

**MATC 2008
Business Meeting Minutes
1 March 2008
Bentam Room, Hyatt Regency Hotel
Kansas City, MO**

The Business Meeting was called to order by President Bill Jenkins at 2:10 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

- The minutes of last year's Business Meeting were unanimously approved with no amendments or corrections.

Announcements

- Bill Jenkins announced that MATC had registered a record 211 attendees, and that 190 members had taken part in the luncheon.
 - A round of applause was given by the membership to Conference Planners Ann Haugo and Scott Magelssen
 - Ann thanked all of the Symposium Co-Chairs
- Bill Jenkins announced the Symposium Co-Chairs for MATC 2009:
 - Theater History – John Fletcher, Robert Shimko
 - Acting and Directing – Peter Campbell, John Soliday
 - Playwriting – Paul Bernstein, Jon Herbert
 - Pedagogy – Scott Ireland, Mark Mallett
 - Emerging Scholars – Sara Freeman, Stacey Connelly
 - Graduate Student Liaison – Elizabeth Cawns, Karalee Dawn

Officers and Election

- Mary Cutler will take office as the MATC President after the Business Meeting. Many thanks to Bill for his successful tenure.
- John Fletcher was elected Associate Conference Planner
- Kathy Privatt was elected Secretary
- Jen Blackmer was elected Treasurer

Theatre History Studies Report

- Rhona Justice-Malloy, Editor, reported that the operation of the journal "goes smoothly," and that the relationship with University of Alabama Press is proving to be positive.

MATC Conference Planning

- Report on research from previous year
 - Minneapolis favored; perhaps back in rotation in a year or two

- New Orleans popular; very expensive
- Louisville; transportation difficulties
- Chicago will be site of 2009 Conference
 - Hyatt Regency Hotel
 - Conference dates: 5-8 March 2009
- Executive Committee considering program of scheduling for Chicago every three years
 - investigating multi-year relationship with hotel chains
- MATC 2010 – cities under consideration: Cleveland, Indianapolis, Milwaukee

Financial Report

- All MATC accounts in good order
 - slight profit anticipated for current Conference
 - Edward Jones account currently valued at >\$30,000

Other Business

- The potential for having appropriate level of funds in the Treasury was brought up
 - acknowledged need to maintain reserve against catastrophe
 - possibility of tax liability, if funds exceed allowable 501(c)3 limits
 - consideration of applying some funds to purchases of Conference needs
 - printers
 - table banner
 - stationery
 - upgrade online operations
 - possibly increase contribution to Schanke Sward
- A question from the floor addressed the choice of venue for Conferences.
 - Site selection was explained as largely a result of attempts to provide variety
 - large city, smaller city;
 - ease of access/travel for eastern and western portions of the membership
 - Executive Committee asked to include Minneapolis and San Antonio for consideration as 2010 site
 - Four cities presented for straw vote: Minneapolis, Indianapolis, Cleveland and San Antonio
 - Indianapolis favored

- A question from the Playwriting Symposium concerning the possibility of publishing the works coming out of the Symposium was raised
 - Rhona Justice-Malloy will take up the issue with University of Alabama Press
- Henry Bial will begin assembling materials for a history of MATC
- The Conference acknowledged the shootings at Northern Illinois University
 - Moved, seconded and approved: a contribution in memory of the event to be made to the Schanke fund
- General agreement and approval of this year's Conference and Conference theme
- Bill Jenkins closed the meeting at 2:57, with thanks to all for a successful conference.
 - Bill Jenkins turned chair over to Mary Cutler
 - At Mary Cutler's suggestion, the membership offered a standing ovation for Bill's services as President.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark E. Mallett