

Minutes
Followspot Position Working Group Meeting
Thursday, 21 January 2010
Dallas/Ft. Worth Marriott Solana
Westlake, TX

Chairmen: Jack Schmidt; Special Lighting Solutions (Ballantyne of Omaha, Inc.); P; MP
Charles I. Swift; Graham, Swift & Company, LLC; P; G

Recording secretary: Karl G. Ruling; ESTA

Members attending:

Edwin S. Kramer; I.A.T.S.E. Local 1; P; U

R. Duane Wilson; George C. Izenour Associates, representing the American Society of Theatre Consultants; P; G

Richard J. Nix; Entertainment Structures Group (Steven Schaefer Associates); P; G

Jules Lauve; Theatre Projects Consultants, Inc.; P; G

Visitors: None

1 Opening remarks from the chairman

Jack Schmidt called the meeting to order at 19:04 and welcomed everyone.

2 Patent and anti-trust statements

2.1 Patent statement

The following statement was read aloud to the assembly by Jack Schmidt:

"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 or copyright or other 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 protected intellectual property was brought to the attention of the assembly.

2.2 Anti-trust statement

The following statement was read aloud to the assembly by Charles Swift:

"The ESTA Board of Directors, the Technical Standards Committee, and the leadership of this working group 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 TSC chair or ESTA president immediately.

"ESTA 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."

Karl Ruling, the Technical Standards Manager, held up one of the easy-to-read pamphlets to show that copies were available at this meeting. No restraint of trade issues were reported by anyone to the assembly.

3 Attendance & membership

3.1 Requirements for membership

Jack Schmidt reminded the assembly that membership in the working group is open to all who are affected by the work of the group. Voting members are required to attend meetings and to vote on letter ballots. Voting members and their alternates may not miss three consecutive meetings without a loss of voting status.

3.2 Taking attendance and introductions

A blue sheet sign-in sheet was circulated. Those present introduced themselves. The one new-comer was Jules Lauve.

3.3 Determination of quorum

Schmidt noted that a majority of the working group was present, more than the quorum minimum.

3.4 Changes of voting status

The following voting member has missed the previous two consecutive meetings, and will be moved to observer status if this meeting is also missed: William L. Maiman

William Maiman was not present. Jack Schmidt announced that he is now an observer member.

3.5 Processing of new membership requests

One application was pending:

- Jules Lauve; Theatre Projects Consultants; principal; general interest

Richard Nix moved that Lauve's application be accepted. The motion was seconded and then approved by acclamation.

3.6 Consensus body

The full consensus body during this meeting, including those not present, was:

Name	Company	Representing (This is the sort field.)	Voting status	Int. cat.
R. Duane Wilson	George C. Izenour Associates	Amer. Society of Theatre Consultants	P	G
Jack Schmidt	Special Lighting Solutions	Ballantyne of Omaha, Inc.	P	MP
Chip Purchase	Jones Hall	Foundation for Jones Hall	P	U
Charles I. Swift	Graham, Swift & Company, LLC	Graham, Swift & Company, LLC	P	G
Edwin S. Kramer	I.A.T.S.E. Local 1	I.A.T.S.E. Local 1	P	U
Richard Logothetis	Lycian Stage Lighting	Lycian Stage Lighting	P	MP
Fred Lindauer	Robert Juliat USA	Robert Juliat SA	P	MP
Richard J. Nix	Entertainment Structures Group	Steven Schaefer Associates	P	G
Kyle Kusmer	Entertainment Structures Group	Steven Schaefer Associates	A	G
Jules Lauve	Theatre Projects Consultants, Inc.	Theatre Projects Consultants, Inc.	P	G
		Total	9	
			0	CP
			3	MP
			0	DR
		Subtotals by interest categories	2	U
			4	G
			0	D

4 Approval of minutes from the Thursday, 16 July 2009 meeting

See FPmin07-2009.pdf

Eddie Kramer moved that the draft minutes be approved as written. The motion was seconded and then approved by acclamation.

5 Approval of agenda

Eddie Kramer moved that the draft agenda be accepted. The motion was seconded and then approved by acclamation.

6 Old Business

Consideration of third public review comments. See E1-28RevwSmmryByCls.pdf and E1-28RevwSummary.pdf

Richard Nix had drafted a set of possible comment resolutions, which had been circulated among the working group members before the meeting via email. The document resulting from that circulation was discussed and further modified during the meeting, creating a comment resolutions document, *Summary of Third Public Review Comments and Resolutions BSR E1.28, Guidance on Planning Followspot Positions* (document number FP/2010-9002). BSR E1.28 was modified, but not substantively, to accommodate the resolutions.

Richard Nix moved that the resolutions to the third public review (document number FP/2010-9002) be accepted. The motion was seconded and then approved by a roll call ballot, with six out of a voting body of nine voting Yes, and no objections or abstentions. This met the requirements for passing a motion requiring a supermajority.

Name	Company	Representing (This is the sort field.)	Voting status	Int. cat.	Vote?
R. Duane Wilson	George C. Izenour Associates	Amer. Society of Theatre Consultants	P	G	Yes
Jack Schmidt	Special Lighting Solutions	Ballantyne of Omaha, Inc.	P	MP	Yes
Chip Purchase	Jones Hall	Foundation for Jones Hall	P	U	Absent
Charles I. Swift	Graham, Swift & Company, LLC	Graham, Swift & Company, LLC	P	G	Yes
Edwin S. Kramer	I.A.T.S.E. Local 1	I.A.T.S.E. Local 1	P	U	Yes
Richard Logothetis	Lycian Stage Lighting	Lycian Stage Lighting	P	MP	Absent
Fred Lindauer	Robert Juliat USA	Robert Juliat SA	P	MP	Absent
Richard J. Nix	Entertainment Structures Group	Steven Schaefer Associates	P	G	Yes
Kyle Kusmer	Entertainment Structures Group	Steven Schaefer Associates	A	G	
Jules Lauve	Theatre Projects Consultants, Inc.	Theatre Projects Consultants, Inc.	P	G	Yes

	Yes	Yes with comments	No with reasons	Abstain	Absent	Totals
CP	0	0	0	0	0	0
MP	1	0	0	0	2	3
DR	0	0	0	0	0	0
U	1	0	0	0	1	2
G	4	0	0	0	0	4
D	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	6	0	0	0	3	9

Richard Nix moved that the version of BSR E1.28 created at this meeting be accepted as an American National Standard. The motion was seconded. The question will be decided by letter ballot.

7 New Business

None.

8 Other Business

R. Duane Wilson asked for a brief discussion on how the standard might be distributed by followspot dealers or others when it is published. There was discussion. Karl Ruling described some of the licensing agreements that ESTA has with other trade associations and unions, and said that there was no absolute rule on appropriate royalties. If the group wanted to have a special licensing agreement for companies or other organizations that might want to distribute this document, they should make a reasonable offer to the TSC.

9 Schedule of future meetings

It was announced that no March meeting was on the schedule. [Since then, a meeting has been scheduled for 2 April from 08:00 to 10:00 at the Marriott Kansas City Downtown.]

10 Adjournment

Richard Nix moved that the meeting adjourn. The motion was seconded and then approved by acclamation. Jack Schmidt announced the meeting adjourned at 21:17.

Working Group Membership and Contact Information as of 17 Februry 2010

Name	Company	Representing (Primary sort field)	Voting status	Int. cat.
R. Duane Wilson	George C. Izenour Associates	Amer. Society of Theatre Consultants	P	G
Jack Schmidt	Special Lighting Solutions	Ballantyne of Omaha, Inc.	P	MP
Cary Feher	CaRyEATIONS	CaRyEATIONS	O	U
Chip Purchase	Jones Hall	Foundation for Jones Hall	P	U
Charles I. Swift	Graham, Swift & Company, LLC	Graham, Swift & Company, LLC	P	G
Edwin S. Kramer	I.A.T.S.E. Local 1	I.A.T.S.E. Local 1	P	U
Thomas Paterson	Lux Populi SA de CV	Lux Populi SA de CV	O	G
Richard Logothetis	Lycian Stage Lighting	Lycian Stage Lighting	P	MP
Kim Hartshorn	Plattsburgh State University Theatre	Plattsburgh State University	O	U
Fred Lindauer	Robert Juliat USA	Robert Juliat SA	P	MP
Stephen Vanciel	Stephen Vanciel	Stephen Vanciel	O	U
Richard J. Nix	Entertainment Structures Group	Steven Schaefer Associates	P	G
Kyle Kusmer	Entertainment Structures Group	Steven Schaefer Associates	A	G
John Tedesco	The Phoebus Company, Inc.	The Phoebus Company, Inc.	O	MP
Curtis Kasefang	Theatre Consultants Collaborative, LLC	Theatre Consultants Collaborative, LLC	O	CP
Jules Lauve	Theatre Projects Consultants, Inc.	Theatre Projects Consultants, Inc.	P	G
Jerry Gorrell	Theatre Safety Programs	Theatre Safety Programs	O	U
William L. Maiman	William L. Maiman	William L. Maiman	O	G

Key to codes:

P	principal	MP	mass-market producer
A	alternate	CP	custom-market producer
I	individual	DR	dealer or rental company
O	observer	U	user
		G	general interest
		D	designer