

Minutes
Followspot Positions Working Group
Thursday 20 January 2022
via WebEx

Chairpersons:

Steve Vanciel; Steve Vanciel; I; U (presiding)
Richard Logothetis; Lycian Stage Lighting; P; MP

Recording secretaries:

Karl Ruling and Richard Nix (ESTA)

Attendees:

Christopher B. Tilton; About the Stage, LLC; P; DE
R. Duane Wilson; Amer. Society of Theatre Consultants; P; DE
Rebecca Xiao; Guangzhou Haoyang Electronic Co., Ltd.; P; CP
Edwin S. Kramer; I.A.T.S.E. Local 1; P; U
Jules Lauve ; Theatre Projects Consultants, Inc.; P; DE
Steve Vanciel; Steve Vanciel; I; U (presiding)
Richard Logothetis; Lycian Stage Lighting; P; MP

1 Opening Remarks

Steve Vanciel called the meeting to order at 11:02, welcoming everyone to the meeting.

2 Patent and anti-trust statements

2.1 Reading of the anti-trust statement

Steve Vanciel read the following statement aloud to the assembly.

ESTA and its members take seriously their obligation to comply with all applicable antitrust laws. Therefore, during this meeting and during all ESTA 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 or will not 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 an ESTA meeting, please bring your concern to ESTA management. An easy to read pamphlet describing the antitrust laws is available from the ESTA staff.

Karl Ruling held up the pamphlet in front of his camera, for all video enabled attendees to see. No anti-trust concerns were raised.

2.2 Reading of the call for patents

Steve Vanciel read the following statement aloud to the assembly.

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, patent application, copyright, or other protected 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.

Nothing was revealed.

3 Attendance and Membership

3.1 Requirements for membership

Steve Vanciel read the following statement aloud to the assembly.

Membership is open to all parties who are affected by the work of the group; membership in ESTA is not a requirement, but there is a \$100/person/year participation fee to help fund the costs of running the Technical Standards Program. Voting members are required to attend meetings and vote on letter ballots. Any principal member and alternate that both miss three consecutive meetings or letter ballots will have their membership status changed to observer. This action will be taken at the beginning of the first meeting after such inaction and will be recorded in the minutes of that meeting.

3.2 Introduction of attendees and taking attendance

Everyone introduced themselves.

3.3 Determination of a quorum

Karl Ruling declared that a quorum was present and supermajority motion could be passed.

3.4 Processing of new membership and status change requests

One new application and one change:

*Xiao Cuijuan; Guangzhou Haoyang Electronic Co., Ltd.; Principal; Custom-market Producer
Steve Vanciel, changing representation to represent himself alone*

Richard Logethetis moved to accept the application and status change request. The motion was seconded, and carried without objection or abstentions.

3.5 Changes to observer status due to lack of attendance

The following people have missed the last two meetings and will become observers if this meeting is also missed:

*Edwin S. Kramer; I.A.T.S.E. Local 1; Principal; User
Jerry Gorrell; Theatre Safety Programs; Principal; User*

Eddie Kramer was present. Jerry Gorrell was not present, so his status was changed to observer.

3.5.1 Automatic status changes

None.

3.6 Consensus body

Name	Representing	Status	Int Cat
Chris Tilton	About the Stage LLC	P	DE
R. Duane Wilson	Amer. Society of Theatre Consultants	P	DE
Rebecca Xiao	Guangzhou Haoyang Electronic Co., Ltd.	P	CP
Edwin S. Kramer	I.A.T.S.E. Local 1	P	U
Stephen Vanciel	Stephen Vanciel	I	U
Richard Logothetis	Lycian Stage Lighting	P	MP
Richard J. Nix	Richard J. Nix	I	G
Jules Lauve	Theatre Projects Consultants	P	DE
Robert Haycock	UC Berkeley	I	G
Total possible votes:		9	
Total by interest category	Custom market producer	1	CP

	Designer	3	DE
	Dealer or Rental company	0	DR
	General Interest	2	G
	Mass market producer	1	MP
	User	2	U

Voting status: P = Principal voter, A = Alternate voter, I = Individual voter

4 Approval of the minutes from the last meeting

See *FPmin01-2021_DRAFT.pdf*.

Jules Lauve moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded, and carried without objection or abstentions.

5 Approval of agenda

Chris Tilton moved to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded, and carried without objection or abstentions.

6 Old Business

6.1 ANSI E1.28-2011 (R2021), *Guidance on planning followspot positions in places of public assembly*

Richard Nix moved to open E1.28 for revision, in order to address the “booth glass” new business in agenda item 7. The motion was seconded, and carried without objection or abstention. A PINS form for a new project will be filed with ANSI.

Steve Vanciel appointed Richard Nix (task group leader), Chris Tilton, Jules Lauve, and Duane Wilson, and Rebecca Xiao if she is interested. Her microphone was not working during the meeting, but she seemed to indicate that she might be interested. Richard Nix will confirm with her via email.

Richard Nix said he would bring something back for discussion at the next meeting.

6.2 ANSI E1.66-2020, *Safety Standard for Followspot Positions Erected for Short-term Use in Entertainment Venues*

No news or action.

7 New business, booth glass

See agenda item 6.1.

8 Other business and announcements

8.1 Above & Beyond Awards

Attendees were reminded that information about the Above & Beyond Awards may be found at http://tsp.esta.org/tsp/news/award_recipients.html.

9 Schedule for future meetings

The meeting schedule may be found at <http://www.esta.org/ESTA/meetings.php>. The next working group meeting will be in Baltimore, MD, in conjunction with the USITT convention. It is scheduled for 19:00 EST, Friday 04 March, at the Hyatt Regency Baltimore Inner Harbor.

10 Adjournment

The agenda business being complete, there being no other business brought forth, Steve Vanciel declared the meeting adjourned at 11:35.

Followspot Position Working Group members as of 20 January 2022

Name	Representing	Status	Int cat
Justin Bennett	University of the Incarnate Word	O	U
Xiao Cuijuan	Guangzhou Haoyang Electronic Co., Ltd.	P	CP
Jerry Gorrell	Theatre Safety Programs	O	U
Robert Haycock	UC Berkeley	I	G
Curtis Kasefang	Theatre Consultants Collaborative, LLC	O	CP
Edwin S. Kramer	I.A.T.S.E. Local 1	P	U
Kyle Kusmer	Steven Schaefer Associates, Inc	O	G
Jules Lauve	Theatre Projects Consultants, Inc.	P	DE
Richard Logothetis	Lycian Stage Lighting	P	MP
Richard J. Nix	Richard J. Nix	I	G
Ford Sellers	Chauvet Lighting	O	MP
Christopher B. Tilton	About the Stage, LLC	P	DE
Stephen Vanciel	Stephen Vanciel	I	U
R. Duane Wilson	Amer. Society of Theatre Consultants	P	DE
Jeong Sik Yoo	Ghost LX	O	DE

Key to codes

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