

Minutes
Technical Standards Council
Monday, 24 August 2015
JoinMe

Presiding co-chair: Mike Garl; Mike Garl Consulting LLC; P

Recording secretaries: Karl G. Ruling & Erin Grabe; PLASA NA; exf

Members in attendance:

Matthew Antonucci; Contract Services Administration Trust Fund; P
Louis Bradfield; USITT; A
Jerry Gorrell; Theatre Safety Programs; USITT; P
Mitch Hefter; P
Fred Kosiewski; Walt Disney Parks & Creative Entertainment; Walt Disney Company; P
Edwin S. Kramer; I.A.T.S.E. Local 1; P
Jules Lauve ; Theatre Projects Consultants, Inc.; Amer. Society of Theatre Consultants; P
Eddie Raymond; IATSE Local 16; P
Alan M. Rowe; IATSE Local 728; IATSE Crafts Advancement Program ; P
Lori Rubinstein; PLASA NA; exf
Bill Sapsis; Sapsis Rigging, Inc.; P
Larry Schoeneman; DesignLab Chicago, Inc.; P
Mike Wood; Mike Wood Consulting LLC; P

1 Opening remarks

Mike Garl called the meeting to order at 2:18 p.m., after a last-minute change of venues from WebEx to JoinMe. He thanked everyone for attending.

2 Attendance and membership

2.1 Taking attendance

Karl Ruling took attendance by calling off the names of those identified by voice when they logged in.

2.2 Welcome to visitors

No visitors.

2.3 Introductions

Mike Garl noted that everyone on the call knew each other.

2.4 Call for quorum

Mike Garl announced that a quorum present.

2.5 Consensus body

The full consensus body of the TSC at the time of this meeting, including those not present, was:

Name	Representing	Voting status
Jules Lauve	Amer. Society of Theatre Consultants	P
Kimberly Corbett Oates	Amer. Society of Theatre Consultants	A
Eugene Leitermann	Amer. Society of Theatre Consultants	A
Matthew Antonucci	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 Crafts Advancement Program	P
Eddie Raymond	IATSE Local 16 (PLASA NA Chairman)	P
Ken Vannice	Ken Vannice LLC	P
Mike Garl	Mike Garl Consulting LLC	P
Mike Wood	Mike Wood Consulting LLC	P
Mitch Hefter	Mitch Hefter	P
Bill Sapsis	Sapsis Rigging, Inc.	P
Jerry Gorrell	USITT	P
Louis Bradfield	USITT	A
Fred Kosiewski	Walt Disney Company	P
David E. Miller	Walt Disney Company	A
Total votes possible:		14
Key to Voting Status: P = Principal voter, A = Alternate voter		

3 Approval of minutes from the previous meeting

See *TSCmin07-2015.pdf*

Bill Sapsis moved to approve the July minutes as drafted. The motion was seconded and approved by voice vote with no opposition or abstentions.

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

The following statement was read aloud to the assembly by Mike Garl:

PLASA and its members take seriously their obligation to comply with all applicable antitrust laws. Therefore, during this meeting and during all PLASA 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 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 a PLASA meeting, please bring your concern to

PLASA management. An easy to read pamphlet describing the antitrust laws is available from the PLASA staff.

Nothing concerns were brought to the group's attention.

5 Approval of agenda

See TSCag08-2015, distributed late. The TSC may approve the agenda despite the two-week rule.

Mike Garl asked if there were any additions to old business or new?

Larry Schoeneman moved to accept the agenda as written. The motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

6 Old business

7 New business

7.1 PLASA ANSI Audit 2015 and P&P revisions

See PLASA_2015_AUD_SUMM_Response-Final.pdf, p&p-r12_ShowingTrackedChanges-Final.pdf, and p&p-r12-Final.pdf.

We are required to provide to ANSI a response to the suggestions and findings from the audit. Implementing the suggestions and findings resulted in r12 of the P&P. The responses are due to ANSI by this Friday, 28 August 2015. Revised P&P are required to be submitted to ANSI within six months for reaccreditation.

The TSC, at their July meeting, already approved of the change to remove TSC approval from subsequent public reviews of draft documents.

Mike Garl asked if there were any questions or concerns on the audit responses or the revisions to the P&P.

Mitch Hefter moved to accept r12 of the P&P. The motion was seconded and there was some discussion. Mitch Hefter suggested modifying clause 15.4.2 by adding the word "first" before "public review." The group consensus was that this was a good change. Mitch Hefter modified his motion to approve the P&P as amended. The motion carried with all in favor but for one abstention by a late-comer to the call.

Mike Wood then moved to accept the ANSI Audit Responses as the official response. The motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

7.2 Developing standards for tents and other groups in the entertainment industry

The TSC, at their July meeting, approved of a motion to allow Richard Nix the authority to offer our help in writing standards to other organizations for a fee. See BigTentsFundingProposal.pdf.

This is a draft document and feedback is welcomed. Of greatest concern at this time, is the proposed \$100 TSP participation fee for all TSP participants on every working group. This fee would be regardless of voting or observer status, regardless of the number of working groups a person may participate in, and regardless of the number of representatives a company might have. If approved, the goal would be to implement the fee to begin on 1 January 2016.

The \$100 fee was discussed. Those who spoke in favor of the \$100 were saying that the TSP must find additional funding. The arguments against it were that it would discourage observer participation, since \$100 is a considerable sum for many of them. The counter argument was that those who come to meetings would not find \$100 a problem and that the public reviews and web-posted approved minutes would still be available for those who want to know what we are doing at no cost.

Bill Sapsis moved to approve the \$100 participation fee, effective January 1, 2016 for existing participants, immediately for those joining under the Big Tent Proposal. The motion was seconded. There was further discussion. By voice vote, the motion was approved unanimously.

Bill Sapsis suggested that a meeting of the Working Group Chairs be held to discuss possible changes to attendance and tracking at meetings.

Mike Garl moved on to the Big Tent Proposal. Karl Ruling clarified that the proposal would be renamed prior to being distributed to any interested parties. The consensus was that any new working group come up with their own name, to be approved by the TSC.

Larry Schoeneman moved that we accept the Big Tent Proposal as drafted. The motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Larry Schoeneman asked if we are opening our program up to developing any kind of standard. Karl Ruling explained that the standards would have to have some relevance to the PLASA membership.

8 Schedule for future meetings

Mike Garl reminded the group that the next meeting is scheduled for 15:00 to 18:00 on 21 October 2015 at the Westgate Las Vegas Resort & Casino, in conjunction with LDI.

He also reminded the group that meetings dates for Westlake, Texas in January have not been confirmed yet.

Lori Rubinstein said that there were some issues with the January hotel schedule. Our usual weekend is booked with other events, so we will need to move to an earlier weekend or move to weekday meetings. She asked what would be preferred. The sense of the group was that people will have different preferences, that no one solution to the scheduling problem will be optimal for all, or even most.

9 Adjournment

Larry Schoeneman moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded. Hearing no opposition, Mike Garl declared the meeting adjourned at 15:07.

Technical Standards Council Members as of 24 August 2015

Name	Company	Representing	Voting status
Matthew Antonucci	Contract Services Administration Trust Fund	Contract Services Administration Trust Fund	P
Ron Bonner	PLASA Technical Resources Office	PLASA EU	O
Harry Box	PLASA Production Equipment Rental Group	PLASA Production Equipment Rental Group	O
Louis Bradfield	Louis Bradfield	USITT	A
Mark Engel	Rosco Laboratories	Rosco Laboratories	O
Mike Garl	Mike Garl Consulting LLC	Mike Garl Consulting LLC	P
Jerry Gorrell	Theatre Safety Programs	USITT	P
Erin Grabe	PLASA NA	PLASA NA	exf
Matthew Griffiths	PLASA EU	PLASA EU	exf
Mitch Hefter	Mitch Hefter	Mitch Hefter	P
A. Scott Hoyt	PLASA NA Treasurer	Heartland Scenic Studio	exf
David Johnson	Live Design	Penton Media	O
Fred Kosiewski	Walt Disney Parks & Creative Entertainment	Walt Disney Company	P
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	Nextstage Design	Amer. Society of Theatre Consultants	A
David E. Miller	Walt Disney Parks & Creative Entertainment	Walt Disney Company	A
Kimberly Corbett Oates	Schuler Shook	Amer. Society of Theatre Consultants	A
Eddie Raymond	IATSE Local 16	IATSE Local 16 (PLASA NA Chairman)	P
JR Reid	JR Lighting, Inc.	PLASA Production Equipment Rental Group	O
Alan M. Rowe	IATSE Local 728	IATSE Crafts Advancement Program	P
Lori Rubinstein	PLASA NA	PLASA NA	exf
Karl G. Ruling	PLASA NA	PLASA NA	exf
Marian Sandberg	Live Design	Penton Media	O

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Ken Vannice	Ken Vannice LLC	Ken Vannice LLC	P
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