

Minutes
Followspot Position Working Group Meeting
Friday, 31 March 2006
Louisville Marriott Downtown
Louisville, Kentucky

Chairman: Jack Schmidt; Special Lighting Solutions, representing Ballantyne of Omaha, Inc.; P; MP

Recording secretary: Karl G. Ruling; ESTA

Members present: Edwin S. Kramer; I.A.T.S.E. Local 1; P; U (arrived at 19:30)
Richard Logothetis; Lycian Stage Lighting; P; MP
Fred Lindauer; Robert Juliat USA; (Robert Juliat SA); P; MP
Steve Rust; Sachs Morgan Studio; P; G
Stephen Vanciel; I; U
William L. Maiman; I; G (arrived at 19:15)

Visitor: Michael Cowger, TLS

1 Opening remarks

Jack Schmidt called the meeting to order at 19:05.

He noted that regrets about being unable to attend had been sent by Chip Purchase, Dick Thompson, and Robin Crews.

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 issues were identified.

2.2 Anti-trust statement

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

"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 one of the easy-to-read pamphlets.

No restraint of trade issues were brought to the attention of the assembly.

3 Attendance & membership

3.1 Introductions

Michael Cowger was introduced to the group by Jack Schmidt. The rest of the attendees introduced themselves.

3.2 Taking attendance

An orchid attendance sign-in sheet was circulated.

3.3 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.

3.4 Determination of quorum

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

3.5 Processing of new membership requests

There were none to process.

The consensus body during this meeting, including any voters not present, was:

Name	Company	Representing (This is the primary sort-field.)	Voting status	Int. cat.
Jack Schmidt	Special Lighting Solutions	Ballantyne of Omaha, Inc.	P	MP
Chip Purchase	Jones Hall	Foundation for Jones Hall	P	U
Edwin S. Kramer	I.A.T.S.E. Local 1	I.A.T.S.E. Local 1	P	U
Richard Logothesis	Lycian Stage Lighting	Lycian Stage Lighting	P	MP
Fred Lindauer	Robert Juliat USA	Robert Juliat SA	P	MP
Steve Rust	Sachs Morgan Studio	Sachs Morgan Studio	P	G
Stephen Vanciel	Stephen Vanciel	Stephen Vanciel	I	U
Shawn Nolan	Entertainment Structures Group	Steven Schaefer Associates	P	G
William L. Maiman	William L. Maiman	William L. Maiman	I	G
Robin Crews	Wrightson, Johnson, Haddon & Williams, Inc.	Wrightson, Johnson, Haddon & Williams, Inc.	P	G
		Total votes	10	
		Votes by interest category	3	MP
			0	CP
			0	DR
			3	U
			4	G

4 Approval of minutes from the previous meeting

Fred Lindauer moved that the minutes of the previous meeting (FP/2006-9001) be approved as written. The motion was seconded. The motion was approved with a unanimous voice vote.

5 Approval of agenda

Jack Schmidt asked for approval of the agenda. It was approved by acclamation.

6 Old Business—Task group reports

The document with file name E1-28_2006-3-6Draft.pdf was discussed.

Steve Vanciel agreed that some wording will need to be added about the followspot position being continuously occupied space while the building is being used as intended, so that people will provide proper ventilation and illumination.

Jack Schmidt explained how he had merged Shawn Nolan's text and that he had added some definitions, including a definition for "permanent." There was further discussion about definitions.

7 Bill Maiman's report

Maiman reported that he had gotten comments from two people. He suggested that we need to reach out to the people who operate facilities, which would be such organizations as International Association of Assembly Managers and the Museum/Cultural Institutions Council of the International Facilities Management Association.

8 New Business

None.

9 Other Business

There was a discussion of a possible session at LDI.

10 Schedule of future meetings

Jack Schmidt announced that the next meeting is scheduled for 19:00 to 22:00 on Thursday, 13 July 2006, at the Dallas/Ft. Worth Airport Marriott South in Ft. Worth, TX.

There was a discussion of having a meeting at LDI, one that would not conflict with time that needs to be spent with clients. Possible times could be an afternoon during the show hours, or Sunday morning from 10:30 to 13:00.

10 Changes of voting status

The following voting member has missed more than two of the previous consecutive meetings, and will be moved to observer status if this meeting is also missed.

None.

11 Adjournment

Fred Lindauer moved that the meeting adjourn. The motion was seconded and then approved by acclamation. Jack Schmidt declared the meeting adjourned at 20:19.

Working Group Membership and Contact Information as of 24 May 2006

Name	Company	Representing (This is the sort-field.)	Voting status	Int. cat.
Jack Schmidt	Special Lighting Solutions	Ballantyne of Omaha, Inc.	P	MP
Chip Purchase	Jones Hall	Foundation for Jones Hall	P	U
Edwin S. Kramer	I.A.T.S.E. Local 1	I.A.T.S.E. Local 1	P	U
Edward Paget	Jones & Phillips Associates, Inc.	Jones & Phillips Associates, Inc.	O	G
Richard Logothetis	Lycian Stage Lighting	Lycian Stage Lighting	P	MP
Richard J. Nix	Performance Systems Integration	Performance Systems Integration	O	G
Fred Lindauer	Robert Juliat USA	Robert Juliat SA	P	MP
Steve Rust	Sachs Morgan Studio	Sachs Morgan Studio	P	G
Stephen Vanciel	Stephen Vanciel	Stephen Vanciel	I	U
Shawn Nolan	Entertainment Structures Group	Steven Schaefer Associates	P	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
Jerry Gorrell	Theatre Safety Programs	Theatre Safety Programs	O	U
Richard D. Thompson	Thompson Associates	Thompson Associates	O	G
William L. Maiman	William L. Maiman	William L. Maiman	I	G
Robin Crews	Wrightson, Johnson, Haddon & Williams, Inc.	Wrightson, Johnson, Haddon & Williams, Inc.	P	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