

**Minutes**  
**Followspot Position Working Group Teleconference Meeting**  
noon to 14:00 EDT  
15 October 2010  
1-719-457-0340 or 1-800-483-6698

**Chairman:** Jack Schmidt; Special Lighting Solutions (Ballantyne of Omaha, Inc.); P; MP

**Recording secretary:** Karl G. Ruling; ESTA

**Members attending:**

Cary Feher; CaRyEATIONS; O; U

Chip Purchase; Jones Hall (the Foundation for Jones Hall); P; U

Richard Logothetis; Lycian Stage Lighting; P; MP

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

**1 Opening remarks from the Chairman**

The meeting was called to order at 12:07 by Jack Schmidt.

**2 Patent and Anti-Trust statements**

**2.1 Patent statement**

Jack Schmidt read the following statement aloud to the group:

"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."

Nothing was reported.

**2.2 Anti-trust statement**

Jack Schmidt read the following statement aloud to the group:

"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."

Nothing was reported.

**3 Attendance & membership**

**3.1 Requirements for membership**

Schmidt reminded the group that 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

Roll was called by Karl Ruling.

### 3.3 Determination of quorum

(9 voting members: a quorum is 3; a supermajority 5 or more)

There were four voting members present. Schmidt announced that we have a quorum and the meeting could proceed.

### 3.4 Changes of voting status

The following voting members have missed the last two meetings and will lose voting status if they also miss this meeting:

R. Duane Wilson; George C. Izenour Associates, representing ASTC  
Charles I. Swift; Graham, Swift & Company, LLC

Wilson and Swift were not present. Schmidt announced that now they were observer members. The voting body was now seven, so a supermajority is now four. A supermajority of the working group was present.

### 3.5 Processing of new membership requests

There were no applications.

### 3.6 Consensus body

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

Name	Company	Representing (This is the sort field.)	Voting status	Int. cat.
Jack Schmidt	Special Lighting Solutions	Ballantyne of Omaha, Inc.	P	MP
Chip Purchase	Jones Hall	Foundation for Jones Hall	P	U
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
Jules Lauve	Theatre Projects Consultants, Inc.	Theatre Projects Consultants, Inc.	P	G
		Total votes possible	7	
		Votes by interest categories	0	CP
			3	MP
			0	DR
			2	U
			2	G
			0	DE

## 4 Approval of minutes from the Thursday, 22 July 2010

See FPmin07-2010.pdf.

Richard Nix moved that the draft minutes be approved. The motion was seconded and then approved by all present on the call. There was no opposition.

## **5 Approval of agenda**

Richard Nix moved that the draft agenda be approved. The motion was seconded and then approved by all present on the call. There was no opposition.

## **6 Old Business**

### **6.1 Objections**

Consideration of revised response to further objections from Curtis Kasefang. See ReponseReKasefang\_Oct\_2010.pdf, document number FP/2010-9010r1. It also was available on Google Docs.

"d" was added to "demonstrate" to make the word "demonstrated" in the added definition of "qualified lighting specialist."

The recommended concentrated floor loading value was discussed and why it was chosen.

Richard Nix moved that the response to Kasefang be accepted as drafted, with the addition of the terminal "d" on "demonstrated." The motion was seconded. The motion was approved by all on the teleconference, a supermajority of the voting body.

### **6.2 Reaffirmation of vote on E1.28 acceptance**

See the version of E1.28 with the added definition, E1-26r6a.pdf, also available on Google Docs.

There was a brief discussion of whether adding the definition of qualified lighting specialist changed the document so that it is unacceptable. (The "d" was added to the draft proposed standard, but its document revision number wasn't changed. The "d" was the only change.) The consensus was that the addition did not mar the document and it was still acceptable.

Richard Nix moved that E1.28 with the added definition of qualified lighting specialist be accepted. The motion was seconded and then unanimously accepted by all the voters participating in the meeting.

## **7 New Business**

None.

## **8 Other Business**

None

## **9 Schedule of future meetings**

None is scheduled. The consensus is that the working group will meet annually at the USITT conference to review the status of E1.28 and if there is any other work needed in the field of followspot positions.

## **10 Adjournment**

Richard Nix moved that the meeting adjourn. The motion was seconded. Hearing no objections, Jack Schmidt declared the meeting adjourned at 12:25.

**Working Group Membership and Contact Information as of 15 October 2010**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Company</b>	<b>Representing (This is the sort field.)</b>	<b>Voting status</b>	<b>Int. cat.</b>
R. Duane Wilson	George C. Izenour Associates	Amer. Society of Theatre Consultants	O	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	O	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
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
Jules Lauve	Theatre Projects Consultants, Inc.	Theatre Projects Consultants, Inc.	P	G
Jerry Gorrell	Theatre Safety Programs	Theatre Safety Programs	O	U
William L. Maiman	William L. Maiman	William L. Maiman	O	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
		DE	designer