

Minutes
Followspot Position Working Group Meeting
Thursday, 16 July 2009
Dallas/Ft. Worth Marriott Solana
Westlake, TX

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

Recording secretary: Karl G. Ruling; ESTA

Members attending:

R. Duane Wilson; George C. Izenour Associates, representing ASTC; P; G

Edwin S. Kramer; I.A.T.S.E. Local 1; P; U

Richard J. Nix; Entertainment Structures Group (Steven Schaefer Associates); P; G

Jerry Gorrell; Theatre Safety Programs; O; U

Visitors: None

1 Opening remarks from the Chairman

Charles Swift called the meeting to order at 19:14.

2 Patent and Anti-Trust statements

2.1 Patent statement

The following statement was read aloud to the assembly by Charles Swift:

"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 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."

No protected intellectual property was brought to the attention of the assembly.

2.2 Anti-trust statement

The following statement was read aloud to the assembly by Charles Swift:

"The ESTA Board of Directors, the Technical Standards Committee, and the leadership of this working group will reject or nullify any actions that unlawfully restrain trade. Anyone who feels that such an action is being or has been taken is requested to bring that matter to the attention of the chair immediately. Anyone who feels that actions in restraint of trade have been taken and not properly annulled is requested to notify the TSC chair or ESTA president immediately.

"ESTA legal counsel has informed us that violations of the anti-trust laws can have serious consequences. Individuals engaged in certain unlawful conduct can be found criminally liable. An individual convicted of a criminal violation of the Sherman Act may be fined as much as \$1,000,000 and imprisoned for up to ten years. An easy to read pamphlet describing restraint of trade issues is available from the Technical Standards Manager."

Karl Ruling, the Technical Standards Manager, held up one of the easy-to-read pamphlets to show that it was available. No restraint of trade issues were brought to the attention of the assembly.

3 Attendance & membership

3.1 Requirements for membership

The following statement was read aloud to the assembly by Charles Swift:

"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

Everyone present knew everyone else, so introductions were unnecessary. A hot pink sign-in sheet was circulated.

3.3 Determination of quorum

Charles Swift announced that a quorum was present.

3.4 Changes of voting status

The following voting member has missed the previous two consecutive meetings, and will be moved to observer status if this meeting is also missed:

R. Duane Wilson; George C. Izenour Associates

R. Duane Wilson was present, so there was no change in voting status.

3.5 Processing of new membership requests

One application had been submitted from Kim Hartshorn of Plattsburgh State University, applying as an observer in the user interest category. Eddie Kramer moved that Hartshorn's application be accepted. The motion was seconded and then approved with a unanimous voice vote.

3.6 Consensus body

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

Name	Company	Representing	Voting status	Int. cat.
R. Duane Wilson	George C. Izenour Associates	Amer. Society of Theatre Consultants	P	G
Jack Schmidt	Special Lighting Solutions	Ballantyne of Omaha, Inc.	P	MP
Chip Purchase	Jones Hall	Foundation for Jones Hall	P	U
Charles I. Swift	Graham, Swift & Company, LLC	Graham, Swift & Company, LLC	P	G
Edwin S. Kramer	I.A.T.S.E. Local 1	I.A.T.S.E. Local 1	P	U
Richard Logothetis	Lycian Stage Lighting	Lycian Stage Lighting	P	MP
Fred Lindauer	Robert Juliat USA	Robert Juliat SA	P	MP
Richard J. Nix	Entertainment Structures Group	Steven Schaefer Associates	P	G
Kyle Kusmer	Entertainment Structures Group	Steven Schaefer Associates	A	G
William L. Maiman	William L. Maiman	William L. Maiman	I	G
		Total votes	9	
		Votes by interest category	0	CP
			3	MP
			0	DR
			2	U
			4	G

4 Approval of minutes from the 22 January 2009 meeting

(See FPmin01-2009.pdf.) Eddie Kramer moved that the draft minutes of the January meeting be accepted as written. The motion was seconded and then approved with a unanimous voice vote.

5 Approval of agenda

Eddie Kramer moved that the draft agenda be accepted. The motion was seconded and then approved with a unanimous voice vote.

6 Old Business

Consideration of second public review comments and their resolution. See E1-28CmmntSmmry2ndRevw.pdf.

The working group worked together to draft resolutions to the comments, using the video projector so that people could see the text as it was being written.

When all the comments had been addressed, Eddie Kramer moved that the draft resolutions be accepted and the revised document offered for public review. There were too few people present for a supermajority vote, so the question will be decided by letter ballot. The consensus was Karl Ruling will send out the resolutions and the revised draft standard for a short working group review before the final public review ballot. The motion was seconded. All present agreed to the plan.

7 New Business

None.

8 Other Business

Jerry Gorrell announced that UL has announced a project to develop a fire test for "fire protective curtains," i.e., fire safety curtains.

9 Schedule of future meetings

It was announced that the next working group meeting is scheduled for 18:00 to 21:00 on Friday, November 20 at LDI.

10 Adjournment

Richard Nix moved that the meeting adjourn. The motion was seconded. Hearing no objections, Charles Swift declared the meeting adjourned at 22:15.

Working Group Membership and Contact Information as of 18 August 2009

Name	Company	Representing (This is the sort field.)	Voting status	Int. cat.
R. Duane Wilson	George C. Izenour Associates	Amer. Society of Theatre Consultants	P	G
Jack Schmidt	Special Lighting Solutions	Ballantyne of Omaha, Inc.	P	MP
Cary Feher	CaRyEATIONS	CaRyEATIONS	O	U
Chip Purchase	Jones Hall	Foundation for Jones Hall	P	U
Charles I. Swift	Graham, Swift & Company, LLC	Graham, Swift & Company, LLC	P	G
Edwin S. Kramer	I.A.T.S.E. Local 1	I.A.T.S.E. Local 1	P	U
Thomas Paterson	Lux Populi SA de CV	Lux Populi SA de CV	O	G
Richard Logothetis	Lycian Stage Lighting	Lycian Stage Lighting	P	MP
Kim Hartshorn	Plattsburgh State University Theatre	Plattsburgh State University	O	U
Fred Lindauer	Robert Juliat USA	Robert Juliat SA	P	MP
Steve Rust	Sachs Morgan Studio	Sachs Morgan Studio	O	G
Stephen Vanciel	Stephen Vanciel	Stephen Vanciel	O	U
Richard J. Nix	Entertainment Structures Group	Steven Schaefer Associates	P	G
Kyle Kusmer	Entertainment Structures Group	Steven Schaefer Associates	A	G
John Tedesco	The Phoebus Company, Inc.	The Phoebus Company, Inc.	O	MP
Curtis Kasefang	Theatre Consultants Collaborative, LLC	Theatre Consultants Collaborative, LLC	O	CP
Jerry Gorrell	Theatre Safety Programs	Theatre Safety Programs	O	U
William L. Maiman	William L. Maiman	William L. Maiman	I	G

Key to codes:

P	principal	MP	mass-market producer
A	alternate	CP	custom-market producer
I	individual	DR	dealer or rental company
O	observer	U	user
		G	general interest