

Minutes
Followspot Position Working Group
Friday, 10 March 2017
America's Center Convention Complex
ESTA Booth #2129

Presiding co-chairpersons:

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

Recording secretaries: Karl Ruling and Erin Grabe; ESTA

Members in attendance:

Edwin S. Kramer; I.A.T.S.E. Local 1; P; U
Stephen Vanciel; IATSE Local 631; P; U
R. Duane Wilson; George C. Izenour Associates; Amer. Society of Theatre Consultants; P; DE

1 Opening remarks

Richard Logothetis called the meeting to order at 2:37p.m. CT.

2 Patent and anti-trust statements

2.1 Reading of the call for patents

The following statement was read aloud to the assembly by Jules Lauve:

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 Jules Lauve:

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.

Karl Ruling held up copies of the pamphlets. Steve Vanciel asked for a copy.

3 Attendance & membership

3.1 Requirements for membership

The following statement was read aloud to the assembly by Jules Lauve:

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

Karl Ruling read through the attendance sheet and marked those present.

3.3 Determination of quorum

A quorum was announced present by Richard Logothetis.

3.4 Changes of voting status

Richard Logothetis noted that the following voter has missed the last three meetings and is being moved to observer status due to lack of attendance:

Fred Lindauer; I; G Not here

3.5 Processing of new membership requests

As of 16 February 2017 the following applications have been received and logged:

Richard Nix; P; G (change in representation to self)

Jeong Sik-Yoo; Korea Testing Laboratory / Theatre Safety Center; Korea Testing Laboratory; P; DE

Eddie Kramer moved to approve the applicants as Observers due to lack of attendance. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved by a show of hands.

3.6 Consensus body

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

Name	Representing	Voting status	Int cat	
Edwin S. Kramer	I.A.T.S.E. Local 1	P	U	
Kyle Kusmer	Steven Schaefer Associates	P	G	
Jules Lauve	Theatre Projects Consultants, Inc.	P	DE	
Richard Logothetis	Lycian Stage Lighting	P	MP	
Chip Purchase	Foundation for Jones Hall	P	U	
Stephen Vanciel	IATSE Local 631	P	U	
R. Duane Wilson	Amer. Society of Theatre Consultants	P	DE	
Total votes possible			9	
Votes by interest categories:		Custom-market producer	CP	0
		Designer	DE	2
		Dealer or rental company	DR	0
		General interest	G	1
		Mass-market producer	MP	1
		User	U	3

4 Approval of minutes from the March 2016 meeting

See *FPmin03-2016.pdf*

Eddie Kramer moved to approve the minutes as drafted. The motion was seconded. The motion was unanimously approved by a show of hands.

5 Approval of agenda

Jules Lauve moved to approve the agenda as drafted. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved by a show of hands and voice votes.

6 Old Business

6.1 ANSI E1.28-2011 (R2016), Guidance on planning followspot positions in places of public assembly (Reaffirm, Revise, or Withdrawal by 1 July 2021)

It's published! As of 16 February 2016, the standard has been downloaded 625 times!

6.1.1 As it exists

There was discussion on whether there is any new information that would warrant revision. The consensus of the group was that there are no changes needed at this time.

6.1.2 Remote followspot positions

There was discussion on whether or not there is any problem with these types of followspots and the positioning of them that requires a solution. There was further discussion, in which it was noted that remote followspots are, at this time, portable systems, so they are not part of the scope of permanent positions in places of public assembly.

Richard Logothetis noted that there is a difference between automated followspots and remote-controlled followspots. Automated systems remove the human operator from the system entirely.

Richard Logothetis also noted that there are patents pending on remote-controlled followspot systems.

7 New Business

Jules Lauve reminded the group that he is ESTA's current president and will step down as co-chair of this group. Richard Logothetis said that he would be happy to continue to have a co-chair. Steve Vanciel volunteered to co-chair with Richard Logothetis.

8 Other Business

8.1 Above and Beyond Awards

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

8.2 ESTA Lifetime Technical Achievement Award

Karl Ruling announced that there is a new award called the ESTA Lifetime Technical Achievement Award. Details on criteria and the nomination process are forthcoming.

8.3 Dim to zero terminology

Justin Bennett's question from the Electrical Power Working Group meeting about the terminology used to describe dimming to zero was discussed as it related to LED followspot dimming.

9 Schedule of future meetings

The group consensus was to continue meeting once per year in conjunction with USITT. There was discussion about doing another breakfast meeting.

10 Adjournment

Duane Wilson moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded. Hearing no objections, Richard Logothetis declared the meeting adjourned at 3:17 p.m. CT.

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	DE
Fred Lindauer	Fred Lindauer	Fred Lindauer	O	G
Richard Logothetis	Lycian Stage Lighting	Lycian Stage Lighting	P	MP
Richard J. Nix	Richard J. Nix	Richard J. Nix	O	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	DE
Jeong Sik Yoo	Korea Testing Laboratory	Korea Testing Laboratory / Theatre Safety Center	O	DE

Voting Status Key: P = Principal voter, A = Alternate voter, I = Individual voter, O = Observer member, exf = Ex Officio member (staff)

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