



Arkansas Communication and Theatre Arts Association

**Executive Council Meeting
April 20, 2012**

*The meeting was called to order by ACTAA President Dawn Tucker, Jonesboro High School.

*Mary Richardson, ACTAA Vice President:

Discussed the 2012 summer workshop, which will take place July 15-17, 2012 at Russellville High School. At the summer workshop, 2, 5, and 10 year strategic planning of goals/plans will take place. Professional development will also be offered. PD is being planned by Jannetta Carney of Russellville High School.

Discussed trying to build up Arkansas college membership in ACTAA. Also trying to get the communications journal started back up...maybe an on-line journal.

Discussed the need for ACTAA committees to have a better clarification.

Stated that the Fall Convention will be held September 13-15, 2012 at the Arlington Hotel in Hot Springs. (Dawn Tucker took suggestions for professional development hours.) Members are encouraged to book rooms and stay at the Arlington to help offset convention room costs.

*Jannetta Carney, ACTAA 2nd Vice President:

Took suggestions for summer workshop professional development.

Discussed ACTAA calendar: April 5-6, 2013 will be the Tournament of Champs at Russellville High School; November 4-6, 2012 will be Student Congress.

Discussed the situation of Monticello High School and Fayetteville High School holding an invitational tournament on the same date. The executive council held discussion and voted that the two schools could hold tournaments on the same weekend.

*Debra Catton, ACTAA Executive Treasurer:

Now obtains an ACTAA credit card. This will allow for purchases to be ordered and paid for in a timely manner.

Discussed on-line registration for ACTAA sponsored events.

Discussed using Joy of Tournaments. Tim Hollis, Fayetteville High School, is looking into getting an organization license for ACTAA.

Discussion was held concerning Tournament of Champions and the coaches' lounge. Executive council voted that the hosting school will be in charge of the coaches' lounge and be presented a gratuity of \$100 to give to the coaches' lounge host.

*Ashley Tarvin, ACTAA Nominations Committee

Took suggestions for 1st Vice President.

Discussion was held for clarification of rules for the ACTAA Teacher of the Year.

*Hannah Sawyer, ACTAA Webmaster:

Everything is going good with the new website.

*Jennifer Akers, ACTAA Professional Development Coordinator:

Chris Flowers and Rosie Valdez will be hosting a debate camp through UALR. Professional development hours will be available for members at the camp. More information to come on the camp by Chris Flowers.

Jennifer will go through professional development update training through ADE in July to obtain the 2012-2013 pd verification code. She will report any updates concerning pd at the summer conference.

*Jannetta Carney, ACTAA Audit and Ethical Practices Committee:

Reported everything is ok with these two committees.

*Callie Hamm, ACTAA Scholarship Committee Report:

Discussion was held by executive council concerning the scholarship stacking policy with Arkansas colleges and universities. Members of the council discussed ways to disperse money for the ACTAA scholarship to the winning applicant. The council voted that there is nothing that can be done at this time for the applicant. John Gale volunteered to look in to a research grant in theater, debate, speech or theater dance or an internship for applicants of the scholarship.

*Tim Peerbolte, Debate Topic Selection Report:

The Topic selection meeting will be August 3-5, 2012 in Boston.

*Debra Catton, Student Congress Committee Report:

The Stu Co Committee will meet this summer before the summer workshop to decide on the committee's new member and prepare information for the 2012 Stu Co. Information will be ready for the summer workshop mail-out.

*Jennifer Akers, Mentoring/Recruitment Committee Report:

Discussion was held about the need for college membership to grow in ACTAA. The council also held discussion about college students joining as ACTAA members.

*Dawn Tucker, AR Thespians

Date is currently not available for next year's Thespians Conference. Michelle Moss is in charge of next year's convention. Delaine Gates would like to remain as the liaison for ACTAA with AR Thespians.

*Ad hoc Committees:

Discussion was held concerning ASDI ad hoc committee. Jannetta Carney, Russellville High School, made a motion to disband the ASDI ad hoc committee. The body 2nd the motion. Voted. Motion Carried.

*Old Business:

TOC: At summer workshop there will be time set aside for members to discuss and plan and revise the TOC document. All members are encouraged to attend this meeting.

List Serve: Paid for another year of membership. Will try to roll off soon and go strictly to the website.

*Jannetta Carney motioned to adjourn.

Debra Catton 2nd the motion.

All in favor...meeting adjourned.