

**MINUTES OF THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER OF THE UNITED STATES
INSTITUTE OF THEATRE TECHNOLOGY
KANSAS CITY, MO APRIL 1, 2010**

Meeting called to order 8:08am. In attendance are Dinna Myers, Steve Kaplowitz, Tom Hird, Jim McHugh, Virginia Vogel, Cathie McClellen, Todd Fouyer, Randall Enlow, Holly Montos, Martha Marking, Dave Pier Folsom Lake College, Emma Davis (student).

Section Business:

- We currently do not have enough members that are also members of the National Association in order to be a legal section.
- There has been little or no interest in the programming we have been offering.
- It has been suggested that this section should be closed.
 - Tom suggests three things...
 - We could host a national event to spur activity along
 - Size of facilities and room availability on the west coast is problematic. It is possible to look at San Jose? Or Reno? The section no longer runs the conference like things used to be.
 - We could unite with the Southern California section or one large California chapter.
 - We can go to inactive status for up to three years to pull the section back together and be brought back to active status.
 - Cathie says we need to look at what being an active section means. We need commitment.
 - Tom says facility tours are always possible and popular. People in our area can then encourage professionals to suggest programming.
 - South East section has a master class every September.
 - Perhaps our section should have a yearly meeting not at this conference. Tom needs to know what is the good month to have something like this?
 - Holly suggests KACTF as our regional festival. People hold design awards or tech Olympics or exhibits. Our region is now from Alaska to Colorado.
 - Dinna suggests that we need Vision and Mission and a clear set of goals.
 - Emma suggests we need to do better to let the smaller colleges know what is going on. People don't have the information.
 - Student Chapters are mission critical to raising the younger generation.
 - Dinna start a Facebook page. (Done)
 - Steve says there used to be better motivation to participate because it helped them secure tenure. The motivation no longer exists. He would hate to see this section fold. We have to make the magic.
 - Corporate sponsorship can be helpful. Can Musson be more useful? Can they sponsor Breakfast?
 - Dinna open the newsletter to anyone who wants to join. Set up website to join newsletter online.
- Michael suggests that we go to inactive status. Put together a task group to reinvigorate the section. Can still get a meeting room each year. No guarantees section funding.

Elect officers: Have to have three officers to remain a California nonprofit.

- Chair – Virginia Vogel
 - Thank you to Tom Hird for his many, many years of service as Chair.
- Vice Chair - Cathie McClellen.
- Treasurer - Dinna Myers
 - Steering committee for reorganizing the chapter
 - Steve Kaplowitz, Tom Hird, Emma Davis, Michael Ramsaur, Cathie McClellen, Todd Fouyer. Randall Enlow.
 - Possibly use SKYPE to communicate.

Treasury Report:

- **Dues are due today.** Fiscal year March 1 – February 28.
- 2009-2010 – took a loss of \$331.45.
- Membership Drive –Everyone is required to get one new member.
- Dues were raised for 2010 to \$20.00. And \$10 for students.
- Suggestion that we get a corporate sponsor for the newsletter \$300.00.
 - Len Auerbach, Dennis Paoletti, Landry and Bogan, (and how can we get them involved again).

Programming

- **2009-2010 programming report.**
 - Career Day, two people expressed interest in helping, four people expressed interest in attending. So the event was cancelled.
- **2010-2011 Programming Recommendations**
 - How can we connect with more community colleges? UC Santa Cruz?
 - Tom suggests October to November for a regular yearly event.
 - Emma says late January to early February is ok.

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.

Respectfully submitted,

Dinna Myers,
Treasurer / Secretary