

FRIDAY TTAO BUSINESS MEETING 2017

January 27, 2017

TheatreFest, Galveston, Texas

Jerry Ivins: Welcome

Call to Order:

Introduction of Officers

Board Present: Jerry Ivins, Travis Springfield, Mark Pickell, Robin Robinson, Kathy Harvey, Rachel Mattox, Cathy Huvar, Alison Frost, Ricky Ramon, Ezekiel Morgan

S&P Present: Omar Leos, Michael Avila, Karen King, Jay Thomas, Michelle Howard Schwind, Jackie deMontmollin

Officer Reports:

Chair Report: Jerry Ivins

Many of TTAO appeared before the UIL Legislative Council. We support community standards. It's not TTAO's job to define morality. TTAO's job is to respond to what's presented.

Chair Elect: Mark Pickell

Trained and certified 16 new adjudicators in Dallas.

3 more training sessions this spring 2017: Houston, El Paso, and Austin

Spoke to UIL Legislative Council in Summer 2017.

Past President: Travis Springfield

Awards:

2 awards established at State Meet 2016: Lynn Murray/Legacy & Connie McMillan/Service.

Legacy Awards for 2017: George Sorenson & Lou Ida Marsh

Service Award for 2017: Ron Dodson

Special Recommendation to Tim Thomas for creating the TalkTab formula.

2 Scholarships awarded to UIL participants: actor and technician / both doing well in their respective universities.

Treasurer: Kathy Harvey

Financial Report As of 12/31/2016

**Cash on Hand:**

Wells Fargo Checking	25,743.81
Wells Fargo Savings	7,703.19
Pay Pal	144.75
	33,591.75

**For the Twelve Months Ended 12/31/2016**

<b>Revenue</b>	
Membership Dues	22,247.25
Interest Income	2.07
	22,249.32
<b>Expenses</b>	
Program Expenses	
Training Expenses	3,439.41
Scholarships paid	2,000.00
Travel	1,921.26
Supplies	818.25
Awards	575.00
Operations	
Bank and PayPal fees	693.20
Accounting	500.00
Postage and mailings	395.40
Dues	300.00
Business registration fees	275.00
Website	253.40
	11,170.92
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>11,078.40</b>

Communications Director: Alison Frost

1. TTAO Membership

- a. Annual 406
- b. Annual Active 351
- c. Annual Renewal Overdue 46
- d. Annual Lapsed 38
- e. New 18
- f. Lifetime 25
- g. UIL Administrator 2
- h. Adjudicators 379
- i. Contest Managers 115
- j. Total Membership: 433
- k. Total Active: 376

B. Purchased stationary, letterhead, and envelopes.

C. Posted 2017 nominees online / Received 5 online nominees

Luis Munoz:

Thank you to all.

No League rule changes that influence TTAO.

Discussion of Standards.

Adjudicator Online Re-Certification: Jerry Ivins

Old ways: every 5 years we used to do re-certification at TETA.

UIL/I.T. issues with online adjudicator exam. Abandoned this exam option for the moment.

TTAO will implement a Best Practices update for Adjudicator and CM membership. It will go out to all members with the May 1 renewal.

Scholarships: Travis Springfield

Adding 2 additional At-Large scholarships for UIL participants. Total scholarship distribution \$4000

New Business:

Nominations: Jerry Ivins

Appointed 2 At-Large:

Jill Ludington Region 1

Missey Head Region 2

Jim Mammarella Region 4

Nominations from the Floor:

Executive Board / 2 year commitment

Chair-Elect (6 year commitment)

No nominees from the floor

Director at Large

No nominees from the floor

Standards & Practices

Adjudicator Region 3

No nominations from the floor

Contest Manager Region 3

No nominations from the floor

Confirmation for all online nominees will be conducted after TheatreFest.

Bios and photos of all nominees will be posted online and online election will take place in February.

Adjudicator Evaluations:

No evaluations were distributed from the UIL office.

Great response from online evaluations.

Board of Directors 'At Large' representatives will distribute 2017 adjudicator and CM evaluations during summer meeting.

TTAO position on background checks:

Our stance will be that TTAO Adjudicators should be excluded from background checks.

Adjudicators are never left alone with students. Individual adjudicators negotiate individual contracts. It is up to the adjudicator if they choose to accept a contract that requires background checks.

An official stance will be posted on the TTAO website

Critiques:

Proposal Discussion:

Panelist delivers a 15 minute (maximum) critique immediately after the performance.

Advancing plays receive an additional critique from the 2 additional panelists AFTER the awards.

Concern: will contests run longer with this format?

This will be discussed at the Summer Board Meeting.

Certification Minimum Requirements:

Recommended: Adjudicators should have additional experience beyond a recent theatre undergraduate degree.

Concerns: Some regions are short on adjudicators—especially

Motion: By Travis Springfield: Moves to table this discussion to the Standards and Practices committee to clarify language during the summer 2017 meeting.

Motion seconded: Sammy Green

Motion carries.

Discussion:

Assigning of Area/Region/State adjudicators

Procedure is on TTAO.org

Online evaluations should help with the pool of adjudicators to be recommended

Jerry Ivins moves to adjourn.

Mark Pickell seconded.

Meeting adjourned.

Alison Frost, Communications Director  
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