

C 14 DTASC STANDING COMMITTEES

The DTASC Executive Board announced that, in response to member concerns, the old system of summer breakout meetings has been replaced with a newly organized set of Standing Committees. These are ongoing committees, not festival-specific. Each standing committee will meet when convenient and practical for its members, at least once per year, then report back to the DTASC Executive Board for further action. Each member is encouraged to serve on a standing committee. All committees will have at least one board member.

SOCIAL

Organize and plan social activities for the membership. Organize activities for summer and immediately following the January meeting, and plan the recognition luncheon. Other responsibilities include sending cards and announcements for deaths or births.

THEATRE EDUCATION ADVOCACY

Advocacy is defined as the act of pleading for, supporting, or recommending; active espousal: What we need now is active advocacy for our local, district, state, national Theatre programs pre-K through university. We also need advocacy for Theatre educator/students awards, such as involvement in DTASC. This is a standing committee who works with visions and action to help all of our Theatre educators.

SURVEYS

Prepare and disseminate surveys to members. Analyze results and bring useful information back to the organization. The data should help us better serve the needs of drama teachers and their students.

HANDBOOK

Make annual updates to the handbook (see page C14–2 for what needs to be updated), prepare copies, make CDs for the membership meetings.

SHOWCASING STUDENTS

Focus on ways students can showcase their scenes and monologues other than just Salute. Find ways to get our performers out to Title One schools or other under-privileged schools. This would benefit not only our performers, but also the organization as a whole, as we would be giving back to the community.

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Assist in searching for applicable grant opportunities as well as with filling out applications and sending them off. Members could work independently and submit opportunities electronically to our grant writer or to committee chair.

TABS

Improve computer program to meet the needs of all three festivals and train tabs members on using the program.

Standing Committees change from time to time to meet the needs of the organization.

ANNUAL CHANGES FOR DTASC HANDBOOK

Title page – update as committee members or chairperson change

A1 – Calendar

A2 – Board (might not change the 2nd year people are in office)

A4 – Affiliated Organizations – these are our associate members; need policy

E5 – Rules for Previous Categories (put in the categories from previous year *before* updating E3 & E4; update the index & TOC in E5)

E3 – Fall Festival Rules – global change of year; change Event categories and their rules for Acting Events on pages E3–2 thru E3–4; change Tech categories and their rules on page E3–5. Update the TOC (page 1) and Index (last page).

E4 – Shakespeare Festival Rules – global change of year; change Event categories and their rules for Acting Events on pages E4–2 thru E4–4; change Tech categories and their rules on page E4–5. Update the TOC (page 1) and Index (last page).

G1 – Past Prez – update when there’s a new president

G2 – Past Events Fall – bring the list up to date by adding a row at the top

G3 – Past Events Shakespeare – bring the list up to date by adding a row at the top

G4 – Past Hosts – bring the list up to date by adding a row at the top

G5 – Statistics (maintain complete list of statistics in handbook; maintain summary sheet according to what fits on it – i.e., add newest year & drop off oldest)

H1 – List of Plays – add any new lists

H TOC – if new lists of plays are added

H8 – Maps of Schools – if we have any new ones

H TOC – if new maps are added

E1 & E2 — in odd-numbered years beginning in 2013, update according to what’s voted in or out at June meeting

Other sections may be changed as needed or desired – try to have 1 or 2 committees go over their sections each year to update them; rotate thru the committees

DTASC Handbook Changes – create new page(s) at the beginning of document to show changes to handbook since its previous version (Lynn’s method: “I usually copy the information from the previous year, change last year’s date to this year’s, and adjust the list, as the above list of sections is changed every year; then I annotate to indicate specific changes.”)

Note: A complete list of changes to date was created in 2009 and is in the Changes section. In 2015, all sections were reviewed and updated to current practices, including the change from A, B, and C Divisions to Middle School, Junior Varsity and Varsity.

Also: Judges Tips and Registration Sample page may need to be updated for each festival, not just annually.