

ACTAA  
Spring Meeting  
April 5, 2013

President Richardson called the meeting to order. She thanked Jannetta Carney for hosting the TOC, and also for attempting to do a DVD recording of ACTAA finals at the tournament. Due to copyright concerns and a hasty time line, recording will not take place at Russellville this year.

She also talked about the new tournament committee that will be chaired by Jane Balgavy. Other appointments are John Gale, executive council college rep, and Debbie Ashcraft, executive council high school rep.

Tim Peerebolte was reappointed Debate Topic Selection Delegate to the National Selection meeting. Questions were raised concerning how we pay for our delegate to attend.

President Richardson recognized First Vice President Dawn Tucker who reported that the summer meeting will be held July 14-16, and the executive council will meet at that time. She also said she spoke to Lana Hallmark at the Dept of Education, concerning common core implementation.

Second Vice President Jannetta Carney reported that the calendar will now be accessed using Google calendar. This will be a much easier alternative to adding performance and tournament dates.

Helen Strickland was recognized and commented on the lack of professional dress at tournaments. She addressed the tournament committee to perhaps invoke a dress code and rules for decorum at all 5

She also reported that Fall Convention will be held September 5-7 at the Fort Smith Civic Center/Holiday Inn.

Tim Peerebolte reported he is working on ACTAA Fall Convention 2014, where we will celebrate ACTAA's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary!

President Richardson called upon Pris Benson. She announced that Jennifer Akers and Mary Richardson will assume the roles of Executive Secretary and Executive Treasurer. Pris stressed the importance of continuity and keeping ACTAA strong, using a "big picture" mentality to forward our mission.

Sara Cooke rose as Archivist to ask that anyone who has old pictures of ACTAA events need to submit those to her. Also she asked that we have more signage made for conferences.

No report from Recording Secretary Jane Balgavy. WWW Manager Hannah Sawyer reported that it's time to renew our ".org" standing.

Callie Ham, Recruitment/Mentoring chair reported that she met with Pris and they are working on gathering ACTAA retirees in helping in this process. Pris rose and shared an 'ACTAA bulletin' that could be used to recruit. It was a wonderful mockup, and she asked for pictures to place in the bulletin to illustrate the work we do!

Mandy Taylor reported on Demo Day 2013. She said it will probably be held at Searcy High, but backup locations are Henderson and Hendrix. She also requested a new committee member be added. Sara Cooke motioned to raise the Demo Day fee from \$5. To \$10. Motion was seconded by Tim Peerbolte and passed.

Pat Treadway was recognized and she rose to speak on revising the constitution. She then addressed the very important Professional Standards work that she and members have done. Attached to these minutes is her report about what needs to be done. She is actively soliciting help in

Martene Mourning reported on Student Congress Fall 2012. She said they discussed moving the date back to Veterans Day. Next year's congress will be November 10-12, 2013. Invitation will go out in the summer mailing. She also wants to add Kara Cloninger as the newest member to the committee.

Dawn Tucker spoke for AR Thespians. Possible dates for the one act festival are October 25-26 or November 15-16, 2014. Thespians convention date is planned for January 23-25, 2014.

Mary

Changing of the Guard. Recognizing president at fall meeting

Member management going to Jenn/Mary will work with her to pass those duties

IPDA concern that Har-Ber was attending tourneys and competing with college students. AAA told her not to. Mary addressed the need to ensure people know we offer IPDA

Pat Treadway questioned why we added IPDA to TOC and haven't added Student Congress. Discussion ensued and Mary asked the TOC committee to look into feasibility.

John Gale reported on the Arkansas Arts Consortium. Earlier, John made a statement that there needs to be standards set for teachers of the theatre and the arts. He met with Dr. Cushman and plans are underway to continue this endeavor.

Mary introduced Chris Flowers, who was charged with lobbying administrators and lawmakers to support oral communication and teachers of such courses.

Publicity and Propaganda: Brochures that promote our cause.

Communication Appreciation Banquet: Invite people to a dinner where we can publicize our cause and honor those who support us.

President Richardson thanked the organization and passed the gavel to incoming President Dawn Tucker, who adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jane Morgan Balgavy