

Minutes
Technical Standards Council
Friday 20 July 2012
Hilton New York

Chairman: Mike Garl; Tomcat USA, Inc. (Vitec Group plc); P

Recording secretary: Karl G. Ruling; PLASA

Members attending:

Jules Lauve; Theatre Projects Consultants, Inc., representing ASTC; P
Wendy Holt; AMPTP/CSATF, representing the Contract Services Administration Trust Fund; P
Larry Schoeneman; DesignLab Chicago, Inc.; P
Steve Terry; Electronic Theatre Controls, Inc.; P
Edwin S. Kramer; I.A.T.S.E. Local 1; P
Alan M. Rowe; IATSE Local 728, representing the IATSE Crafts Advancement Program; P
Eddie Raymond; IATSE Local 16 (PLASA NA Chairman); P
Ken Vannice; Leviton Manufacturing Co., Inc.; P
Lori Rubinstein; PLASA NA; ex officio
Bill Sapsis; Sapsis Rigging, Inc.; P
Jerry Gorrell; Theatre Safety Programs, representing USITT; P

Visitors:

Roger Lattin; IATSE Local 728
Michael Lay; Philips Color Kinetics
Kimberly Corbett; Schuler Shook

1 Opening remarks

Mike Garl called the meeting to order at 9:05. This was a bit after the 9:00 scheduled starting time to allow people extra time to find the meeting room in the lower level of the Hilton New York.

2 Attendance and membership

2.1 Taking attendance

A green sign-in sheet was circulated.

2.2 Welcome to visitors

The visitors were welcomed.

2.3 Introductions

Those present introduced themselves.

2.4 Consensus body

The full consensus body, including those not present, was:

Name	Company or representation	Voting status
Jules Lauve	Theatre Projects Consultants, Inc., representing ASTC	P
Eugene Leitermann	Theatre Projects Consultants, Inc., representing ASTC	A
Wendy Holt	AMPTP/CSATF, representing the Contract Services Administration Trust Fund	P

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Larry Schoeneman	DesignLab Chicago, Inc.	P
Steve Terry	Electronic Theatre Controls	P
Edwin S. Kramer	I.A.T.S.E. Local 1	P
Alan M. Rowe	IATSE Local 728, representing the IATSE Crafts Advancement Program	P
Eddie Raymond	IATSE Local 16 (PLASA NA Chairman)	P
Ken Vannice	Leviton Manufacturing Co., Inc.	P
Mike Wood	Mike Wood Consulting LLC	P
Mitch Hefter		P
Ron Bonner	PLASA Technical Resources Office, representing PLASA EU	P
Harry Box	PLASA Production Equipment Rental Group	P
JR Reid	JR Lighting, Inc., representing the PLASA Production Equipment Rental Group	A
Bill Sapsis	Sapsis Rigging, Inc.	P
Jerry Gorrell	Theatre Safety Programs, representing USITT	P
Louis Bradfield	USITT	A
Mike Garl	Tomcat USA, Inc. (Vitec Group plc)	P
	Total votes possible	15

Eleven voters were present during this meeting.

3 Approval of minutes from the previous meeting

See *TSCmin03-2012.pdf*.

Bill Sapsis moved that the draft minutes be approved as written. The motion was seconded and then approved with a show of hands.

4 Call for patents, to be read aloud to the assembly

Mike Garl read the following statement aloud to the assembly:

"PLASA intends not to publish any standard that contains protected intellectual property, unless that information can be licensed by anyone for a reasonable fee. PLASA uses a process of open patent and copyright disclosures to implement its intent. PLASA 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 the Technical Standards Council of the existence of a patent or copyright or other intellectual property that might protect material in a standard being developed by a working group. You need not be the holder of the patent or copyright to notify the Technical Standards Council of its existence."

Nothing was reported.

5 Anti-trust statement, to be read aloud to the assembly

Mike Garl read the following statement aloud to the assembly:

"The PLASA Board of Directors and the leadership of this Technical Standards Council will reject or nullify any actions that unlawfully restrain trade. Anyone who feels that such an action is being or has been taken is requested to bring that matter to the attention of the chair immediately. Anyone who feels that actions in restraint of trade have been taken and not properly annulled is requested to notify the PLASA Chair immediately.

"PLASA legal counsel has informed us that violations of the anti-trust laws can have serious consequences. Individuals engaged in certain unlawful conduct can be found criminally liable. An individual convicted of a criminal violation of the Sherman Act may be fined as much as \$1,000,000 and imprisoned for up to ten years. An easy to read pamphlet describing restraint of trade issues is available from the Technical Standards Manager."

The Technical Standards Manager held up some of the easy to read pamphlets. No restraint of trade issues were reported.

6 Approval of agenda

Eddie Kramer moved that the draft agenda be accepted. The motion was seconded and then approved with a show of hands.

7 Reminder about PLASA contact information on the website

Lori Rubinstein reminded people to check the contact information and to report any errors or changes needed.

8 Old business and standing reports

8.1 Financial reports

8.1.1 Treasurer's report

Lori Rubinstein reviewed on the report, which had been distributed by email shortly before the meeting.

8.1.2 Status of contributions and pledges

8.1.3 Accounting of TSP documents sold

Lori Rubinstein said that she had no report for this meeting. She then reported that CETA had asked for a license to translate ANSI E1.41 for internal use. (See item 11.2, below.)

Karl Ruling reported that the ANSI eStandards Store website is now up to date.

8.2 Old Business

8.2.1 TSM's report

8.2.1.1 Report on status of documents: ones in process, ones stable, ones needing action or of concern

See PrjctsSmmry2012-07.pdf.

There were no questions or further elaboration.

8.2.1.2 Working group documents or work requiring action by the TSC at this time

8.2.1.2.1 EPWG -- Reaffirmation of ANSI E1.16

See E1-16_Results_BallotEP_2012-7004.pdf.

Ken Vannice moved that we reaffirm ANSI E1.16. The motion was seconded and then approved with a unanimous show of hands.

Steve Terry reported that ANSI E1.24 will be adopted in UL 498 by reference.

8.2.1.2.2 Fog & Smoke

Larry Schoeneman would like the TSC to re-appoint Brad Dittmer as co-chair. He is willing to serve.

Larry Schoeneman explained why he would like Brad Dittmer re-appointed. Eddie Kramer moved that Brad Dittmer be re-appointed as the Fog & Smoke Working Group co-chair. The motion was seconded and then approved with a show of hands.

8.2.1.2.3 Photometrics

8.2.1.2.3.1 Approve reaffirmation of ANSI E1.9

See *WG_E1-9_BallotResultsPhoto_2012-5006.pdf* and *E1-9-2007.pdf*

Jerry Gorrell moved that ANSI E1.9 be reaffirmed. The motion was seconded and then approved with a show of hands.

8.2.1.2.3.2 Approve BSR E1.25 as an ANS

See *SummaryPhoto2012-5005_E1-25ballot.pdf* and *BSR_E1-25-201x.pdf*

Jerry Gorrell moved that the revised E1.25 be accepted as an ANS. The motion was seconded and then approved with a unanimous show of hands. Gorrell explained that the revisions were to include LEDs explicitly.

8.2.1.2.3.3 Approve public review of a revised E1.35

See *WG_E1-35BallotResultsPhoto_2012-5007.pdf* and *E1-35-201x_LensQuality.pdf*. *This is contingent upon the working group approving the review. The working group has a meeting 17 July at which the document might be modified.*

Jerry Gorrell moved that BSR E1.35 be offered for public review. The motion was seconded and then approved with a unanimous show of hands.

8.2.1.2.3.4 Approve ANSI E1.36 reaffirmation

See *SummaryPhoto2012-5008_E1-36ballot.pdf* and *E1-36-2007ModelPolicy.pdf*.

Jerry Gorrell moved that ANSI E1.36 be reaffirmed. The motion was seconded and then approved with a unanimous show of hands.

Eddie Kramer asked if anyone uses the standard. Lori Rubinstein reported that it is used and helped solve a problem for a member at the NAB trade show.

8.2.1.2.4 RWG

8.2.1.2.4.1 Accept BSR E1.6-1 as an ANS

See *E1-6-1RWGballot2012-2014results.pdf* and *E1-6-1_2006-2011r5.pdf*

Bill Sapsis moved that BSR E1.6-1 be approved it as an American National Standard. The motion was seconded and then approved with a unanimous show of hands.

8.2.1.2.4.2 Approve public review of BSR E1.21

The working group has approved the comment resolutions and public review, but with dissent. if the working group takes no action during its meeting to withdraw the public review, it is on your agenda. See E1-21-201xFrstResolsR2.pdf, WG_E1-21_BallotResultsRig_2012-2019r1.pdf, and BSR_E1-21_2010-2025r5.pdf.

Bill Sapsis reported on how disagreements on the ballot will be handled. They will be considered as part of the public review comments.

Sapsis moved that BSR E1.21 be offered for public review. The motion was seconded and then approved with a unanimous show of hands.

8.2.1.2.4.3 Approve public review of BSR E1.39

See *E1-39ScndResolsSummary.pdf* and *BSRE1-39-2012-06-26.pdf*. *The working group might decide that the responses make no substantive changes so no additional public review is needed. In that case, there will be no public review motion for the TSC to approve.*

Bill Sapsis moved that BSR E1.39 be offered for public review. The motion was seconded and then approved with a unanimous show of hands.

8.2.1.2.4.4 E1.2

Sapsis reported that the working group will be voting by letter ballot to accept the revised E1.2 as an ANS.

8.2.1.2.4.5 Consider rigging inspection standard project

See *RiggingInspectionProjectRequestForm_10Apr2012.pdf*.

Eddie Kramer moved that we accept the project. The motion was seconded and then approved with a unanimous show of hands.

8.2.2 Review of action items from last meeting not covered above

None.

9 New business

None.

10 Optional Reports

10.1 Reports by working and task group leaders on active projects

10.1.1 Control Protocols

Mike Lay reported that the working group will meet tomorrow.

10.1.2 Electrical Power

Ken Vannice reported that the working group will meet this afternoon (20 July) and will look at a revision to BSR E1.18.

10.1.3 Floors

Jerry Gorrell and Karl Ruling talked about the E1.46 project. There was discussion, but no motions and no votes.

10.1.4 Fog and Smoke

No report.

10.1.5 Followspot Position

Eddie Kramer said that there was a posting on the Stagecraft Mailing List for a standard that is essentially ANSI E1.28. Kramer responded, saying there is ANSI E1.28, but that message seems to have come before blind eyes. There has been no further response.

10.1.6 Photometrics

No report.

10.1.7 Rigging

No report.

10.1.8 Stage Lifts

Ruling reported that the working group is very close to having a document ready for public review.

10.2 Reports of affiliated organizations and PLASA EU

10.2.1 ASTC

Jules Lauve moved that Kimberly Corbett be accepted as an alternate representative for ASTC. The motion was seconded and then approved with a unanimous show of hands.

This recommendation will be passed on to the PLASA NA Executive Committee.

10.2.2 USITT

Jerry Gorrell reported that Conner has proposed for NFPA 101 requiring a written fall protection plan for theatres. This is congruent with our E1.46 project.

10.2.3 VPLT

No news.

10.2.4 PLASA EU

No report.

11 Other business

11.1 Hearing on Martin Moore Expulsion

See TSC_ConferenceCall_MeetingMinutes6-6-2012.pdf

Mike Garl read aloud Martin Moore's email to himself and Mike Wood. Moore is in the UK and can't travel under doctor's orders. He should be able to travel in a few months.

Steve Terry argued that we should hold action until Martin Moore can be present to defend himself and to participate in any discussion of his behavior and remedies for it. Terry put this in a formal motion to we delay action until the October TSC meeting. He said the minutes should reflect that we noted his medical reasons for not attending and that we have decided to delay action until October to give him a second chance to attend the meeting to defend himself and to show reason why he should not be expelled. The motion was seconded and then approved with a show of hands.

11.2 Chinese translations of E1.41

The proposed licensing fees of 8888 CNY if published for free, 888 CNY if sold, and 310 CNY if for "internal use" were discussed briefly.

11.3 Promoting PLASA standards to AHJs

Lori reported that she and Karl Ruling will be visiting insurance companies in LA at the end of October to talk about our standards and the ETCP program. If they require the use of our standards and certified technicians, or give preferential rates for those companies that do, this will go a long way to promoting safer events.

How do we reach AHJs? Lori Rubinstein says she will talk to a PR person to get a cost estimate for reaching out to code compliance officers and inspectors.

11.4 Disney participation

Lori Rubinstein talked about Disney's interest in greater participation in the TSP. The divisions of the company—theme parks, motion picture studios, and stage shows—operate as separate entities. Could they each have a vote?

The consensus was that Disney would only be allowed one vote. The separate organizational divisions are not so separate that they could have separate votes.

11.5 Event Safety Alliance

Alan Rowe reported on the Event Safety Alliance and the meeting in Indiana.

The group is rebranding itself and is planning to draft a US version of the Pop Code. The Pop Code is really about management, having plans for dealing with emergencies.

He spoke about the importance of having someone with no financial interest in a show being empowered to initiate the safety action plan and possibly shut down the show when hazardous weather or other conditions warrant this.

12 Schedule for future meetings

Mike Garl announced that the next meeting is scheduled to be at the Las Vegas Hotel (formerly called the Las Vegas Hilton) in Las Vegas on Wednesday 17 October 2012 from 13:00 to 17:00.

13 Adjournment

Larry Schoeneman moved that the meeting adjourn. The motion was seconded. Hearing no objections, Mike Garl declared the meeting adjourned at 11:00.

TSC Membership as of 27 July 2012

Name	Company	Representing or parent company	Voting status
Jen Barratt	PLASA Marketing	PLASA EU	exf
Ron Bonner	PLASA Technical Resources Office	PLASA EU	P
Harry Box	PLASA Production Equipment Rental Group	PLASA Production Equipment Rental Group	P
Louis Bradfield	Louis Bradfield	USITT	A
Mark Engel	Rosco Laboratories	Rosco Laboratories	O
Mike Garl	Tomcat USA, Inc.	Vitec Group plc	P
Jerry Gorrell	Theatre Safety Programs	USITT	P
Matthew Griffiths	PLASA EU	PLASA EU	exf
Mitch Hefter	Mitch Hefter	Mitch Hefter	P
Florian von Hofen	VPLT	VPLT	O
Wendy Holt	AMPTP/CSATF	Contract Services Administration Trust Fund	P
David Johnson	Live Design	Penton Media	O
Edwin S. Kramer	I.A.T.S.E. Local 1	I.A.T.S.E. Local 1	P
Jules Lauve	Theatre Projects Consultants, Inc.	Amer. Society of Theatre Consultants	P
Eugene Leitermann	Theatre Projects Consultants, Inc.	Amer. Society of Theatre Consultants	A
Eddie Raymond	IATSE Local 16	IATSE Local 16	P
JR Reid	JR Lighting, Inc.	PLASA Production Equipment Rental Group	A
Alan M. Rowe	IATSE Local 728	IATSE Crafts Advancement Program	P
Lori Rubinstein	PLASA NA	PLASA NA	exf
Marian Sandberg	Live Design	Penton Media	O
Bill Sapsis	Sapsis Rigging, Inc.	Sapsis Rigging, Inc.	P
Larry Schoeneman	DesignLab Chicago, Inc.	DesignLab Chicago, Inc.	P
Steve Terry	Electronic Theatre Controls	Electronic Theatre Controls, Inc.	P

Ken Vannice	Leviton Manufacturing Co., Inc.	Leviton Manufacturing Co., Inc.	P
Mike Wood	Mike Wood Consulting LLC	Mike Wood Consulting LLC	P