and do own PDW's.

### **Discussion of display panels**

- 7 What shall we do with panels was discusses and tabled until Phoenix.
- 7 Region will use some of its budget to rent a storage space to hold panels until Phoenix

### **Motion for Jason Foreman for V.P of Information**

- 7 JR [Shultz? Form the Tobin Collection] second motion
- 7 AMMENDMENT by Casey Foreman to change Jason Foremen 's Vice Position to that of Information Officer.
- 7 Second by Clairemarie Verheyen but Clairemarie suggested the job descriptions for all V.P. jobs since this suggested job may already exist as someone's responsibility.

### **Newsletter issues discussed:**

- 7 E-News Letter because paper too costly.
- 7 Find financial Backer
- 7 It was too challenging to gather information monthly so it will now be quarterly not monthly
- 7 Send articles to Jason Foreman for layout
- 7 Have newsletter available for Phoenix
- 7 We will sell advertising in the journal
- 7 Magazine style layout
- 7 Print in San Antonio

Motion by Gregg Buck to change name of Newsletter to **Backstage Journal**

- 7 Jason second motion
- 7 Approved by all.

Motion by Doug Gilpin for JR to be editor for Newsletter under Jason

- 7 Kim Adams Second
- 7 Approved by all.

Motion by Doug Gilpin to be able to spend necessary means to do the paper correctly

- 7 JR second
- 7 700 Copies: 200 to region 500 to national

### **New Memberships**

- 7 Need more members by Houston to be able to work Houston
- 7 Don Childs will contact National members who are in the region yet not regional members

### **Next Fall Symposium**

- 7 Fayetteville possible location: Check with Andy
- 7 Look into west Texas or Oklahoma, Dallas TCU, Durant, Henderson State University
- 7 Don will send out an email for more suggestions
- 7 Once location is finalized set up location

### **Motion for Adjournment by Doug Gilpin**

2<sup>nd</sup> by Kim Adams.  
All in favor aye.

These minutes respectfully submitted by Johannah Hail [student Henderson State University]

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### **Addendum:**

#### **AWARDS**

Faculty received award for bringing most new members to the conference: Free Las Vegas Trip by The don Childs Group

Props Design Award: McKay Talley Prize – Confetti Canon

1<sup>st</sup> Place Costume Design: Beverly Vega Prize – Norcostco Costume Library

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Costume Design: Bich Do Prize – \$100.00

3<sup>rd</sup> Place Costume Design: Jared Pike Prize - \$50.00

1<sup>st</sup> Place Makeup Design: Nara Lesser – Prize Make Up Book

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Make-up Design: Stormy Mitchell – Prize \$100.00

Lighting Design: NO ENTRIES THIS YEAR

Stage Management: Johannah Hail – Prize Lightwright Program, Stick-up Light

1<sup>st</sup> Place Scenic Painting: JR Bruce - Prize Set of Rosco Scenic Fitchs and Painters Apron  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place Scenic Painting: Holly Flannery: - Prize Subscription to Painters Journal  
1<sup>st</sup> Place Scenic Design Award: Michael McGeHee – Prize \$250 cash prize  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place Scenic Design Award: Holly Flannery - Prize WYSIWYG Program  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place Scenic Design Award: JR Bruce – Prize \$100.00 Cash Prize  
Shuler Shook Overall Design Presentation Award : Michael McGeHee - Prize  
Conference Resistration & Airfare