

**Minutes**  
**Followspot Position Working Group**  
Friday, 28 March 2014  
Fort Worth Convention Center  
Ft. Worth, TX

**Presiding Chairman:**

Jack Schmidt; Special Lighting Solutions; P; U

**Recording Secretaries:**

Karl G. Ruling; PLASA NA; exf; G & Erin Grabe; PLASA NA; exf; G

**Members attending:**

Jules Lauve ; Theatre Projects Consultants, Inc.; P; G  
Fred Lindauer; Robert Juliat USA; Robert Juliat SA; P; MP  
Richard Logothetis; Lycian Stage Lighting; P; MP  
Richard J. Nix; Entertainment Structures Group; Steven Schaefer Associates; P; G  
Chip Purchase; Jones Hall; Foundation for Jones Hall; P; U  
R. Duane Wilson; George C. Izenour Associates; Amer. Society of Theatre Consultants; P; G

**1 Opening remarks from the Chairman**

Jack Schmidt called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m., with a "Howdy" to all, and a request that everyone note the change in his email address from aol to gmail.

**2 Patent and anti-trust statements**

**2.1 Reading of the call for patents**

*The following statement was read aloud to the assembly by Karl Ruling:*

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.

Nothing was reported.

**2.2 Reading of the NEW anti-trust statement**

*The following statement was read aloud to the assembly by Karl Ruling:*

PLASA and its members take seriously their obligation to comply with all applicable antitrust laws. Therefore, during this meeting and during all PLASA 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 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 a PLASA meeting, please bring your concern to PLASA management. An easy to read pamphlet describing the antitrust laws is available from the PLASA staff.

Nothing was reported.

### 3 Attendance & membership

#### 3.1 Requirements for membership

*The following statement was read aloud to the assembly by Karl Ruling:*

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 lime-green sign-in sheet was passed around the table.

#### 3.3 Determination of quorum

Jack Schmidt announced a supermajority present by counting the voting members' show of hands.

#### 3.4 Changes of voting status

*No voters were moved to Observer status at this meeting.*

#### 3.5 Processing of new membership requests

As of 28 March 2014, no applications were received.

Jack Schmidt announced that he is no longer representing Ballantyne, but rather himself.

Richard Nix moved that we accept Jack Schmidt's change in representation, including interest category from MP to U. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved by a show of hands.

#### 3.6 Consensus body

*The consensus body of this group at the time this meeting took place, including those not present, was:*

Name	Representing	Voting status	Interest category
R. Duane Wilson	Amer. Society of Theatre Consultants	P	G
Chip Purchase	Foundation for Jones Hall	P	U
Charles I. Swift	Graham, Swift & Company, LLC	P	G
Edwin S. Kramer	I.A.T.S.E. Local 1	P	U
Richard Logothetis	Lycian Stage Lighting	P	MP
Fred Lindauer	Robert Juliat SA	P	MP
Jack Schmidt	Special Lighting Solutions	P	U
Richard J. Nix	Steven Schaefer Associates	P	G
Kyle Kusmer	Steven Schaefer Associates	A	G
Jules Lauve	Theatre Projects Consultants, Inc.	P	G
<b>Voting Status Key: P = Principal voter, A = Alternate voter, I = Individual voter</b>			
<b>Votes by Interest Category:</b>			
Custom-market producer	CP		0
Designer	DE		0
Dealer or rental company	DR		0
General interest	G		4
Mass-market producer	MP		2
User	U		3
<b>Total votes possible:</b>			<b>9</b>

#### **4 Approval of minutes from the March 2013 meeting**

*See FPmin03-2013.pdf*

R Duane Wilson moved to approve the minutes of the March 2013 meeting. The motion was seconded and approved, with no objections or abstentions.

#### **5 Approval of agenda**

Jules Lauves moved to approve the agenda as drafted. The motion was seconded and approved by a unanimous show of hands.

#### **6 Old Business**

##### **6.1 ANSI E1.28-2011, Guidance on planning followspot positions in places of public assembly** (Reaffirm, Revise, or Withdrawal by 2016)

Erin Grabe announced that the standard had been downloaded over 300 times since April 2013. There was no further news requiring an earlier revision.

#### **7 New Business**

None.

#### **8 Other Business**

*The nomination site is open year round at [tsp.plasa.org/AboveandBeyond](http://tsp.plasa.org/AboveandBeyond).*

Karl Ruling reminded the group of the nomination process and website.

#### **9 Schedule of future meetings**

Group consensus is to meet at USITT again next year, 2015.

A breakfast meeting was suggested. R. Duane Wilson generously offered to fund the meeting. Anchor Grill in Covington, KY was suggested by Richard Nix as a possible location. He informed the group that the establishment is cash only.

#### **10 Adjournment**

Fred Lindauer motioned to adjourn. The motion received a second. Hearing no objections, Jack Schmidt declared the meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

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

**Voting Status Key:**

**P = Principal voter, A = Alternate voter, I = Individual voter, O = Observer member**

**Interest Category Key:**

**CP = Custom-market producer, DE = Designer, DR = Dealer or rental company, G = General interest, MP = Mass-market producer, U = User**