

Minutes
Followspot Position Working Group
Friday, 20 March 2015
PLASA booth
USITT Trade Show Floor

Presiding chairperson:

Jack Schmidt; Special Lighting Solutions; P; U

Recording secretaries:

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

Members in attendance:

Jules Lauve ; Theatre Projects Consultants, Inc.; P; G
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
Stephen Vanciel; IATSE Local 631; 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 14:32.

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 revealed.

2.2 Reading of the 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.

Erin Grabe held up the pamphlet. Nothing was revealed.

3 Attendance & membership

3.1 Requirements for membership

The following statement is to be read aloud to the assembly:

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 bright yellow sign-in sheet was passed around the tables while self-introductions took place.

3.3 Determination of quorum

By counting a show of hands, a supermajority was announced present.

3.4 Changes of voting status

Jack Schmidt announced that the following voter is moved to observer status due to a lack of attendance:

Charles I. Swift; Graham, Swift & Company, LLC; P; G

3.5 Processing of new membership requests

As of 27 February 2015, the following applications have been received and logged:

Stephen Vanciel; IATSE Local 631; P; U

Ford Sellers; Chauvet Lighting; O; MP

Richard Nix moved to approve the new applications. The motion was seconded and approved by a unanimous show of hands.

3.6 Consensus body

The consensus body of this working group at the time of this meeting, 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
Stephen Vanciel	IATSE Local 631	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

Voting Status Key: P = Principal voter, A = Alternate voter, I = Individual voter

Votes by Interest Category:		
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	4
Total votes possible:		10

4 Approval of minutes from the March 2014 meeting

See *FPmin03-2014.pdf*

Richard Nix moved to approve the minutes of the March 2014 meeting as drafted. The motion was seconded and approved by a unanimous show of hands.

5 Approval of agenda

Karl Ruling asked the working group to consider the addition of an agenda item on TSP fund-raising.

Richard Nix moved to approve the agenda as amended. 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)

There was some discussion as to the group's options for this standard, including revision, reaffirmation, or withdrawal. Richard Nix asked if anyone present knew of any new methodology or technology that would require revision of this standard now. The consensus was to take no action at this time, and to consider the action at the next USITT meeting.

Erin Grabe noted that this standard had been downloaded 448 times by the time of this meeting.

7 New Business

7.1 Working group leadership

Jack Schmidt announced his wishes to retire as the leader of this working group. Noting that Charles Swift, the co-chair, hasn't attended a meeting in almost three years, there are then two co-chair roles to fill.

Jack Schmidt suggested that Jules Lauve step into the role, and look to Richard Logothetis as co-chair and partner.

Both Jules Lauve and Richard Logothetis agreed to serve, and the working group approved of the endorsements from the current chair. The Technical Standards Council will be notified for final approval.

7.2 Other New Business

Jack Schmidt asked to remain a voting member of the working group. The group urged him to do so. The group thanked him for his years of service and leadership to this working group.

8 Other Business

8.1 Above and Beyond

Karl Ruling noted that the nomination site is open year round at tsp.plasa.org/AboveandBeyond.

8.2 TSP Funding

Karl Ruling explained the financial situation of the Technical Standards Program and plead with the working group members to donate, or to ask others to donate.

9 Schedule of future meetings

The group consensus was to meet at USITT 2016 in Salt Lake City, UT. The conference dates are 16-19 March 2016.

10 Adjournment

R. Duane Wilson moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded and, hearing no objections, Jack Schmidt declared the meeting adjourned at 15:09.

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	U
Ford Sellers	Chauvet Lighting	Chauvet Lighting	O	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	IATSE Local 631	IATSE Local 631	P	U
R. Duane Wilson	George C. Izenour Associates	Amer. Society of Theatre Consultants	P	G

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