Minutes
Technical Standards Council
Wednesday 17 October 2012
The Las Vegas Hotel

Presiding chairman: Mike Garl; Tomcat USA Inc. (Milos Group); P
Recording secretary: Karl G. Ruling; PLASA

Members attending:
Jules Lauve; Theatre Projects Consultants, Inc., representing the Amer. Society of Theatre Consultants; P
Wendy Holt; AMPTP/CSATF, representing the Contract Services Administration Trust Fund; P
Larry Schoeneman; DesignLab Chicago, Inc.; P
Steve Terry; Electronic Theatre Controls; 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
Lori Rubenstein; PLASA NA; exf
Bill Sapsis; Sapsis Rigging, Inc.; P
Louis Bradfield; representing USITT; A

Visitors:
Erin Grabe; PLASA
Michael Lay; Philips Color Kinetics
Fred Koskiewski; Walt Disney Parks & Resorts Creative Entertainment
Keith Dyer; Walt Disney Parks & Resorts Creative Entertainment
David E. Miller; Walt Disney Parks & Resorts Creative Entertainment
David Saltier; K+L Gates LLP

1 Opening remarks
Mike Garl called the meeting to order at 13:09. He thanked people for attending.

Mike Garl reminded people to turn off their mobile phones or to set them to vibrate mode. He said that it's understood that some calls must be taken, but he asked for those calls to be answered outside the room.

2 Attendance and membership
Mike Garl noted that, with eleven out of a voting body of 15 present, the TSC had a quorum and could conduct business.

2.1 Taking attendance
A hot-pink sign-in sheet was circulated.

2.2 Welcome to visitors
Mike Garl welcomed the visitors. He introduced Erin Grabe to the group, and explained Erin's job as scribe. He said that she had been helpful in the E1.21 task group.

2.3 Introductions
Those present introduced themselves.

2.4 Consensus body
The full consensus body during this meeting, including those not present, was:
3 Approval of minutes from the previous meeting
See TSCmin07-2012.pdf.
Bill Sapsis moved that the draft minutes be approved. The motion was seconded. The motion was approved with a unanimous show of hands, except for abstentions by Mitch Hefter and the Chairman.

4 Call for patents, to be read aloud to the assembly
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
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 to show that they were available. No restraint of trade issues were reported.

6 Approval of agenda
Note: Item 11.1 will be handled at 14:00. Then the agenda will be resumed in order.

Larry Schoeneman said that he had a report of NFPA activity to be offered as an item 10.2.5. He moved that the agenda with this report 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 their contact information.

8 Old business and standing reports

8.1 Financial reports

8.1.1 Treasurer’s report
Mike Wood said that the report is up to date with actuals through September and with projections for the rest of the year. Expenditures and income are on course. Pretty much this same budget will be presented to the Board for 2013.

8.1.2 Status of contributions and pledges
Lori Rubinstein said that there was no news to report since the July meeting, so there is no report. There will be more contributions when we issue the dues invoices, and some news for the next meeting.

8.1.3 Accounting of TSP documents sold
Lori Rubinstein explained that the ANSI numbers are through June, but the Foundation numbers are through September.

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 PrjctsSmmry2012-10.pdf.
There were no questions or discussion about the summary.

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

8.2.1.2.1 Photometrics project proposal
See Luminosity_ProjectRequest.pdf and ProtocolWinter2008_ToCIE_or_Not_toCIE.pdf. The Photometrics Working Group has not met to consider this project yet. You can approve it pending their approval, hold action until after their meeting, or not approve it.
Karl Ruling explained the need for the project.

Mitch Hefter moved that it be accepted, pending Photometrics Working Group approval. The motion was seconded. There was discussion. The motion was approved with a show of hands.

8.2.1.2.2 Other documents
None.

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 said that the TSM's Project Summary covered the CPWG's work well, no additional report was needed.

10.1.2 Electrical Power
Mitch Hefter reported that there had been a discussion of a Canadian version of BSR E1.18.

Steve Terry reported that solution to the UL 1691 strain relief problem had been accepted by the UL committee for 1691.

10.1.3 Floors
No additional report.

10.1.4 Fog and Smoke
Larry Schoeneman reported that the working group had voted to start the process of reaffirming ANSI E1.14, the standard for fog equipment manuals.

Mike Wood moved that the standard be offered for public review for reaffirmation. The motion was seconded by discussion. The motion was approved with a show of hands.

10.1.5 Followspot Position
No additional report.

10.1.6 Photometrics
No additional report.

10.1.7 Rigging
No additional report.

10.1.8 Stage Lifts
Karl Ruling mentioned that BSR E1.42, the orchestra pit lifts standard, was in public review through October 22. There were about five responses so far, but, unless something unusual happens, more will come in on the last few days before the review closes.

10.2 Reports of affiliated organizations and PLASA EU (16:25)
10.2.1 ASTC
Jules Lauve reported that Jim Reid has stepped down as president of ASTC. Mike McMackin of Auerbach is now the president.

ASTC recently has had open and free discussions with the Society of Theatre Consultants of Britain to work toward a relationship for mutual benefit.

10.2.2 USITT
No report, reported Louis Bradfield.

10.2.3 VPLT
Lori Rubinstein explained the restructuring of VPLT, which has put Florian von Hofen in charge of special events, not day-to-day administration.

10.2.4 PLASA EU
No report.

10.2.5 NFPA
Larry Schoeneman reported that the NFPA's SPE-AAA committee for special effects is becoming active again, and will meet next month by phone and Adobe Connect.

10.2.6 Event Safety Alliance
Alan Rowe reported that the ESA is meeting by teleconference every Wednesday and plans to roll out a North American Purple Guide in January.

11 Other business

11.1 Hearing on Martin Moore Expulsion
See TSC_ConferenceCall_MeetingMinutes6-6-2012.pdf and MartinMooreEmails.pdf
Martin Moore had been requested to be present at this TSC meeting to address concerns about his behavior. He was not present.

Steve Terry moved that, since Martin Moore had failed to appear, the following resolutions and finding of fact be adopted:

"Be it resolved that Martin Moore is expelled from membership in all the PLASA Technical Standards Program working groups and barred from attending all working group meetings and all task group meetings. Based on our findings, the TSC finds that Martin Moore habitually engages in conduct that impedes the development of standards, and damages the reputation of PLASA's Technical Standards Program and PLASA.

"(1) Martin Moore is uncivil to working group members and dismissive of their qualifications.

"(2) Martin Moore argues against established procedure, undercutting the approved Policies & Procedures.

"(3) Martin Moore spreads rumors outside working group meetings about what went on in the meeting, writing to uninvolved parties and members of the press, with the effect of disparaging the comment resolution process and the efforts of working group members.

"(4) Martin Moore repeatedly accuses working group members of ulterior motives and anti-trust actions, and makes these accusations to the press.

"(5) Martin Moore disparages the efforts of PLASA staff to support the work of the Technical Standards Program."
The motion was seconded. The motion was approved with a unanimous show of hands.

Steve Terry moved that we notify Martin Moore of this resolution as quickly as possible in writing. The motion was seconded. The motion was approved with a unanimous show of hands.

11.2 Promoting PLASA standards to AHJs
Lori Rubinstein presented the marketing proposal from Minetor & Company costing $1350 to reach out to six AHJ associations. Steve Terry moved that we accept the proposal. The motion was seconded. The motion was approved with a show of hands.

11.3 Other other business
None.

12 Schedule for future meetings
Garl announced that the next meeting is scheduled for Sunday 27 January 2012, from 09:00 to 13:00, at the Marriott Solana in Westlake, TX.

13 Adjournment
Larry Schoeneman moved that the meeting adjourn. The motion was seconded and then approved by acclamation. Mike Garl declared the meeting adjourned at 14:50.
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