

IOWA COMMUNITY THEATRE ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The Iowa Community Theatre Association Membership Meeting was held June 21, 2014 in a conference room at the Wilson's Performing Arts Center in Red Oak, IA.

Present: President Rick Myers, Secretary Peg Brown, Carol Bellairs, Helen Beneke, Loween Getter, Julie Karns, Molly Ketchum, Bobbi Jo Lutzen, Pam Ratliff, Donna Smithson, Mel Wilson and Cheryl Zieringer. There were approximately 30 ICTA member also present.

Officers absent: Treasurer Gerard Schwickerath and Vice President Jason Paull.

President Rick called the meeting to order at 12:45 P.M.

Secretary Brown read the minutes of the April 6, 2013 ICTA Membership meeting. Mel made a motion, second by Loween, to approve the minutes as read. Motion carried.

In the absence of Treasurer Gerard, President Rick reviewed the treasurer's report that had been received. Discussion occurred and questions were answered.

President Rick stated a site was needed for the 2015 Festival. He explained in detail what a theatre needed to be approved to host festival. Interest had been shown by Marshalltown and Pella. Contact will be made. Newton offered to host Festival in addition to hosting the Region V Festival in 2015.

Donna presented the nominating committee report for the committee consisting of Molly, Jason, Pam, Rick and herself. Board members up for election were Helen Beneke, Carol Bellairs, Julie Karns, Mel Wilson and Cheryl Zieringer for a 3-year term. A 2-year term is available for those members whose terms will expires in 2016. Candidates on the ballot are John Olson, Mel Wilson, Cheryl Zieringer, Helen Beneke, Christine Wolf and R.J. Lundgren. Carol Bellairs was nominated from the floor. Election results show: Helen Beneke (25), Carol Bellairs (24), Mel Wilson (22) Christine Wolf (20) and Cheryl Zieringer (24) elected for a 3-year term, and R.J. Lundgren (26) elected for a 2-year term.

Board responsibilities were explained in detail to the new members elected. The board meets 4 times a year at various theatres around the state. Board responsibilities include hosting convention, festival and regional meetings, reviewing requests and awarding Boutin grants, the Awards in Excellence, a newsletter (Center Stage), hosting a web site, marketing, serving as liaison between ICTA, AACT and local theatres. Friendships and networking are awesome rewards from membership.

Sue Beukema was present and discussed the fact Newton would like to host a workshop on Stage Combat. She was curious as to how many theatres would be interested in attending. Allen Ebert would do the presenting. It was suggested to continue with plans to present it.

Center State was discussed. The publication is to be disseminated 4 times a year. People need to submit articles for publication. Distribution can be either by e-mail or a hard copy through regular mail. Further discussion will be held at the board meeting.

The board will meet at 3:00 P.M. this afternoon in this same room.

Mel made a motion, second by Phyllis, to adjourn. Rick closed the meeting at 1:45 P.M.

Peg Brown,
Secretary