

**The ATHE Governing Council unanimously approved the following actions on July 25, 2007:**

**MOTION:** from Judith Sebesta, to approve the GC Minutes of January 13, 2007. 2<sup>nd</sup> Bill Doan. Approved Unanimously.

**MOTION:** from Bill Doan, to accept Finance Committee report. 2<sup>nd</sup> Lionel Walsh. Approved Unanimously.

**CONSENT MOTION:** from Karen Berman. 2<sup>nd</sup> Bill Doan. Approved Unanimously.

**MOTION:** from Jeannie Woods, to approve the '07-08 PDC Committee.

**MOTION:** from Suzanne Burgoyne, to approve Lindy Bumgarner as member of Interactive Theatre Task Force.

**MOTION:** from Judith Sebesta, to approve the E-Publishing Task Force.

**MOTION:** from Michael Wright, vote of thanks to Conference Committee.

**MOTION:** from Ric Knowles, to thank the outgoing journal editors.

**MOTION:** from Nina LeNoir, to thank the Ad Hoc Committee on Conferences.

**MOTION:** from Suzanne Burgoyne. To appoint Karen Berman to Chair and Kathy Ervin to serve on Nominations Committee.

**MOTION:** from Suzanne Burgoyne, to approve \$3,625.00 (\$725 per person) for ATHE members to attend summit meeting at EdTA Conference in NYC.

**MOTION:** from Judith Sebesta, to approve as a policy statement the ATHE Statement on Diversity and Inclusiveness, to replace the current diversity statement on p. 16 of the Ops Manual. 2<sup>nd</sup> Bill Doan.

Discussion: Wording clarified. Motion withdrawn.

**MOTION:** from Henry Bial, to approve as amended (see below). 2<sup>nd</sup> Bill Doan. Approved Unanimously.

#### **ATHE Statement on Diversity and Inclusiveness**

As an organization committed to education, outreach and creativity, ATHE advocates human rights for all members, the communities in which we meet, and all organizations with which we collaborate and engage. To this end, ATHE is committed to fostering and sustaining age, racial, ethnic, gender, sexual orientation, economic, and ability/disability diversities, among others, in its membership, in its governance, and in its programming, and to sustaining an association that is geographically, ideologically, and aesthetically

multi-dimensional. ATHE seeks to be responsive to the wider range of peoples and perspectives operating within today's academic and professional theatrical communities. Accordingly, ATHE understands that a significant objective within its operational mission and strategic plan is to ensure and encourage understanding, communication, artistic and scholarly discourse across and through differences. This includes:

- issues that affect our work as scholars and teachers, including, but not limited to, academic freedom and freedom of access to information, as well as appointments to, and policies of, granting and funding agencies
- issues that affect our ability to meet safely and comfortably in national and regional conventions, and conduct our business freely and in our commitments to human rights and diversity
- issues of civil rights, civil liberties, and legal rights

Statements on behalf of ATHE pertaining to the above issues should conform to ATHE's Public Relations Policy.

**MOTION:** from Judith Sebesta, to approve \$2,500 for further website revisions and updates over the next fiscal year. 2<sup>nd</sup> Bill Doan. Approved Unanimously.

**MOTION:** from Judith Sebesta, to approve the ATHE Media Statement (see below). 2<sup>nd</sup> Bill Doan.

Discussion: Send to attorney first.

MOTION withdrawn.

ATHE Media Statement:

“ATHE's annual conference is considered a media event; as such, ATHE reserves the right to publish (both electronically and in print) and to disseminate to media photos and video taken by ATHE's photographers during conference programming. When feasible, captions for photos will be provided with their publication and dissemination.”

**MOTION:** from David Kaye, to make grad student housing and, if necessary, local transportation, a regular feature of ATHE's conferences as the Conference Committee's Responsibility. 2<sup>nd</sup> Michael Wright. Passed Unanimously.

**MOTION:** from David Kaye, that the senior GSSC rep be appointed to the conference committee each year to assist the Admin. Director in addressing grad student issues. 2<sup>nd</sup> Bill Doan.

MOTION withdrawn, back to committee for possible rewording.

**MOTION:** from David Kaye, to allocate \$5,000 each year to assist with grad student housing and transportation. 2<sup>nd</sup> Michael Wright. Approved Unanimously.

**MOTION:** from Lionel Walsh, to thank the Awards Committee. 2<sup>nd</sup> Michael Wright. Approved Unanimously.

**The ATHE Governing Council unanimously approved the following actions on July 29, 2007:**

**CONSENT MOTION:** from Nina LeNoir. 2<sup>nd</sup> Josh Abrams. Approved Unanimously.

**MOTION:** from Steve Peters, to present a gift of \$100 to each of New Orleans performance groups that participated in the "Actions" Cabaret.

**MOTION:** from Steve Peters, to appoint Michael Tick to serve on the Nominations Committee

**MOTION:** from Gail Humphries Mardirosian, to approve Kaarin Johnston as co-chair of the Writing Mentorship program.

**MOTION:** from Bob, to approve the '07-'08 Awards Committee.

**The ATHE Governing Council unanimously approved the following actions via conference call on September 21, 2007:**

MOTION: From Bob Schanke, to approve the following Consent Agenda Items. 2<sup>nd</sup> Steve Peters. Approved Unanimously.

**A. Awards Committee and Sub-committee Members, 2007-2008**

Robert A. Schanke – VP for Awards ([schanker@aol.com](mailto:schanker@aol.com))

Ric Knowles – Chair, Outstanding Book Sub-Committee ([rknowles@uoguelph.ca](mailto:rknowles@uoguelph.ca))

Judith Williams – Chair, Outstanding Teacher Sub-Committee ([jwbw@ufl.edu](mailto:jwbw@ufl.edu))

David Roman – Chair, Outstanding Article Sub-Committee ([davidr@usc.edu](mailto:davidr@usc.edu))

Kevin Wetmore – Chair, Excellence in Editing Sub-Committee ([kwetmore@lmu.edu](mailto:kwetmore@lmu.edu))

Frank Trezza – Focus Group Representative ([trezzaf@newpaltz.edu](mailto:trezzaf@newpaltz.edu))

Maya Roth – Co-Chair, Jane Chambers Playwriting Award ([mer46@georgetown.edu](mailto:mer46@georgetown.edu))

Priscilla Page – Co-Chair, Jane Chambers Playwriting Award

([pmpage@theater/umass.edu](mailto:pmpage@theater/umass.edu))

Chair, David Mark Cohen Playwriting Award

**Outstanding Book Sub-Committee**

Jeanne Colleran ([jcolleran@jcu.edu](mailto:jcolleran@jcu.edu))

Haiping Yan ([yan@TFT.UCLA.EDU](mailto:yan@TFT.UCLA.EDU) or [haipingyan2000@yahoo.com](mailto:haipingyan2000@yahoo.com))

**Outstanding Teacher Sub-Committee**

Georgia Gresham ([gresham@loyno.edu](mailto:gresham@loyno.edu))

Robert Chapel ([rcc2u@virginia.edu](mailto:rcc2u@virginia.edu))

Richard Isackes ([isackes@mail.utexas.edu](mailto:isackes@mail.utexas.edu))

Felicia Hardison Londre ([londref@umkc.edu](mailto:londref@umkc.edu))

**Outstanding Article Sub-Committee**

Members are selected after February 15.

**Excellence in Editing Sub-Committee**

David Jortner ([djj10@psu.edu](mailto:djj10@psu.edu))

Tom Postlewait ([postlt@u.washington.edu](mailto:postlt@u.washington.edu))

**Jane Chambers Playwriting Award Sub-Committee**

Maya Roth ([mer46@georgetown.edu](mailto:mer46@georgetown.edu))

Priscilla Page ([pmpage@theater.umass.edu](mailto:pmpage@theater.umass.edu))

**David Mark Cohen Playwriting Award Sub-Committee**

Kate Snodgrass, Fred Rubeck, Greg Henry

**B. Advocacy Committee, 2007-2008**

Henry Bial, VP

Steve Peters, chair of Affiliations Subcommittee

Gale Sheaffer, chair of Theatre Ed Reform Subcommittee

Gail Medford, co-chair of Theatre Ed Reform Subcommittee

Jay Edelnant, chair, Interactive Theatre Task Force

Jim De Young

Steven Pennell

**C. Updated 2008 Conference Committee**

David Kaye: Chair

Suzanne Burgoyne: Ex Officio

Kurt Daw: Seminar Coordinator Only

Patricia Ybarra

Michael Mufson

Lance Gharavi

Harvey Young

Lindy Bumgarner

Daniel Koetting

Mark Heckler

Fred Rubeck

Cheryl Black

Pam Chabora

Amy Sarno-Fradkin

**D. Electronic Technology Committee members for 2007-08:**

Judith Sebesta, Chair

Josh Abrams

Melanie Blood

Tim Connors

Kathryn Farley

Sean Kelley

Gary Maciag

Sara Marcus

Nadja Masura

Nina LeNoir

Michael O'Hara

David Saltz

Steve Schrum

Shaun Sewell

**E. Finance Committee**

**Bill Doan, Chair**

Josh Abrams

John Weinstein

Lisa Wilson

Barb Parisi

Sara Warner

Stephen Pennell

Frank Trezza

**Audit Committee**

Bill Doan, Chair

Kurt Daw

Donna Aronson

Jon Whitmore

**F. Membership and Marketing**

Julie Rae Pratt, Chair

Daniel Banks

Macaela Carder

Mike Cryer

Jay Edelnant

J Frazier

Tim Good

Kristine Holtvedt

J Huerta

Dan Haughey

Teresa Kasperick

Sean Kelly

Angela Konrad

Julia Listengarten

Irma Mayorga

Paige McGinley

Barbara Parisi

P Gibson Ralph

Corey Roberts

D Saltz

Timothy Schaffer

Shaun Sewell

Vidhu Singh

Suzanne Shawyer

Wendall Stone

Patricia Ybarra

**G. Nominations Committee**

Karen Berman, Chair

Sherry Engel

Barbara Parisi

Lionel, Walsh

Kathy Ervin

**H. 2007-2008 R&P committee and subcommittees**

ATHE Research and Publications Committee

Ric Knowles (Chair) Josh Abrams, Phaedra Bell, Terry

Brino-Dean, Jonathan Chambers, Mary Karen Dahl, John Fletcher, Lance

Gharavi, Melissa Gibson, Jean Graham-Jones, Joan Herrington, D.J.

Hopkins, Rick Jones, Ric Knowles, Kanta Kochhar-Lindgren, Sonja

Kuftinec, Mary Jo Lodge, Heather Nathans, James Peck, Ramon

Rivera-Servera, Katy Ryan, David Saltz, Cathrine Schuler, Judith Sebesta, Shaun Sewell, Sandra Shannon, Yan, Haiping, Christin Yannacci, Patricia Ybarra, Harvey Young

#### Ad-Hoc Subcommittees 2007-8

1. "Grey Book" On-line

Josh Abrams (chair), Phaedra Bell, Ric Knowles, Shaun Sewell

2: "White Paper" Contribution on Tenure and Promotion Considerations

Mary Karen Dahl (chair), Jonathan Chambers <[jonathc@bgnet.bgsu.edu](mailto:jonathc@bgnet.bgsu.edu)>, John Fletcher, Lance Gharavi, Jean Graham-Jones, Rick Jones, Ric Knowles, Kathleen Ryan, Judith Sebesta

3: Fresh Print Co-ordinators

Jennifer Brody, Ramon Rivera-Servera

4. Fundraising Scholarship Committee

Phaedra Bell (co-chair), Heather Nathans (co-chair), Kanta Kochhar-Lindgren, Yan Haiping

5. Bibliography Project Committee

Heather Nathans (Co-Chair), Christin Yannucci (co-chair), John Fletcher, Patricia Ybarra

#### I. **Strategic Planning Committee**

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Nancy Erickson (ex officio)

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J. **2009 ATHE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE – New York City**

Harvey Young (Chair)

D.J. Hopkins

Paige McGinley

Barbara Parisi

Steve Peters

Ramon Rivera-Servera

Shaun Sewell

Frank Trezza

Lionel Walsh

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**MOTION:** From Bob Schanke, to change the award name to Award for Outstanding Book. 2<sup>nd</sup> Ric Knowles. Approved Unanimously.

Rationale: The award for Outstanding Book is given on the basis of the book's potential to interrupt, change and/or challenge theatre practice, pedagogy, or scholarship, particularly important are those books that work across all three. We invite submissions of books about all aspects of theatre and performance practice, pedagogy and scholarship, as well as anthologies that provide revisionist teaching materials in the field. The book should have been published in the year preceding the national conference.

**MOTION:** From Bob Schanke, to create an ATHE-KC/ACTF Award Task Force. 2<sup>nd</sup> Karen Berman. Approved Unanimously.

Rationale: The task force would explore the establishing of a new award that would be a teaching/directing award. It would be presented at the KC/ACTF Festival in the spring at the Kennedy Center. The nominators would probably be students. The chair of the task force would be Lionel Walsh and on his task force committee would be Jay Edelnant.

**MOTION:** From Judith Sebesta, to approve the ETC's recommendation to deliver ATHENews to members via PatronMail and utilize ATHEWIRE for members-only news between issues of ATHENews, at an initial cost of \$1280 for the first year, with an ongoing cost of \$1080 annually. 2<sup>nd</sup> James Hatfield. Approved Unanimously.

**MOTION:** From Karen Berman, as part of our year-round work for ATHE, to provide \$3,600 in support of a group to attend the BTN-ATHE Alliance meeting in Orlando in November during BTN's midyear meeting. Group would consist of:

Karen Berman, Immediate Past President  
Gail Humphries Mardirosian, Professional Development  
Julie Rae Pratt, M&M  
Laurie Mufson, Co-Chair Katrina Project  
Jonathan Shandell, BTA  
Gale Sheaffer, Arts Ed Reform/Advocacy

2<sup>nd</sup> James Hatfield, Approved Unanimously.