

Minutes
Followspot Positions Working Group
Wednesday 01 June 2022
19:00 – 23:00 Pacific Daylight Time
Wyndham Anaheim

Chairperson(s):

Richard Logothetis; Lycian Stage Lighting; P; MP (presiding)
Steve Vanciel; Steve Vanciel; I; U

Recording Secretaries:

Karl Ruling and Richard Nix (ESTA)

Attendees:

Eddie Kramer
R. Duane Wilson
Rebecca Xiao

1 Opening Remarks

Richard Logothetis called the meeting to order at 19:00. He noted that the last meeting did not have a quorum.

2 Patent and anti-trust statements

2.1 Reading of the anti-trust statement

Richard Nix read the following statement aloud to the assembly.

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 a copy of the pamphlet, in front of his camera, for all to see.

No anti-trust concerns were raised.

2.2 Reading of the call for patents

Richard Nix read the following statement aloud to the assembly.

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.

No notifications were received.

3 Attendance and Membership

3.1 Requirements for membership

Richard Nix read the following statement aloud to the assembly.

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

3.3 Determination of a quorum

Richard Nix noted that a majority of the working group was present, thus meeting the quorum and supermajority requirements.

3.4 Processing of new membership and status change requests

None as of 15 May 2022.

3.5 Changes to observer status due to lack of attendance

The following person has missed the last two meetings and will become an observer if this meeting is also missed:

Robert Haycock; UC Berkeley; General interest

Robert Haycock (representing himself, not UC Berkeley), was not present, so his status was changed.

3.5.1 Automatic status changes

None.

3.6 Consensus body— after all changes occurring at this meeting

Name	Representing	Status	Int Cat
Chris Tilton	About the Stage LLC	P	DE
R. Duane Wilson	Amer. Society of Theatre Consultants	P	DE
Rebecca Xiao	Guangzhou Haoyang Electronic Co., Ltd.	P	CP
Edwin S. Kramer	I.A.T.S.E. Local 1	P	U
Stephen Vanciel	Stephen Vanciel	I	U
Richard Logothetis	Lycian Stage Lighting	P	MP
Richard J. Nix	Richard J. Nix	I	G
Jules Lauve	Theatre Projects Consultants	P	DE
Total possible votes:		8	
Total by interest category	Custom market producer	1	CP
	Designer	3	DE
	Dealer or Rental company	0	DR
	General Interest	1	G
	Mass market producer	1	MP
	User	2	U

Voting status: P = Principal voter, A = Alternate voter, I = Individual voter

4 Approval of the minutes from the last meeting

See *FPmin01-2022_DRAFT.pdf*.

Richard Nix moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and carried without objection.

5 Approval of agenda

Steve Vanciel moved to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded and carried without objection or abstention.

6 Old Business

6.1 BSR E1.28, *Guidance on planning followspot positions in places of public assembly*

[See BSR E1-28_202x_2022-9003r0.pdf]

The task group has returned a document for the working group's consideration. If it's acceptable, consider a motion for first public review. If it's not acceptable, consider working on it during the meeting in order to get it to an acceptable state.

There was discussion. A paragraph was added noting that followspot positions do not necessarily have to have windows.

Richard Nix moved to send it to first public review. The motion was seconded, and carried with the required supermajority, and without objection or abstention. The motion forwards to the TSC.

6.2 ANSI E1.66-2020, *Safety Standard for Followspot Positions Erected for Short-term Use in Entertainment Venues*

Any news or action? Action needed by 3 April 2025.

No action at this time.

7 New business

8 Other business and announcements

8.1 Above & Beyond Awards

Information about the Above & Beyond Awards may be found at http://tsp.esta.org/tsp/news/award_recipients.html.

Richard Logothetis reminded everyone of the link, and its purpose.

8.2 Other other business

9 Schedule for future meetings

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

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday 16 September 2022, 16:00-18:00 Central Time, back in Westlake, TX, at the D/FW Marriott Westlake.

10 Adjournment

The agenda being completed, there being no further business brought forth, Richard Logothetis declared the meeting adjourned at 19:28.

Followspot Position Working Group members as of 01 June 2022

Name	Representing	Status	Int cat
Justin Bennett	University of the Incarnate Word	O	U
Jerry Gorrell	Theatre Safety Programs	O	U
Robert Haycock	Robert Haycock	O	G
Curtis Kasefang	Theatre Consultants Collaborative, LLC	O	CP
Edwin S. Kramer	I.A.T.S.E. Local 1	P	U
Kyle Kusmer	Steven Schaefer Associates, Inc	O	G
Jules Lauve	Theatre Projects Consultants, Inc.	P	DE
Richard Logothetis	Lycian Stage Lighting	P	MP
Richard J. Nix	Richard J. Nix	I	G
Ford Sellers	Chauvet Lighting	O	MP
Christopher B. Tilton	About the Stage, LLC	P	DE
Stephen Vanciel	Stephen Vanciel	I	U
R. Duane Wilson	Amer. Society of Theatre Consultants	P	DE
Rebecca Xiao	Guangzhou Haoyang Electronic Co., Ltd.	P	CP
Jeong Sik Yoo	Ghost LX	O	DE