

Minutes
Followspot Positions Working Group
Friday, 22 March 2019
Hyatt Regency Louisville
Louisville, KY

Chairpersons:

Richard Logethetis; Lycian Stage Lighting
Steve Vanciel; IATSE Local 631

Recording Secretaries: Richard J. Nix & Karl G. Ruling; ESTA

Attendees:

Jerry Gorrell; Theatre Safety Programs; P; U
Robert Haycock; UC Berkeley; I; G
Edwin S. Kramer; I.A.T.S.E. Local 1; P; U
Richard Logotheitis; Lycian Stage Lighting; P; MP
Richard J. Nix; Richard J. Nix; I; G
Stephen Vanciel; IATSE Local 631; P; U
R. Duane Wilson; Amer. Society of Theatre Consultants; P; DE

Visitors: Susan Logotheitis; Lycian Stage Lighting

1 Opening Remarks

Richard Logethetis called the meeting to order at 19:01, and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Patent and anti-trust statements

2.1 Reading of the anti-trust statement

The following statement was aloud to the assembly by Steve Vanciel:

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 or will not 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 some of the easy to read pamphlets.

No anti-trust concerns were expressed by anyone.

2.2 Reading of the call for patents

The following statement was aloud to the assembly by Steve Vanciel:

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 protected 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.

3 Attendance and Membership

3.1 Requirements for membership

The following statement was aloud to the assembly by Steve Vanciel:

Membership is open to all parties who are affected by the work of the group; membership in ESTA is not a requirement, but there is a \$100/person/year participation fee to help fund the costs of running the Technical Standards Program. Voting members are required to attend meetings and vote on letter ballots. Any principal member and alternate that both miss three consecutive meetings or letter ballots will have their membership status changed to observer. This action will be taken at the beginning of the first meeting after such inaction and will be recorded in the minutes of that meeting.

3.2 Introduction of attendees and taking attendance.

A pink sign in sheet was circulated as the attendees introduced themselves.

3.3 Determination of a quorum

[There are currently 8 votes possible. A quorum is 3; the minimum present to pass a vote needing a supermajority is 5.]

Seven voters were present, enough to pass any vote requiring a supermajority.

3.4 Processing of new membership and status change requests

As of 5 March 2019, the following application had been received:

Justin Bennett; University of the Incarnate Word; Observer; User

Robert Haycock moved that the application be accepted. The motion was seconded and then approved unanimously.

3.5 Changes to observer status due to lack of attendance

None in jeopardy. Attendance is good.

3.6 Consensus body

The full consensus voting body during this meeting was:

Name	Representing	Status	Int Cat
Robert Haycock	UC Berkeley	I	G
R. Duane Wilson	Amer. Society of Theatre Consultants	P	DE
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
Richard J. Nix	Richard J. Nix	I	G
Jules Lauve	Theatre Projects Consultants, Inc.	P	DE
Jerry Gorrell	Theatre Safety Programs	P	U
Total possible votes:			8
Total by interest category	Custom market producer	CP	0
	Designer	DE	2
	Dealer or Rental company	DR	0

	General Interest	G	2
	Mass market producer	MP	1
	User	U	3
Voting status key: P = Principal voter, A = Alternate voter, I = Individual voter, O = Observer member			

4 Approval of the minutes from the last meeting

See *FPminutes_01-2019_DRAFT.pdf*

Robert Haycock moved that the minutes be accepted as drafted. The motion was seconded and then approved unanimously.

5 Approval of agenda

Robert Haycock moved that the agenda be accepted as drafted. The motion was seconded and then approved unanimously.

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)

No news or action at this time.

6.2 BSR E1.66, *Safety Standard for Followspot Positions Erected for Short-term Use in Entertainment Venues*

Steve Vanciel offered some updates to the electrical requirements section, which he and Eddie Kramer had worked on. The working group made some revisions, during very active discussion about the grounding topics.

7 New business

None.

8 Other business and announcements

8.1 Above & Beyond Awards

Information on the Above & Beyond Awards may be found at http://tsp.esta.org/tsp/news/award_recipients.html. The nomination site is open year round, and the award is designed for members to highlight the work of their peers.

8.2 Other other business and announcements

None.

9 Schedule for future meetings

The full and current meeting schedule may be found at <http://www.esta.org/ESTA/meetings.php>.

9.1 Summer 2019 meetings

The July 2019 ESTA meetings will be held back in Westlake, TX, at the D/FW Marriott Solana, from 18 July through 22 July 2019. The complete schedule is not yet confirmed.

The consensus was that the working group will need a meeting space in July. Anytime Friday afternoon or thereafter would be good.

9.2 Autumn 2019 meetings

The Autumn meetings will be the weekend of October 26 & 27 at the Marriott Solana. The complete schedule is not been confirmed or published.

10 Adjournment

Jerry Gorrell moved that the meeting adjourn. The agenda being complete and there being no further business, Richard Logethetis declared the meeting adjourned at 20:39

Followspot Positions Working Group members as of 18 April 2019

Delegate	Company	Representing	Voting status	Int. cat.
Justin Bennett	University of the Incarnate Word	University of the Incarnate Word	O	U
Mike Garl	Mike Garl Consulting LLC	Mike Garl Consulting LLC	exf	
Jerry Gorrell	Theatre Safety Programs	Theatre Safety Programs	P	U
Erin Grabe	ESTA	ESTA	exf	G
Robert Haycock	Cal Performances	UC Berkeley	I	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	Schaefer	Steven Schaefer Associates, Inc	O	G
Jules Lauve	Theatre Projects Consultants, Inc.	Theatre Projects Consultants, Inc.	P	DE
Richard Logothetis	Lycian Stage Lighting	Lycian Stage Lighting	P	MP
Richard J. Nix	Richard J. Nix	Richard J. Nix	I	G
Richard J. Nix	ESTA	ESTA	exf	G
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	Ghost LX	Ghost LX	O	DE

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