

Minutes
Followspot Position Working Group Meeting
Thursday, 20 March 2008
Hilton Americas Houston
Houston, Texas

Presiding chairman: Jack Schmidt; Special Lighting Solutions (Ballantyne of Omaha, Inc.); P; MP

Recording secretary: Karl G. Ruling; ESTA

Members attending: Edwin S. Kramer; I.A.T.S.E. Local 1; P; U
Fred Lindauer; Robert Juliat USA; P; MP
Chip Purchase; Jones Hall (Foundation for Jones Hall); P; U
William L. Maiman; I; G
Charles I. Swift; Graham, Swift & Company, LLC; P; G

Visitors: None

1 Opening remarks from the Chairman

Jack Schmidt called the meeting to order at 19:04. He said we had regrets from Richard Nix (who had child care duties), Richard Logothetis, and Stephen Vanciel.

2 Patent and Anti-Trust statements

2.1 Patent statement

Jack Schmidt 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 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 material was brought to the attention of the assembly.

2.2 Anti-trust statement

Charles Swift read the following statement aloud to the assembly:

"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 G. Ruling, the Technical Standards Manager, held up 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

Those present all knew each other, so the introductions were simply acknowledgements that we were here together.

3.2 Taking attendance

A blue 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 noted that a quorum was present and working group business could be conducted.

3.5 Processing of new membership requests

An application had been received from Kyle Kusmer; Entertainment Structures Group (Steven Schaefer Associates); as an alternate in the general interest category. Jack Schmidt read aloud the statement of his qualifications and interest from the application form to the working group.

Eddie Kramer moved that the application be accepted. It was seconded, and then approved with a show of hands.

The full consensus body, 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
Stephen Vanciel	Stephen Vanciel	Stephen Vanciel	I	U
Richard J. Nix	Entertainment Structures Group	Steven Schaefer Associates	P	G
Kyle Kusmer	Entertainment Structures Group	Steven Schaefer Associates	A	G
William L. Maiman	William L. Maiman	William L. Maiman	I	G
		Total votes possible	10	
		Votes by interest category	0	CP
			3	MP
			0	DR
			3	U
			4	G

4 Approval of minutes from the Thursday, 24 January 2008 meeting

Document FP/2008-9001, see file FPmin01-2008.pdf.

Jack Schmidt noted that Stephen Vanciel was not present at the last meeting.

Eddie Kramer moved that the minutes be accepted with the correction to the attendance to remove Stephen Vanciel. The motion was seconded, and approved with a show of hands.

5 Approval of agenda

Eddie Kramer moved that the agenda be accepted. The motion was seconded, and approved with a show of hands.

6 Old Business

Continued work on the resolution of comments received on BSR E1.28 during the public review from 30 November 2007 through 14 January 2008. See E1-28FrstResls2008-2-13.pdf.

The working group worked as a task group, resolving the comments and modifying the draft standard. Working this way, the group worked through to comment 73, leaving about 90 comments to be resolved. The modified working documents were identified by the date 20 March 2008 in the upper right corner of the header on each page.

Jack Schmidt will separate out the simple comments and will assign the remaining comments to the members of the working group.

7 New Business

None.

8 Other Business

None.

9 Schedule of future meetings

The working group will request a meeting in July at Pace University. None is scheduled at this time. We will plan to meet in Las Vegas during the week of the LDI trade show in October, with the exact time and date to be determined.

10 Changes of voting status

There were no changes of voting status due to lack of attendance at this meeting.

11 Adjournment

Chip Purchase moved that the meeting adjourn. The motion was seconded and then approved with a unanimous voice vote. Jack Schmidt declared the meeting adjourned at 23:08.

Working Group Membership and Contact Information as of 01 May 2008

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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
Fred Lindauer	Robert Juliat USA	Robert Juliat SA	P	MP
Steve Rust	Sachs Morgan Studio	Sachs Morgan Studio	O	G
Stephen Vanciel	Stephen Vanciel	Stephen Vanciel	I	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
Jerry Gorrell	Theatre Safety Programs	Theatre Safety Programs	O	U
William L. Maiman	William L. Maiman	William L. Maiman	I	G

Key to codes:

P principal
A alternate
I individual
O observer

MP mass-market producer
CP custom-market producer
DR dealer or rental company
U user
G general interest