

**MINUTES**  
**OF THE**  
**MAINE PRINCIPALS' ASSOCIATION**  
**DRAMA COMMITTEE**  
**SEPTEMBER 22, 2016**

A meeting of the Drama Committee was held on Thursday, September 22, 2016 a.m. at 9:30 a.m. at the MPA office.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chad Bell, Jim Frost, Greg Henderson, Brian Laramée, Deborah McAfee, Stephan Ouellette (Chair), and Eric Waddell.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mark Campbell, Ralph Caron, Carole Gilley, and Scott Gordon.

**COORDINATORS' PRESENT:** Robin Lisherness. Rick Ash was absent as he is stepping down from the committee. On a MOTION by Frost/Waddell, it was VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to appoint Mr. Tom Heath, Camden Hills Regional High School, as Rick's successor. The two have worked closely in the past.

**LIAISON PRESENT:** Maura Smith.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Gerry Durgin.

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** On a MOTION by Waddell/Bell, the minutes of May 6, 2016 were UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

**REVIEW OF 2016 FESTIVAL:** The members reviewed this item at their last meeting.

**COORDINATORS' REPORT:**

- Robin Lisherness – There are new judges that he will utilize. He expressed a concern over the amount of conversation that judges may be having.
  - Sites for 2017:
    - **Regionals:** Bonny Eagle, Camden Hills, Stearns, Lawrence, Morse, MDI, Oceanside, Oxford Hills, and Skowhegan. **Concern has been expressed with fewer schools willing to host – there will be more travel.**
    - **States:** Class A – Falmouth and Class B- Yarmouth
    - **Preliminary Assignments:**  
Will be made once sites have been confirmed.

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- Regionals: March 10-11, 2017
- State Finals: March 24-25, 2017
- New England's: April 20, 21, and 22, 2017 – Norwood High School, Norwood, MA.

**LIAISONS' REPORT:** Maura Smith brought up the following:

Concern has been expressed when schools do not attend both Friday and Saturday sessions which is the expectation. On a MOTION by McAfee/Waddell, and VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, a school that does not attend both days/evenings of the Festival may lose sanctioning for the next year's Festival.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

1. On a MOTION Waddell/Henderson, it was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED – The time allotted for a production is 35-minutes. Productions that go between 35- and 40-minutes will receive a five point penalty. Productions that go beyond 40-minutes will be disqualified.
2. Technical limitations: On a MOTION by Bell/Frost, it was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED – At the conclusion of the set-up time (5-minutes) if a school goes beyond 5-minutes there will be a 5 point deduction. Beyond 6-minutes they will be disqualified.
3. Critiques: On a MOTION by Waddell/McAfee, it was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED – Each judge will now have 3-minutes for a critique. There will be NO Question and Answer time allotted. Only the Directors of the production being critiqued may be present.

**COMMITTEE VACANCIES:** Committee members are encouraged to forward potential names to Gerry Durgin.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** The next meeting of the Drama Committee is scheduled for Friday, January 13, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at the MPA office. Snow date would be January 24, 2017.

The host directors will be invited to the January meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 12:36 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerry Durgin  
Assistant Executive Director

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