

Minutes
Followspot Position Working Group Teleconference Meeting
Tuesday, 11 January 2011
Ready Conference

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; PLASA

Members attending:

R. Duane Wilson; George C. Izenour Associates, representing ASTC; P; G
Chip Purchase; Jones Hall (Foundation for Jones Hall); P; U
Edwin S. Kramer; I.A.T.S.E. Local 1; P; U (arrived @ 20:53
Richard Logothetis; 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
Jules Lauve; Theatre Projects Consultants, Inc.; P; G

1 Opening remarks from the Chairman

Jack Schmidt called the meeting to order at 20:34 EST

2 Patent and Anti-Trust statements

2.1 Patent statement

The following statement was read aloud to the meeting attendees by Jack Schmidt.

"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 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."

There was silence. No protected intellectual property was reported.

2.2 Anti-trust statement

The following statement was read aloud to the meeting attendees by Charles Swift

"The PLASA Board, the Technical Standards Council, 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 PLASA president 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."

No restraint of trade issues were reported.

3 Attendance & membership

3.1 Requirements for membership

Jack Schmidt reminded the attendees 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

Roll was called.

3.3 Determination of quorum

Jack Schmidt announced that a quorum was present and business could be conducted.

3.4 Changes of voting status

The following voting member has missed the last two meetings and will be moved to observer status if this meeting is also missed:

Fred Lindauer; Robert Juliat SA

Lindauer was present, so there was no change to his voting status.

Richard Nix moved that R. Duane Wilson and Charles Swift, who had become observers due to lack of meeting attendance, be returned to voting status. The motion was seconded. The motion was approved with a voice vote, with no opposition.

3.5 Consensus body

The consensus body during this meeting was. All were present.

Name	Company	Representing (This is the 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
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	
		Subtotals by interest categories	0	CP
			3	MP
			0	DR
			2	U
			4	G
			0	DE

3.5 Processing of new membership requests

None.

4 Approval of minutes from the 15 October 2010 meeting

See *FPmin10-2010.pdf*.

Richard Nix moved that the draft minutes be accepted. The motion was seconded. The motion was approved on a voice vote.

5 Approval of agenda

Fred Liindauer moved that the draft agenda be accepted. The motion was seconded by Jules Lauve and then approved with a voice vote.

6 Old Business

None.

7 New Business

7.1 Approval of the engineering argument for floor loading recommendations

See item 8.2.1.3.1 in the draft minutes of the 20 October 2010 TSC meeting, *TSCmin10-2010.pdf*. See the engineer's response, *Signed-ResponseFloorLoad15Dec2010a.pdf*.

There was a discussion of the engineering argument, which had been prepared by Kyle Kusmer and Richard Nix. The consensus was that the working group had done due diligence and given Curtis Kasefang a fair hearing.

Richard Logothetis moved that *Signed-ResponseFloorLoad15Dec2010a.pdf* shall be accepted as the working group's explanation of the loading recommendation. The motion was seconded by R. Duane Wilson. The motion was accepted with a unanimous roll call vote.

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	Yes
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	Yes
Fred Lindauer	Robert Juliat USA	Robert Juliat SA	P	MP	Yes
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
		Total	9		Yes

	Yes	Yes with comments	No with reasons	Abstain	Not present/ no vote cast	Totals
CP	0	0	0	0	0	0
MP	3	0	0	0	0	3
DR	0	0	0	0	0	0
U	2	0	0	0	0	2
G	4	0	0	0	0	4
DE	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	9	0	0	0	0	9

7.2 Response to Curtis Kasefang's email to Steve Terry

There was a discussion of Curtis Kasefang's email to Steve Terry (FW-KasefangEmail.pdf) and Jack Schmidt's draft written response to that email (SchmidtRspns-FWKasefangEmail.pdf).

Richard Nix moved that Charles Swift and Jack Schmidt draft a letter to the TSC focusing on procedural aspects and stating that the unanimous opinion of the working group is that this document is what we wish to put forth, and that the standard is based on "sound engineering practices." The motion was seconded. The motion was approved on a voice vote with no opposition or abstentions.

There was no other new business.

8 Other Business

None.

9 Schedule of future meetings

There was discussion of the need for a meeting at USITT. The consensus of the group was that the co-chairs will call a working group meeting at USITT if necessary.

10 Adjournment

Richard Nix moved that the meeting adjourn. The motion was seconded. Hearing no opposition, Jack Schmidt declared the meeting adjourned at 21:22.

Working Group Membership as of 11 January 2011

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
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:

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| 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 |
| | DE designer |