

MATC 2017
Houston, TX March 16-19, 2017
Business Meeting Minutes
Saturday, March 18, 2:00-3:00
Prepared by Jennifer Goff, Secretary

Peter convened the meeting at 2:14

I. Approval of the 2016 minutes – Beth moved and Shawna seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously with no discussion

II. Treasurer's Report. Peter gave the report in Tyler's place. The organization is in good financial health. We do have a slightly lower attendance this year, but we have our savings and investment accounts that put us in good standing. Moved and seconded motion to approve the report. The report was approved unanimously with no discussion.

III. Theatre History Studies report. Presented by Sara Freeman and Rob Shimko. Editorship is a four year term. 35th edition is out, and 36th is currently in copy editing, due out this fall. Featuring a section on new writing in theatre history. Vol 37th is in review with special section on theatre, politics, and change. 38th is in development. Potentially some interest in the 18th century.

Rob Shimko reports that the updated books for review list is up on the website.

Peter notes that Sara's term will be up in 2 years, and we will be beginning the process of selecting a new associate editor to work on the 2019 issue with Sara before taking over. Moved and seconded motion to approve the report. The report was approved unanimously with no discussion.

IV. Theatre Practice Report. Presented by Jen Schleuter. Volume 6 including articles from the 2016 conference will be out March 30. This is the online, peer-reviewed version. We are working to include contributions from pedagogy and playwriting symposia in addition to the practice/production. This will also include the keynote address from last year. We have secured an ISSN number, and are beginning to track downloads. CFP for vol 7 will be open now and due in June. Moved and seconded motion to approve the report. The report was approved unanimously with no discussion.

V. Grad Liaison Report. Presented by Aaron Scully. 10 applications for the assistance fund, which we gave to 4 students. We changed the process of grad liaison elections, putting out the call for nominations with everyone else. There was only one nomination this year, but we are hoping to stay in more consistent contact with grad students in between the conferences. Moved and seconded motion to approve the report. The report was approved unanimously with no discussion.

VI. Elections. Presented by Beth Osborne on behalf of nominations and appointment committee: facilitating the orderly and transparent selection of roles within MATC. Chaired by PE, includes senior symposia co-chairs, and at-large members. Call for 6 appointed and 2 elected positions.

- THSymp – Shannon Walsh
- P/P – Karin Waidly
- Playwriting – Eric Thibedeaux-Thompson
- PW GL – Aaron Scully
- Ped – Cat Gleason

- ES – Scott Holtz

Elected

- GL – Sean Bartley
 - Worked with current grad liaisons to make the process more transparent, rather than just at the social. Instead, this year the grad students voted as they checked in at registration
- TE – will be discussed by Peter in just a moment

2018 positions – self-nominate or nominate others

- Co-chairs for all symposia
- Grad liaison
- Secretary
- Web master/Online initiatives
- At-large members for nom committee
- Associate Conference Coordinator – part of the leadership pipeline – 8-10 year commitment

Look for notices in November with likely deadlines for nomination in January 2018.

Peter steps up to discuss the Treasurer Elect

- One year term, then becomes Treasurer for four years
- Only one nomination through our process – Brian Cook
- Opens the floor to objections – none
- Unanimously elected by acclamation

VII. Announcements

- Fellows – we have been working on how to make the fellows a more active participant. We have created a Fellows committee.
 - Charged to create and help execute a multi-year plan to develop \$50000 contingency fund, while keeping the conference similar in scope, but affordable for community of scholars.
 - Recommendations and actions for MATC to work toward diversity in our membership.
 - Most of the work will be online this year, but the first face-to-face meeting will take place at the 2018 conference.
- Chris announces the 2018 conference theme – SPIN – Milwaukee, 2018
- Peter calls for any other announcements.

Motion to adjourn. Moved and seconded motion to adjourn. The report was approved unanimously with no discussion.