

ATHE Minutes
August 2008 to January 2009
Secretary, Sara Warner

The ATHE Operations Committee unanimously approved the following action on September 5, 2008 via conference call:

MOTION: From Frank Trezza to increase the interactive theater task force line item from \$2500 to \$5,000 to fund a mid year meeting in Detroit. Second: Christin Essin. Approved Unanimously.

Rationale: This is a one-time request due, in part, to the numerous transitions the task force has undergone in the past year. The money will go toward travel reimbursement for a mid-year meeting in Detroit. Members were asked to revisit their original six point agenda, create a detailed plan for the future, and to report to Henry Bial, Chair Advocacy, who report to the OC.

The ATHE Operations Committee unanimously approved the following action on December 16, 2008 via electronic vote:

MOTION: From Bob Schanke, VP for Awards, "that the VP for Research and Publications automatically becomes a member of the Awards Committee and chairs the Outstanding Book Award subcommittee." Second Harvey Young. Steve Peters asked that Bob contact Jonathan Chambers, prior to presenting the motion for his consent, which he did. Passed.

The ATHE Operations Committee unanimously approved the following actions on Friday, January 16, 2009 at the mid-year Operations Committee Meeting in NYC at the Marriot Marquis:

MOTION: from Sara Warner, to approve OC Minutes from July to January 2009. 2nd Frank Trezza. Passed Unanimously.

MOTION: from Steve Peters, to adjurn. 2nd Frank Trezza. Passed Unanimously.

The ATHE Governing Council unanimously approved the following actions on Saturday, January 17, 2009 at the mid-year Governing Council Meeting in NYC at the Marriot Marquis:

MOTION: from Sara Warner, to approve GC Minutes from January to July 2008. 2nd N. LeNoir. Passed Unanimously.

MOTION: from Steve Peters, to approve the following consent agenda items. 2nd Sara Warner. Passed Unanimously.

- a. H. Bial, VP Advocacy: Lynn Hoare as co-chair of Interactive Theatre
- b. J. Chambers, VP Research and Publications: Anne Fletcher (Southern Illinois University of Carbondale) named as Book Review Editor for *Theatre Topics*. Term will begin March 2009.
- c. G.H. Mardirosian, VP Professional Development: Marc Laccoca named co-chair of Mentorship subcommittee and Christine Williams MAL Professional Development.
- d. B. Schanke, VP Awards Committee and Membership Subcommittees: approve committees.
- e. Frank Trezza, Treasurer: approve finance and audit committees.
- f. Christin Essin, VP Membership & Marketing: approve committee.

Motion: Gail Humphries-Mardirosian, VP Professional Development Committee, Task Force on Tenure and Promotion; Motion: Development of an interactive web-based resource on tenure and promotion. 2nd H. Young. Passed Unanimously.

Rationale: This will include documents on guidelines; matrix for best practices; resource section on tenure and promotion for faculty, administrators, etc.; database of mentors. Jeff Huberman created handout. No budget yet. ATHE could lead the way on evaluation of faculty in arts.

Motion Henry Bial, VP Advocacy Committee, to make ITF a standing subcommittee under Advocacy. 2nd F. Trezza. Passed Unanimously.

Rationale: Members debated merits of making ITF a focus group or standing-subcommittee and whether the position might one day become a Vice President position.

Motion: H. Bial, \$500 for Funding from the Advocacy budget for ITF Pre-conference to be held in conjunction with TASC (total cost ~ \$3000). 2nd H. Young. Passed Unanimously.

Rationale: The meeting will take place at CUNY; \$50 registration; AATE asked for \$3,000 too. Coalition serves strategic plan. Committee requests can come directly from line item (\$12,000). All committees propose budgets by Nov 1.

Motion: H. Bial, ATHE to develop white paper on ethical conduct in theater research. 2nd C. Essin. Passed Unanimously.

Rationale: Institutional review boards not designed for theater research. ATHE can be proactive and members can present to their university and/or grad students. At conference interested parties would be solicited to form committee.

Motion Jonathan Chambers to name James Peck of Muhlenberg College as co-editor for *Theatre Topics*. Term will begin August 2009. 2nd. H. Bial. Approved.

Motion: Bob Shanke, VP Awards Committee, Motion for Award for Leadership in Community-Based Theatre and Civic Engagement. 2nd H. Bial. Motion passed.

Rationale: Some members suggested honorarium and article in *Theatre Topics*, but the GC agreed objected to money for this award and not others and objected to article without journal editor's approval.

Motion: Jim Hatfield, MAL for Outreach to accept affiliation with the National Partners of American Theatre. 2nd H. Bial.

Motion from Gail Humphries-Mardirosian for \$750 to fund New Orleans Katrina Project coordinator to present at NYC conference. The money will come from Professional Development budget. 2nd Barbara Parisi. Passed Unanimously.

Discussion: Make sure ATHE receives acknowledgment.

Motion, B. Parisi to adjourn. 2nd N. LeNoir. Passed Unanimously.