

**MINUTES OF THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER OF THE UNITED STATES
INSTITUTE OF THEATRE TECHNOLOGY
Cincinnati, March 19, 2009**

Meeting called to order 8:08am. In attendance are Dinna Myers, Darrell Winn, Tom Hird, Jim McHugh, Jody Sekas, Calder Johnson, Virginia Vogel, Jeffrey Haskett, Christopher Boltz, Derek Hercs, Rebecca Tanner

Elect officers:

- Chair - Tom Hird
- Vice Chair/Secretary - Cathie McClellen.
- Treasurer - Dinna Myers
- Dennis Paoletti and Barbara Murray Member at Large.

Treasury Report. –

- **Dues are due today.** Fiscal year March 1 – February 28.
- 2008-2009 – took a loss of \$521.29.
- Membership Drive –Everyone is required to get one new member.
- If membership does not increase, we will have to raise dues in 2010 to \$25.00.
- Darrell suggests we get a corporate sponsor for the newsletter.

Programming

- **2008-2009 programming report.**
 - Tech Olympics canceled due to lack of participation
 - Holiday Social in December at Michael Ramsaur's house.
 - Winter Design Review was held at UOP at the end of January and was reasonably successful. Next year may be held in conjunction with ACTF in Reno. Third week in February. Does allow classroom projects. Potential Reviewers should contact Tom.
- **2009-2010 Programming Recommendations**
 - 50th Anniversary of USITT next year. They are looking for sections to submit work. (Dinna wants to know if there can be standardization of guidelines between organizations)
 - Tom asked if anyone would like to host a program. ESTA will provide the actual programming. Let Tom know if you are interested.
 - How would our section like to celebrate the 50th Anniversary? Cathie suggested a career family tree to collect 50 years worth of designs. Could visit any one of a number of new theatres.
 - Cathie wants us to consider having Design Respondents for Region 7 KCATF. UOP can cover gas and lodging overnight. ~\$250.00. Cathie needs to write an article about this. Who would be willing to be in the adjudicator pool?

Student Chapters:

- Need a sponsor and 6 members who are also members of USITT. Best chapters are active in offering services to others and fundraisers. Sell refreshments and swag at show. Great for bonding and team building. Use funding to get to National Conference. Need to find out if two schools can team up.