

Minutes
Event Safety Working Group
Saturday, 07 October 2023
Marriott D/FW Westlake

Chairperson:

Donald Cooper; Event Safety Alliance; P; G

Recording secretary:

Richard Nix (ESTA)

Attendees:

Alyxzander Bear; Insomniac; P; EVP
Jeremy Dixon; Digital Sound Systems; O; DR
Don Earl; Earl Girls, Inc.; P; DR
Ethan W Gilson; Entertainment Rigging Services, LLC; P; DE
Joe Golden; Gallagher Staging & Productions; P; DE
William B. Gorlin; M.G. McLaren, P.C.; O; G
Jerry Gorrell; Theatre Safety Programs; P; G
Erin Grabe; Yvonne's Dance Academy; P; DE
Randell Greenlee; VPLT; P; G
Jochen Habsch; Jochen Habsch; I; EW
Dominic Housiaux; Lankey & Limey, LTD; P; EVP
Neil Huff; Taylor & Taylor Insurance Brokers; P; INS
Manny Marquez; Nightlife Security Consultants, LLC; P; G
Janine Ashley Oblak; CITT/ICTS; P; G
Jeffrey M. Reder; Clark-Reder Engineering, Inc.; O; DE
Chris Schmidt; Freeman Companies; P; DR
Sunny Shergill; Clayton Valley Charter High School; P; EVP
Eric Silzer; Reed Rigging, Inc.; A; DR
Keith Sklar; Actors' Equity Association; P; PA
Stewart Stephens; S2 Technologies; P; DE
Patrick Stewart; Patrick Stewart; I; EW
Mike Weston; Encore Global; A; EVP
Nathan Wilkinson; Actors' Equity Association; A; PA
Tyler Wise; Visional; P; EVP

Visitors:

Michael Viau, Pinnacle Live

1 Opening Remarks

Don Cooper called the meeting to order at 14:06, welcoming everyone and thanking them for taking time to attend today's meeting.

2 Patent and anti-trust statements

2.1 Reading of the anti-trust statement

Don Cooper read the following statement aloud to the assembly:

ESTA and its members take seriously their obligation to comply with all applicable antitrust laws. Therefore, during this meeting and during all ESTA events, all discussions will be limited to those subjects that are permitted by the antitrust laws. All members should refrain from any discussion or mention of competitively sensitive subjects such as the current or future prices charged for any member product or services, current or future marketing plans or strategies, and current or future costs, including employee salaries. There also must be no agreement on the suppliers or customers that members will or will not do business with or the markets in which members will conduct business.

Violations of the antitrust laws can have serious consequences. If you have any questions or concerns about anything that is discussed at an ESTA meeting, please bring your concern to ESTA management. An easy to read pamphlet describing the antitrust laws is available from the ESTA staff.

Richard Nix held up a copy of the pamphlet for all to see.

2.2 Reading of the call for patents

Don Cooper read the following statement aloud to the assembly:

ESTA intends not to publish any standard that contains protected intellectual property, unless that information can be licensed by anyone for a reasonable fee. ESTA uses a process of open patent and copyright disclosures to implement its intent. ESTA does not conduct patent or copyright searches and does not warrant that its standards contain no protected intellectual property.

In keeping with the open disclosures policy, I ask if anyone present wishes to notify this working group of the existence of a patent, patent application, copyright, or other protected intellectual property that might protect material in a standard being developed by this working group. You need not be the holder of the patent or copyright to notify this working group of its existence.

No notifications were given.

3 Attendance and Membership

3.1 Requirements for membership

Don Cooper read the following statement aloud to the assembly:

Membership is open to all parties who are affected by the work of the group; membership in ESTA is not a requirement, but there is a \$100/person/year participation fee to help fund the costs of running the Technical Standards Program. New applications shall not be processed until the participation fee has been paid. Voting members are required to attend meetings and vote on letter ballots. Any principal member and alternate that both miss three consecutive meetings or that miss three consecutive letter ballots will have their membership status changed to observer. This action will be taken at the beginning of the first meeting after such inaction and will be recorded in the minutes of that meeting.

3.2 Determination of a quorum

There are now 40 voting members, so a quorum is 14; a supermajority is 21.

Richard Nix confirmed that the quorum requirements had been met, but the supermajority requirements had not been met.

3.3 Processing of new membership and status change requests

The following applications or status change requests have been received:

Sunny Shergill; Clayton Valley Charter High School; P; EVP (new application)

Dominic Housiaux moved to approve the application. The motion was seconded, and carried without objection or abstention.

3.4 Changes to observer status

3.4.1 Changes due to attendance

The following voting members have missed two consecutive meetings. Their voting status will be changed to that of Observer if they are not present at today's meeting.

*Bautista Event Specialists Team: Ed Bautista
Chicken Scratch: Mike Aug
Ira Rosen LLC: Ira Rosen
Patrick Stewart: Patrick Stewart
Show Makers, Inc: Jim Digby*

None were present, so their status was changed as noted.

3.4.2 Missed letter ballot notice

The following voters have missed two consecutive letter ballots. Their voting status will be changed to that of Observer if the next letter ballot is missed.

Janine A. Jordan; Electronic Music Alliance

3.5 Automatic status changes

3.6 Consensus body

The consensus voting body table shown below is current after all actions occurring at this meeting:

Name	Representing	Status	Int Cat
Keith Sklar	Actors' Equity Association	P	PA
Nathan Wilkinson	Actors' Equity Association	A	PA
Steven A. Adelman	Adelman Law Group, PLLC	P	G
Janine Ashley Oblak	CITT/ICTS	P	G
Monique Corbeil	CITT/ICTS	A	G
Sunny Shergill	Clayton Valley Charter High School	P	EVP
Doug Bruce	Doug Bruce Productions, LLC	P	DE
Don Earl	Earl Girls, Inc.	P	DR
Janine A. Jordan	Electronic Music Alliance	P	G
Tim Salamon	Encore Global	P	EVP
Mike Weston	Encore Global	A	EVP
Allen Winzler	Entertainment and Rigging Engineering	P	DE
Ethan W Gilson	Entertainment Rigging Services, LLC	P	DE
Donald Cooper	Event Safety Alliance	P	G
Janet Sellery	Event Safety Alliance Canada	P	G
Chris Schmidt	Freeman Companies	P	DR
Danielle Hernandez	Furman University	P	G
Joe Golden	Gallagher Staging & Productions	P	DE
Jochen Habsch	Jochen Habsch	I	EW
Bryan Huneycutt	Halo Solutions	P	EVP
Robert Haycock	Robert Haycock	I	EW
Marco Robles	I.A.T.S.E. Local 80	P	EW
Alyxzander Bear	Insomniac	P	EVP
Dominic Housiaux	Lankey & Limey, LTD	P	EVP
Manny Marquez	Nightlife Security Consultants, LLC	P	G
Richard J. Nix	Richard J. Nix	I	G
Bennett Brian	Reed Rigging Inc.	P	DR
Eric Silzer	Reed Rigging Inc.	A	DR
Stewart Stephens	S2 Technologies	P	DE
Sanford P. Gilzow	Shur-Rig LLC	P	DR
Robert Peterson	Shur-Rig LLC	A	DR
Daniel Ayers	StageRight Services LLC	P	DE
Daniel Swalec	Daniel Swalec	I	DE
Tami Richter	SXSW, LLC	P	EVP
Neil Huff	Taylor & Taylor Insurance Brokers	P	INS
Jane Harrington	The Hartford Group	P	INS
Jerry Gorrell	Theatre Safety Programs	P	G
Randell Greenlee	VPLT	P	G
Stephen Vanciel	Stephen Vanciel	I	DE
Tyler Wise	Visional	P	EVP
Erin Grabe	Yvonne's Dance Academy	P	DE
Total possible votes:			36
Votes by interest category:	Designer (DE)		9
	Dealer or rental company (DR)		4

	Equipment provider (EQP)	0
	Event producer (EVP)	7
	Event Worker (EW)	3
	General interest (G)	10
	Insurance company (INS)	2
	Performing artist (PA)	1

Voting status key: P = Principal voter, A = Alternate voter, I = Individual voter

4 Approval of the minutes from the last meeting

[See ESMIn07-2023r1_DRAFT.pdf]

Alyxzander Bear moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and carried without objection or abstentions.

5 Approval of agenda

Dominic Housiaux moved to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded and carried without objection or abstention.

6 Old Business

6.1 Task Group reports

6.1.1 BSR ES1.2 – 202x, Event Planning, Management, & Major Incident (Jordan/Bear/Aug)

Janine Jordan (co-leader), Alyxzander Bear (co-leader), Mike Aug (co-leader), Keven Pew, Dan Louis, Bruno Marx, Don Parman, Joe Golden, Dominic Housiaux, Jesse Barnes, Brent Armstrong, Clair Wright, Don Cooper, Richard Nix.

The public review ended on 28 September. A comment summary has been distributed.

Don Cooper reported. Public review comments were received. There were also additional comments submitted outside of the public review, which Don Cooper has forwarded to the task group.

Alyxzander Bear said the task group will provide draft resolutions as soon as possible.

6.1.2 ANSI ES1.4 – 2021, Event Safety – Event Fire Safety Requirements (Revise, reaffirm or withdraw before 08 October 2026)

6.1.3 BSR ES1.5 - 202x, Medical Preparedness

Dominic Housiaux (co-leader), Robert Haycock (co-leader), Sandy Gilzow, Neil Huff, Dan Ayers, Diane Mack, Janine Jordan, Don Cooper, Christian Buschhoff, Marco Robles, and Jochen Habsch.

The public review ended on 28 September. No comments were received.

Dominic Housiaux moved to approve it as an ANS. The motion was seconded. A letter ballot will commence.

6.1.4 BSR ES1.6 – 202x, Communications (Hernandez)

Danielle Hernandez (Co-leader) Alyxzander Bear, Dominic Housiaux, Janine Jordan, Richard Nix, Don Cooper, Janet Sellery (Co-leader), Claire Wright, Tami Richter, and Doug Bruce.

From Danielle Hernandez, via email: The task group has a meeting scheduled in October.

6.1.5 ANSI ES1.7 – 2021, Event Safety – Weather Preparedness (Reaffirm, revise or withdraw before 08 March 2026)

6.1.6 BSR ES1.8 – 202x, Venue and site design (Bear)

Alyxzander Bear (Leader), Kevin Pew, Dan Louis, Frank Baird, Mike Aug, Bruno Marx, Don Parman, Joe Golden, Dominic Housiaux, Richard Nix, Don Cooper, and Doug Bruce

Any news or action?

Don Cooper reported. The task group continues to work on developing a draft that can be submitted to the WG for consideration.

6.1.7 ANSI ES1.9 - 2020, Crowd Management (Reaffirm, revise or withdraw before 06 July 2025)

6.1.8 BSR ES1.17 - 202x, Electrical safety and lighting (Haycock, Housiaux)

Dominic Housiaux (Co-leader), Robert Haycock (Co-leader), Don Earl, George Long, Don Parman, Tim Hansen, Steve Vanciel, Eddie Kramer, Joe Golden, Richard Nix, Don Cooper, Daniel Ayers, Danielle Hernandez
[see BSR_ES1.17_PR1 CommentResols_Draft.pdf and BSR_ES1-17_ES2018-20001r1b.pdf]

The task group has provided draft comment resolutions and a revised draft standard for consideration.

A supermajority was not present, so the item was set aside until such time as a supermajority requirement might be met by late meeting attendees.

---later action---

Richard Nix confirmed that the supermajority requirements had changed due to earlier meeting action, new attendees had arrived, so the requirements were now met.

Dominic Housiaux moved to approve the comment resolutions. The motion was seconded and carried without objection or abstention.

Dominic moved to send for 2nd public review. The motion was also carried without objection or abstentions. A BSR8 will be filed with ANSI.

Dominic thanked the late arrivals for helping to make the necessary supermajority.

6.1.9 ANSI ES1.18 – 2022, Event Safety – Rigging (Reaffirm, revise or withdraw by 20 December 2027)

6.1.10 ANSI ES1.19 - 2020, Safety Requirements for Special Event Structures (Reaffirm, revise or withdraw before 02 June 2025)

6.1.11 ANSI ES1.40 – 2023, Event Safety – Event Security (Huff, Adelman)
(reaffirm, revise, or withdraw by 18 September 2028)

It's published!

6.1.12 BSR ES1.41 – Drones
It's hovering on the agenda.

Any news or updates?

Don Cooper said it would remain hovering. There were no objections or requests for discussion.

6.1.13 BSR ES1.42, Event Safety -- Parade Safety
Steve Adelman (task group leader).

FROM THE DRAFT July meeting minutes:

Don Cooper appointed Steve Adelman as the task group leader, and asked him to send a list of people he thinks would participate.

[TSM note: Task group members must be members of the ESWG, and their TSP participation fee must be paid.]

Any other news or action?

Steve Adelman was not present. Richard Nix reiterated the agenda note, the next step is to appoint task group members who *must* be working group members.

7 New business

7.1 New project request – material handling

[see Event Safety - Material Handling - TSP Project Request.pdf]

Does the working group want to take on this project?

Dominic Housiaux said Mike Weston had done a great job of organizing the ad-hoc group. The project request is the result of their efforts. He said everyone on the ad-hoc knows too many people that have been hurt or killed due to incidents relating to this topic.

Mike Weston moved to approve the new project. The motion was seconded and carried without objection or abstentions. The motion now forwards to the Technical Standards council for consideration.

[TSM note: The TSC approved the project, and the PINS has been filed with ANSI]

Don Cooper appointed Mike Weston and Dominic Housiaux as task group leaders. Dominic said he had talked to several interested parties who were not WG members. Richard said they need to send an application to join the working group.

8 Other business and announcements

8.1 NAMM education tracks

8.2 2023 Event Safety Summit

The 2023 Event Safety Summit: New Frontiers will be held 07-09 November, at Music Hall in Houston, TX.

8.3 Above & Beyond Awards

Attendees were reminded that information about the Above & Beyond Awards may be found at http://tsp.esta.org/tsp/news/award_recipients.html. The nomination site is open year round, and the award is designed for members to highlight the work of their peers. The deadline for nominations is 01 November 2023.

9 Schedule for future meetings

The meeting schedule may be found at <http://www.esta.org/ESTA/meetings.php> or at esta.org/meetings.

The Winter meetings will be held in conjunction with the NAMM Show 2024 in Anaheim, CA during the week of 22 January 2024. The Spring meetings will be held in conjunction with USITT in Seattle, WA. During the week of 18 March 2024. The Summer meetings will be co-located with NATEAC in Brooklyn, NY during the week of 08 July 2024. The Fall 2024 meetings will probably be back in Westlake.

Richard Nix said that the NATEAC planning committee was actively seeking proposals for presentations. Anyone interested can go to the ESTA home page, and click the NATEAC Banner icon to be redirected to a proposal submittal form.

10 Adjournment

The agenda business being completed, with no further business brought forward, Don Cooper adjourned at 14:46.

Event Safety Working Group members as of 07 October 2023

Name	Representing	Status	Int cat
Steven A. Adelman	Adelman Law Group, PLLC	P	G
Jane Harrington, ARM	The Hartford Group	P	INS
Brent Armstrong	Alpine Rigging & Structural Design	O	DE
Mike Aug	Chicken Scratch LLC	O	EVP
Federico Augugliaro	Verity Studios AG	O	EQP
Daniel Ayers	StageRight Services LLC	P	DE
Evan Bailey	Disco Donnie Presents	O	DE
Ed Bautista	Bautista Event Specialists Team	O	EVP
Alyxzander Bear	Insomniac	P	EVP
Justin Bennett	University of the Incarnate Word	O	EVP
Bob Berlin	Phoenix (city of), Parks and Recreation Department	O	EVP
Bennett Brian	Reed Rigging Inc.	P	DR
Doug Bruce	Doug Bruce Productions, LLC	P	DE
Christian A. Buschhoff	xEMP extra Entertainment Media Publishing oHG	O	G
Angie Chamberland	930 Club	O	EW
Jesse Chant	Safewise Risk Management, Inc	O	G
Marilyn Clint	Portland Rose Festival	O	EVP
Eric Colby	The Metropolitan Opera / Lincoln Center	O	EVP
Gareth Conner	Creative Conners, Inc.	O	EQP
Donald Cooper	Event Safety Alliance	P	G
Monique Corbeil	CITT/ICTS	A	G
Rebecca Cotter	City of Markham, Ontario	O	DE
Anthony Davis	AD Davis Entertainment Group, Inc.	O	DE
Jim Digby	Show Makers, Inc	O	EVP
Jeremy Dixon	Digital Sound Systems	O	DR
Don Earl	Earl Girls, Inc.	P	DR
David Ellis	Gemsec Consulting, LLC	O	EVP
Jasmine Freeman	Las Vegas, city of	O	EVP
Roderick van Gelder	Stage Safety pty ltd	O	DE
Ethan W Gilson	Entertainment Rigging Services, LLC	P	DE
Sanford P. Gilzow	Shur-Rig LLC	P	DR
Joe Golden	Gallagher Staging & Productions	P	DE
William B. Gorlin	M.G. McLaren, P.C.	O	G
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Tim Hansen	Oasis Stage Werks	O	DR
Robert Haycock	Robert Haycock	I	EW
Markus Hehn	Verity Studios AG	O	EQP
Danielle Hernandez	Furman University	P	G
Dominic Housiaux	Lankey & Limey, LTD	P	EVP
Neil Huff	Taylor & Taylor Insurance Brokers	P	INS
Bryan Huneycutt	Halo Solutions	P	EVP
Quinten James	QtoCue Lighting Design	O	EW
Janine A. Jordan	Electronic Music Alliance	P	G
Jamil Kamal	Ink Entertainment	O	G
Eric Kant	Phase01 Crowd Management	O	DE
Kevin Kloesel	University of Oklahoma	O	G
Edwin S. Kramer	1501	O	EW
Ross Long	I.A.T.S.E. Local 891	O	G
Diane K. Mack	Mack Strategies, LLC.	O	G
KJ Magaziner	Green Mountain Concert Services	O	DE
Manny Marquez	Nightlife Security Consultants, LLC	P	G
Bruno Marx	Eventknowhow	O	EVP
Orestes Mihaly	Production Resource Group	O	EVP
Kurt J. Miner	Allianz Global Corporate & Specialty	O	INS
Richard J. Nix	Richard J. Nix	I	G
Janine Ashley Oblak	CITT/ICTS	P	G
Allen H. Ostroy	Green Mtn. Concert Services, Inc.	O	DE
Daniel Louis, P.E.	Daniel Louis, P.E.	O	DE
Robert Peterson	Shur-Rig LLC	A	DR
Kevin Pew	Digital Sound Systems	O	DR
Jeffrey M. Reder	Clark-Reder Engineering, Inc.	O	DE
Tami Richter	SXSW, LLC	P	EVP
Dana Risinger	Walmart Stores, Inc.	O	EVP
Marco Robles	I.A.T.S.E. Local 80	P	EW
Ira L. Rosen	Ira L. Rosen, LLC	O	G
Tim Salamon	Encore Global	P	EVP
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Steven Serafin	The Hartford Group	O	INS

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Keith Sklar	Actors' Equity Association	P	PA
Sean Spence	Full Spectrum Security Consultants	O	DE
Stewart Stephens	S2 Technologies	P	DE
Patrick Stewart	Patrick Stewart	O	EW
Eric Stuart	Gentian Events Ltd	O	DE
Daniel Swalec	Daniel Swalec	I	DE
Peter Tarlow	Tourism & More and the World Tourism Network	O	G
Will Todd	Area Four Industries	O	EQP
Stephen Vanciel	Stephen Vanciel	I	DE
Mike Weston	Encore Global	A	EVP
Nathan Wilkinson	Actors' Equity Association	A	PA
Peter Willis	Howard Eaton Lighting Ltd.	O	EQP
Rebecca Wilusz	Duke University Athletics	O	EVP
Allen Winzler	Entertainment and Rigging Engineering	P	DE
Tyler Wise	Visional	P	EVP
Claire Wright	Buddy, LLC	O	EQP
Jeong Sik Yoo	Ghost LX	O	G
Andrew Young	Andrew Young	O	EW