

Minutes
Followspot Position Working Group
Friday, 18 March 2016
ESTA booth
USITT Stage Expo show floor

Working group leaders:

Jules Lauve ; Theatre Projects Consultants, Inc.; P; G
Richard Logothetis; Lycian Stage Lighting; P; MP

Recording secretaries: Erin Grabe & Karl G. Ruling; ESTA

Members attending:

Edwin S. Kramer; I.A.T.S.E. Local 1; P; U
Richard J. Nix; ZFX Flying, Inc.; P; G
Chip Purchase; Jones Hall (Foundation for Jones Hall); P; U
Stephen Vanciel; IATSE Local 631; P; U

1 Opening remarks

Jules Lauve called the meeting to order at 14:34. He welcomed all and thanked people for taking time out of their days to attend this meeting.

2 Patent and anti-trust statements

2.1 Reading of the call for patents

The following statement was read aloud to the assembly by Richard Nix:

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 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 Richard Nix:

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 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.

The pamphlet was held up by Erin Grabe. Nothing was reported.

3 Attendance & membership

3.1 Requirements for membership

The following statement was read aloud to the assembly by Richard Nix:

Membership is open to all who are affected by the work of the group. Voters who would be in the designer, dealer/rental company, or manufacturer interest categories in particular are encouraged to become members. There is an annual \$100 participation fee for all members. Voting members are required to attend meetings and to vote on letter ballots. Voting members and their alternates may not miss three consecutive meetings or three consecutive letter ballots without a loss of voting status.

3.2 Taking attendance and introductions

3.3 Determination of quorum

There are currently 9 votes possible. A quorum is 3; a supermajority is 5. Jules Lauve announced that we have a quorum present.

3.4 Changes of voting status

The following voter has missed the last two meetings and will be moved to observer status if this meeting is also missed:

Edwin S. Kramer; IATSE Local 1; P; U

Eddie Kramer was present, so there was no change.

3.5 Cancellations

The following people have been removed from the membership list by request:

Thomas Paterson; Lux Populi SA de CV; previously Observer; G
Jack Schmidt; Special Lighting Solutions; previously Principal; U

3.6 Removed because of no response to the participation fee request

The following people did not respond to the participation fee request. The voting status shown is what their status was; they are now no longer members of the working group

Cary Feher; CaRyEATIONS; O; U
Kim Hartshorn; Plattsburgh State University; O; U
William L. Maiman; O; G
Brian McKelvey; G
Charles I. Swift; Graham, Swift & Company, LLC; O; G
John Tedesco; The Phoebus Company, Inc.; O; MP

3.7 Processing of new membership requests

As of 19 February 2016 the following applications have been received and logged:

Richard Nix; ZFX Flying, Inc.; P; G
Fred Lindauer; change from Robert Juliat to representing himself; I; G

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

3.8 Consensus body

The full consensus body during this meeting, including those not present, was:

Delegate	Representing	Voting status	Int.cat.
R. Duane Wilson	Amer. Society of Theatre Consultants	P	G
Chip Purchase	Foundation for Jones Hall	P	U
Fred Lindauer	Fred Lindauer	I	G

Delegate	Representing	Voting status	Int.cat.
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
Kyle Kusmer	Steven Schaefer Associates	P	G
Jules Lauve	Theatre Projects Consultants, Inc.	P	G
Richard J. Nix	ZFX Flying, Inc.	P	G
	Total votes possible	9	
	Votes by interest categories	0	CP
		0	DE
		0	DR
		5	G
		1	MP
		3	U

4 Approval of minutes from the March 2014 meeting

See *FPmin03-2015.pdf*

Richard Nix moved to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded. The motion was accepted with a show of hands.

5 Approval of agenda

Richard Nix moved to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded. The motion was accepted unanimously with a 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)

Richard Nix moved that we reaffirm the existing standard. The motion was seconded.

There was a discussion of whether the standard should be revised to include the positions for people operating followspots remotely. The consensus was that we don't see a need for that yet, but it might be something to consider in the future.

Karl Ruling explained that the question will be decided by letter ballot with a concurrent public review.

7 New Business

None.

8 Other Business

Jules Lauve noted that the nomination site is open year-round at http://tsp.esta.org/tsp/news/award_nomination.html.

9 Schedule of future meetings

We might need a meeting in the summer if there are any public review comments on the reaffirmation.

Staff will talk to Frances to see if there is a chance to squeeze in the meeting at the Roosevelt Hotel in conjunction with NATEAC. Eddie Kramer suggested that there might be meeting space at the Local One offices.

10 Adjournment

Eddie Kramer moved that the meeting adjourn. The motion was seconded and then approved with a unanimous show of hands. Jules Lauve declared the meeting adjourned at 15:08.

Name	Company	Representing	Voting status	Int. cat.
Jerry Gorrell	Theatre Safety Programs	Theatre Safety Programs	O	U
Erin Grabe	ESTA	ESTA	exf	G
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	P	G
Jules Lauve	Theatre Projects Consultants, Inc.	Theatre Projects Consultants, Inc.	P	G
Fred Lindauer	Fred Lindauer	Fred Lindauer	I	G
Richard Logothetis	Lycian Stage Lighting	Lycian Stage Lighting	P	MP
Richard J. Nix	ZFX Flying, Inc.	ZFX Flying, Inc.	P	G
Chip Purchase	Jones Hall	Foundation for Jones Hall	P	U
Karl G. Ruling	ESTA	ESTA	exf	G
Ford Sellers	Chauvet Lighting	Chauvet Lighting	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

Keys to the Codes:**Interest category**

CP Custom-market Producer
 DE DEsigner
 DR Dealer or Rental company
 G General interest
 MP Mass-market Producer
 U User

Voting status

P Principal
 A Alternate
 I Individual
 O Observer