

**Minutes**  
**PLASA Stage Lifts Working Group**  
Saturday, 25 July 2015  
D/FW Marriott Solana  
Westlake, TX

**Presiding co-chairpersons:**

Dan Culhane; SECOA; P; DR  
Richard J. Nix; Entertainment Structures Group; Steven Schaefer Associates; P; DE

**Recording secretaries:**

Erin Grabe; PLASA  
Karl G. Ruling; PLASA

**Members in attendance:**

Daniel Brinker; Michigan Opera Theatre; USITT; P; G  
Jerry Gorrell; Theatre Safety Programs; P; G  
Michael Nishball; Theatre Projects Consultants, Inc.; P; DE  
Jeff Phillips; Society of Theatre Consultants UK; P; DE  
Zachary Stevenson; University of North Carolina School of the Arts; P; U  
James Tomlinson; Team Tomlinson; I; G  
Steve Walker; Steve A. Walker & Associates; P; DE  
R. Duane Wilson; George C. Izenour Associates; Amer. Society of Theatre Consultants; A; DE

**1 Opening remarks**

Richard Nix called the meeting to order at 14:06. He thanked everyone for taking time out of their Saturday afternoons to participate.

**2 Attendance & membership**

**2.1 Introduction of those present & roll call of remote-attendees**

A sign-in sheet was passed around the room for those physically present to sign. Self-introductions took place while the sign-in sheet went around, including from those joining via WebEx.

**2.2 Determination of a quorum**

Richard Nix noted that we had enough voters present to conduct a supermajority vote.

**2.3 Recognition of alternate voting members**

**3 Membership**

**3.1 Requirements for membership**

The following was read aloud to the assembly by Richard Nix:

Membership 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 Changes to observer status due to lack of attendance**

The following voter has missed the last two meetings and is in jeopardy of being moved to observer status if this meeting is also missed:

Kurt Pragman; Pragman Associates, LLC; P; G

Richard Nix announced that the above voter was not present and was moved to observer status.

### 3.3 Processing of new applications and requests for a change of status

As of 25 July 2015, the following application had been received.

James Tomlinson; O; G

James Tomlinson requested that his application be changed to Individual voting member from observer. Steve Walker moved to accept his application as amended. The motion was seconded and approved by a unanimous show of hands and voice votes.

### 3.4 Consensus body

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

Name	Representing	Voting status	Interest category
Peter A. Scheu	Amer. Society of Theatre Consultants	P	DE
R. Duane Wilson	Amer. Society of Theatre Consultants	A	DE
Phil Heid	Creative Stage Lighting Co., Inc.	P	DR
Jason Winfield	Pennsylvania State University	P	U
Dan Culhane	SECOA	P	DR
Bruce Downer	SERAPID, Inc.	P	CP
Joseph Jeremy	Show Distribution Group, Inc.	P	CP
Jeff Phillips	Society of Theatre Consultants UK	P	DE
Steve Walker	Steve A. Walker & Associates	P	DE
Richard J. Nix	Steven Schaefer Associates	P	DE
James Tomlinson	Team Tomlinson	I	G
Michael Nishball	Theatre Projects Consultants, Inc.	P	DE
Jerry Gorrell	Theatre Safety Programs	P	G
Verda Beth Martell	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	P	U
Zachary Stevenson	University of North Carolina School of the Arts	P	U
Daniel Brinker	USITT	P	G
Jeff T. Miller	Walt Disney Company	P	U
Christopher Tilton	Westlake Reed Leskosky	P	DE
<b>Voting Status Key: P = Principal voter, A = Alternate voter, I = Individual voter</b>			
<b>Votes by Interest Category:</b>			
Custom-market producer		CP	2
Designer		DE	6
Dealer or rental company		DR	2
General interest		G	3
Mass-market producer		MP	0
User		U	4
<b>Total votes possible:</b>			<b>17</b>

#### **4 Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting**

See *SLmin06-2015.pdf*.

Jerry Gorrell moved that the minutes be accepted as drafted. The motion was seconded and approved by a unanimous show of hands and voice votes, except for one abstention.

#### **5 Reading of the call for patents**

The following was read aloud to the assembly by Richard Nix:

PLASA intends not to publish any standard that contains protected intellectual property, unless that information can be licensed by anyone for a reasonable fee. PLASA uses a process of open patent and copyright disclosures to implement its intent. PLASA 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 revealed.

#### **6 Reading of the anti-trust statement**

The following was read aloud to the assembly by Richard Nix:

PLASA and its members take seriously their obligation to comply with all applicable antitrust laws. Therefore, during this meeting and during all PLASA 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 a PLASA meeting, please bring your concern to PLASA management. An easy to read pamphlet describing the antitrust laws is available from the PLASA staff.

Erin Grabe held up the pamphlet. Nothing was revealed.

#### **7 Approval of agenda**

Jerry Gorrell moved that the agenda be accepted as drafted. The motion was seconded and approved by a show of hands and voice votes with no abstentions and no opposition.

#### **8 Old business**

##### **8.1 Second public review of BSR E1.42**

See *E1-42\_2ndRevwCmmntResols.pdf* and *BSR\_E1-42\_2013-10010r34.pdf*. Items highlighted on both documents are intended for discussion at the meeting.

Comment 8: Jerry Gorrell was asked if there was any code limiting the gap to 1/4". There was none that he could find. No text was changed, and the note that Jerry would check this was removed.

Comment 47: The draft resolution says, "In 7.2.2 and 7.2.4, replace occurrences of the words "Owner's representative" with the words "Owner's designated witness". This was discussed.

Steve Walker moved that the resolution should simply say, "AIP. See comment resolution 46." Seconded.

Approved.

R. Duane Wilson moved that the comment resolutions as amended be accepted. The motion was seconded. The vote was unanimous, with all voters present voting in favor, including the working group leaders. The ten votes by interest category were 1 DR, 5 DE, 3 G, and 1 U.

6.4.4 and 6.4.4.1 were discussed. It was decided that these redundant clauses be eliminated. Steve Walker moved that the changes be made. The motion was seconded and then approved unanimously.

7.11.4 was discussed and modified. A motion was made by Steve Walker to accept the change of 7.11.4 to read "**7.11.4** The barriers intended for normal access control cannot be opened by normal means unless the conditions of section 6.4 are satisfied." The motion was seconded. The motion was approved with a voice vote.

Steve Walker remove (d) from A.7.9. Seconded. Approved show of hands. We feel that if the vertical force is 90 pounds, the force needed to withdraw the cylinder will be less than 90 pounds.

Further modification was made to A.1.1.4. Jerry Gorrell moved. seconded. show of hands Approved. Unanimous.

Steve Walker moved to delete the index. The motion was seconded and approved by a show of hands and voice votes.

Jerry Gorrell moved that the revised draft standard be offered for public review. The motion was seconded by discussion and approved by a show of hands and voice votes.

## **9 New Business**

No new business.

## **10 Other business and announcements**

No other business or announcements.

## **11 Schedule for future meetings**

Erin Grabe noted that the meeting scheduled to take place in conjunction with LDI is set for Friday, 23 October 2015, from 15:00 to 18:00. Check <http://na.plasa.org/news/meetings.php> for updates to the schedule.

## **12 Adjournment**

Jerry Gorrell moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded and approved by a show of hands. Richard Nix declared the meeting adjourned at 16:19.

Stage Lifts Working Group membership as of 25 July 2015

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Name	Company	Representing	Voting status	Int cat
David Alexander	Teletec de Mexico	Teletec de Mexico	O	CP
Myles Ambrose	Lincoln Center	Lincoln Center	O	U
Kevin Auses	J.R. Clancy, Inc.	Wenger Corp.	O	G
Kaleb Best	Tait Towers	Tait Towers	O	MP
William Bradburn	Aerial Arts, Inc.	Aerial Arts, Inc.	O	U
Louis Bradfield	Louis Bradfield	Louis Bradfield	O	U
Daniel Brinker	Michigan Opera Theatre	USITT	P	G
Edward R. Condit	Edward R. Condit	Edward R. Condit	O	U
Dan Culhane	SECOA	SECOA	P	DR
Neil Darracott	Delstar Engineering Limited	Stage Technologies Group	O	CP
Jim Digby	The Collaborative Endeavor Group	Linkin Park Touring/The Collective	O	U
Bruce Downer	SERAPID, Inc.	SERAPID, Inc.	P	CP
Scott Fisher	Scott Fisher	Scott Fisher	O	G
Luca Galante	Alfa System Sas	Alfa System Sas	O	CP
Fred Gallo	Production Resource Group	Production Resource Group	O	CP
John Gitzy	InterAmerica Stage, Inc.	InterAmerica Stage, Inc.	O	CP
Jerry Gorrell	Theatre Safety Programs	Theatre Safety Programs	P	G
Erin Grabe	PLASA NA	PLASA NA	exf	G
Joshua Grossman	Schuler Shook	Schuler Shook	O	DE
Phil Heid	Creative Stage Lighting Co., Inc.	Creative Stage Lighting Co., Inc.	P	DR
Joseph Jeremy	Niscon Inc.	Show Distribution Group, Inc.	P	CP
Vladeta Karic	Vladeta Karic	Vladeta Karic	O	DE
Edwin S. Kramer	1501	1501	O	U
Kristen Kuipers	Newcomb & Boyd	Newcomb & Boyd	O	DE
Verda Beth Martell	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	P	U
Mike McMackin	Auerbach Pollock Friedlander	Auerbach Pollock Friedlander	O	DE
Jeff T. Miller	Worldwide Standards and Auditing	Walt Disney Company	P	U
Tom Neville	Auerbach Pollock Friedlander	Auerbach Pollock Friedlander	O	DE
Michael Nishball	Theatre Projects Consultants, Inc.	Theatre Projects Consultants, Inc.	P	DE

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Richard J. Nix	Entertainment Structures Group	Steven Schaefer Associates	P	DE
Jeff Phillips	Society of Theatre Consultants UK	Society of Theatre Consultants UK	P	DE
Kurt Pragman	Pragman Associates, LLC	Pragman Associates, LLC	O	G
Rick Rosas	Texas Scenic Company	Texas Scenic Company	O	DR
Karl G. Ruling	PLASA NA	PLASA NA	exf	G
Peter A. Scheu	Scheu Consulting Services, Inc.	Amer. Society of Theatre Consultants	P	DE
Steven Serafin	Chubb Group of Insurance Companies	Chubb Group of Insurance Companies	O	G
Chris Shaw	Gala Systems	Gala Systems	O	CP
Adam Smith	Madison Fire Department	City of Madison	O	G
Zachary Stevenson	University of North Carolina School of the Arts	University of North Carolina School of the Arts	P	U
Karl V. Sutter-III	Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.	Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.	O	DE
Kevin Taylor	Tait Towers	Tait Towers Manufacturing LLC	O	CP
Christopher Tilton	Westlake Reed Leskosky	Westlake Reed Leskosky	P	DE
James Tomlinson	Team Tomlinson	Team Tomlinson	I	G
Steve Walker	Steve A. Walker & Associates	Steve A. Walker & Associates	P	DE
R. Duane Wilson	George C. Izenour Associates	Amer. Society of Theatre Consultants	A	DE
Jason Winfield	School of Theatre	Pennsylvania State University	P	U