

UACTT Meeting Minutes 12/10/22

1. Board members introduced themselves and roles and responsibilities were reviewed
2. Update on UACTT Professional Development-Mindy Curtis
 - a. UACTT will continue to provide resources and systems of support for members who want to attend PDs or hold PDs at their school. This includes:
 - i. Applying to UACTT for funding to attend conferences
 - ii. Applying to UACTT to arrange and hold a PD at your school that teachers would film and then post to share with the UACTT membership.
3. UHSAA Updates-Kjersti Parkes
 - a. Region Rep Meeting will be held January 4th on Zoom at 3:00pm. Please contact Kjersti Parkes or Suzie DuVal if you need the Zoom link.
 - b. Suzie DuVal is helping Kjersti by serving as the UHSAA Design Competition Representative.
 - c. We are instituting the arbiter system to register and pay judges. This means schools will not be responsible for paying judges.
 - d. Pay for judges will be increased this year, amount to be determined.
 - e. Kjersti will be stepping down as the USHAA Rep in 2024-25. We are looking for a nominee who is willing to shadow Kjersti in 2023-24 to be prepared to become the new USHAA Rep.
 - f. Board members were assigned to the State Drama Competitions to represent UACTT and promote the conference. Email Kjersti to see how many teachers will be attending your assigned State meet and then buy some dollar store gifts-\$2-\$3 per teacher and Case will reimburse.
 - g. Competition updates:
 - i. The ballots for costume and set design are in the process of being updated to include the competition guidelines in a checklist form on the ballots. UACTT Board Members reviewed and approved the draft of the updated design ballots with the addition of 1" scale as an option for set design entries.
 - ii. The total points needed to qualify for state in the one-act category for 4A, 5A and 6A has been raised this year because the number of one-acts qualifying for state was overwhelming for the judges in 2021.
 - iii. Students from 1A, 2A, and 3A schools can double enter in Musical Theatre and Pantomime.
4. Utah Theatre Association UACTT General Meeting-Thurs. Jan. 12, 3:30-4:45pm

- a. Board members should attend the General Meeting if possible
 - b. Business to be conducted at the General Meeting
 - i. Elinda Nedreberg has been nominated as President-Elect of UACTT. Members will vote on the nomination.
 - ii. UACTT summer conference will be promoted to the members. Registration and Shakespeare ticket reservations will be ready.
 - iii. Kjerstie and Suzie will review UHSAA updates with members.
 - iv. Snacks/Treats will be provided for members and time for a teacher hangout will be provided.
5. UACTT Summer Conference Update and Planning-Meggan Bucher
- a. Conference will be held July 12-14 at SUU in Cedar City in the Student Center with a home base in the Starlight Room.
 - b. Conference theme is Smarter not Harder. Focus is on helping theatre teachers be more business-minded and developing administrative systems for success. Presenters will include business realm specialists.
 - c. Format of conference similar to last year. We will be keeping USF shows and networking. There will not be a separate elementary track.
 - d. Shakespeare tickets: Stewart reported that this year as part of registration conference attendees will be required to create a ticket account using the same email they use for registration to allow them to manage their own tickets. Cost for teachers will be \$100 for 6 plays. There will also be a 3 play option and additional tickets will be available for around \$15.
 - e. Jason will hold a curriculum dump Canvas session. Teachers will bring curriculum to share and Jason will sort it.
 - f. Conference price will need to increase from last year due to the new venue charge. Board approved the proposed prices for conference: \$150 for members, \$200 for non-members, and \$75 for college students, student-teachers and theatre ed students.
 - g. Postcard/ads: We will do the postcard to teachers at schools this year. In addition we need to do targeted invitations and perhaps videos for teachers who didn't attend last year.
 - h. Board members are expected to attend and help with the conference. Board members need to help by:
 - i. Recommending presenters or volunteering to present (could be panels, sharing sessions, or PLCs)
 - ii. Recommending vendors (Amanda will tell us what info she needs)
 - iii. Encouraging teachers to attend and providing support (how to get funding, being a conference buddy) Amanda asks that each board member contact three new people and invite them to the conference.

- iv. Get donated gifts for our presenters
 - v. At the conference really work to reach out to new people
 - vi. Nominate teachers for awards
6. Utah Shakespeare Festival Update-Stewart Shelley
- a. Shakespeare Competition revised rules and regulations for next year. There are many small changes. Teachers are encouraged to read and respond to the changes.
 - i. Possibility of 1st round of scenes and monos happening 5:30-7:30pm on Thursday, 2nd round on Friday, 3rd round on Saturday.
 - ii. Schools should be aware divisions continue to be fluid.
 - iii. Help teachers reprioritize what is important about the competition.
 - iv. Stewart and Michael met with the hotel association to express concerns that hotels are pricing schools out of the competition.
 - 1. Kjersti shared that in her district they are now only allowed to put two students in a room which means they are only staying one night. That change is also being considered in Canyons District.
 - b. Upcoming tours of Othello this spring and Every Brilliant Thing this spring and next spring are available to be scheduled for your school. Contact Stewart if your school is interested.
 - c. Catherine Norman will be the new Education Director at USF and Stewart will stay on as Associate Director of Education
7. Update on the State-Wide email list: Russ Saxton has created a Utah Theatre Teacher list. It will be posted on the Facebook page and we will ask members to help update it.
8. Mindy attended the Arts for Life meeting. Penny will be the UACTT Representative to Arts for Life. Mindy also attended a USBE meeting.
9. Update on Advocacy-Penny attended the SEL National Meeting and the AATE Leaders of Color Conference, which were both great. Penny continues to be available to be an advocate for teachers who are having issues at their schools. She will post information on the Facebook page.
10. UTA Update-Andy Hunsaker
- a. UTA would like to create a survey to get feedback from teachers about the value to their students of the college auditions. It is a lot of work to coordinate and UTA is wondering if students are seeing the auditions as a valuable service or if students are finding other ways to connect with college programs. Students have reported needing to audition at the colleges in addition to the UTA audition.

- b. Andy would like to partner with UACTT to share vendor contacts for both conferences. If anyone has vendors to recommend it would be appreciated.

11. Newsletter Update: Russ Saxton needs everyone's help in contributing to the newsletter.

12. Upcoming 2023/24 UACTT Board Meetings:

- a. General Member Meeting January UTA at UVU (Board members attend if possible)
- b. May 13, 2023 2pm Zoom
- c. July at UACTT Conference
- d. September 9th, 2023 2pm Zoom
- e. December 9th, 2023 2pm at Corner Canyon
- f. General Member Meeting January UTA at Weber (Board members attend if possible)
- g. May 11, 2024 2pm Zoom