A meeting of the Drama Committee was held on Thursday, April 4, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at the MPA office.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chad Bell, Shawn Carlson, Scott Gordon, Brian Laramee, and Beth Lambert.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jeremy Bousquet, Mark Campbell, Karl Matulis and, Chris Moreau, Steve Ouellette, and Rebecca Wright.

LIAISON ABSENT: Kailey Smith, MDC Representative.

COORDINATORS PRESENT: Robin Lisherness and Tom Heath.

STAFF PRESENT: Holly Couturier.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 9:06 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On a MOTION by Bell/Lambert, the minutes of the January 10, 2019 meeting were UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

CORRESPONDENCE: No correspondence.

REVIEW 2019 FESTIVALS:
All sites ran well. The following schools had issues or questions:

Skowhegan
- Lost a judge one hour prior to the festival. Former student filled in.
- No internet.

Thornton
- question about certificates.

Camden
- Three protests from one director.
- Materials from MPA were good.
- Concern: no real feedback from judges.
- Concern: do we want to DQ schools for going over on time?

COORDINATORS’ REPORTS:

• Tom Heath reported:
  
  o Musical theatre vs. theatre with music, Tom will report out as to what the directors say at next meeting. (PUT DISCUSSION ON NEXT AGENDA)
  o One issue with online reporting in MDI and Tom was able to fix the problem.
Sent out survey and received about 50% back.
Many schools cannot host.
MDC will discuss judging complaints at their meeting.
One issue on travel miles to sites.
Working on schools who are willing to host.

- Robin Lisherness reported:
  - Critiques are very important.
  - Judges want to go back to 5-minutes.
  - Should judges know which schools are in which class.
  - Should judges be allowed to use computers.
  - Should there be a festival rate?
  - Should judges get paid more.

- Kailey Smith:
  - Navigating complaints from schools regarding scores.
  - Possible for directors to ask questions if students do not.
  - Complaints from schools who had to travel.

REVIEW BULLETIN:

- Rulebook may be too sparse.
- Like the fact that there is one document.
- Would like to have MDC and MPA representative responsibilities.
- Consider having schools report out on smoke machines and strobe lights.

Other:

- Expenses: report will be given at next meeting.
- Language: need to have the MPA representative connect with all directors regarding what needs to be announced prior to a performance
- Need to have more time for people to exit the theatre if they need to after the warning for a show has been given.

NEXT MEETING DATE:  The next meeting of the Drama Committee is scheduled for September 19, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at the MPA office.

ADJOURNMENT:  On a MOTION by Bell/Lambert, and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED, the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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