

MATC 2014 EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES

Cleveland Wyndham, Playhouse Square

Thursday, March 6, 2014

Present: Scott Magelssen, John Fletcher, Peter Campbell, Beth Osborne, Mark Mallet, Tyler Smith, Kate Roark, and Liz Reitz Mullinex.

1. Discuss Rhona's Fellow Nomination
 - We can have up to 10% of active membership as fellows, according to the bylaws.
 - Rhona's nomination was voted on and unanimously passed, for induction as a fellow at the 2015 conference.
 - Other long serving and participating members whom may be nominated for induction at the 2015 conference include Henry Bial, Ann Fletcher, Cheryl Black, Jonathan Chambers, Dorothy Chansky, and possibly others.
2. Status of Symposiums and Incoming Co-Chairs
 - THS: Incoming co-chair is Joanne Zerdy. Senior co-chair will be Chrystyna Dail.
 - Playwriting: Incoming co-chair is Matt Fotis; Senior co-chair will be Tom Robson.
 - Practice and Production, Incoming is Boone Hopkins, Senior is Cate Brewer.
 - Pedagogy: Christine Young and Michael Hatton, both staying for next year, with Christine as senior co-chair.
 - Emerging Scholars: Incoming is Karen Martinson, Senior is La Donna Forsgren.
 - New Grad Liaison will be chosen at the grad student mixer. Incoming is Alecia Grande. Senior is Christy Bean.
 - Articles-in-Progress coordinator will be Rob Shimko.
 - Outgoing coordinator, Carolyn Roark, suggested this position be a 4-year term, like an editorship. There was discussion about linking together the jobs of THS Journal Associate Editor with AIP Coordinator.
3. Preview of Treasurer's Report
 - Conference made \$784.52 profit in 2013, thanks to redeeming Hyatt points and 10% discount due to the Creighton debacle.
4. Preview of *Theatre History Studies* journal report.
 - The 2013 issue, Volume 33, never came out.
 - Technically, this means that Liz's first issue, the special issue on theatre and war, is actually Vol. 33. This special issue will come out in the summer of 2014. Liz will proceed with trying to make the next issue a double issue to include Ann's special issue and the forthcoming issue, all as Vol 34. Liz will call Ann tomorrow to discuss the double issue plan.
5. Discuss idea of Associate Treasurer
 - Tyler supports the idea of one-year overlap with the incoming Associate Treasurer serving at the same time as the outgoing Treasurer's final year.. Tyler is currently in 3rd year of a 4-year term as Treasurer, so if we proceed with an Associate Treasurer we could elect this position at next year's meeting. Our By-laws do not include term limits, and Tyler was asked if he would consider being Treasurer for another term. Tyler said he would think about it.
 - Creating a new Associate Treasurer position would require a change to the bylaws. Since Tyler may serve another term, we may not need an Associate Treasurer in the immediate future, so the issue is tabled until the need arises.
 - Beth noted that there are good reasons for more than one person to have their name on the MATC accounts, so that MATC would still be able to access the accounts if the Treasurer was for some

reason indisposed. Scott motioned that the Associate Conference Planner's name also be added to the account, Mark seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved. Tyler will look into how to add a name to the Chase accounts, and Mark will look into how to add a name to the Paypal account.

6. Discuss definition of Webmaster/Communication/Online Presence Manager (team or individual).
 - Mark thinks there should be one person in charge of the actual maintenance of the website, but an advisory committee to help with consistency and branding across all of our communication outlets is also necessary. This new standing committee will be a 3 year commitment, include the Associate Conference Planner as ex-officio member. John will work on creating standing committee (appointed by President) for 2015.
7. MATC Listserve at ISU.
 - The problem with our current listserv host is that only ISU faculty can administer it.
 - Mark has researched Dadamail, which can accommodate up to 1000 addresses, and up to 10 different mailing lists. An annual subscription costs \$29, lifetime membership costs \$75. Server costs are separate. Another option, Listserv light is available for free, mailing lists, but it requires a manual install (someone to retype in all the names and addresses). Mark believes we can do a simple transfer of all the names in our current listserv directly into Dadamail. John moved we move our listserv to Dadamail and get the lifetime membership, Scott seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
8. Cost-Based Budgeting system to determine conference Fee.
 - Peter discussed this possibility to help MATC afford to go to Chicago again.
 - The biggest hurdle is getting food budgets in enough time to set the conference fee. There was general agreement that the conference fee could be raised \$25-\$50 for faculty without causing much hardship. Since MATC will be in Kansas City next year, further discussion was tabled.
9. In Memoriam for Arvid (Gus) Sponberg.
 - This will happen at the Luncheon. Scott has lined up Shannon Epplett, who attended Gus's memorial service, to speak.
10. Unite Here/Union update – return to Hyatt 2016?
 - Since the labor problems have been successfully resolved within the Hyatt chains, we could return to Hyatt hotels starting in 2016. Our experience this year with the Wyndham, however, suggests we may find better costs from non-Hyatt hotels. There was general agreement that there is no reason to return to Hyatt if we could get a better price elsewhere. Peter added we have an exceptionally high number of conference hotel bookings this year due to the affordable hotel rate. Next year we will be at the Sheraton (former Hyatt) in Kansas City.
11. Future Venues.
 - Minneapolis in 2016, which will take the conference back to the middle of the Midwest, but not to Chicago which is very expensive.
 - For 2017, cities under consideration include Oklahoma City, Pittsburgh, and Chicago.

Tabled Topics

1. Vendors
2. Fellow's fund

Respectfully submitted,
Kate Roark, Secretary