OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

The Theatre History Focus Group (THFG) promotes the study of theatre history within universities and colleges. Our goals include encouraging and inspiring scholarly exchange and production; cultivating the lively discussion of ideas pertaining to the discipline of theatre history; providing opportunities for members to communicate results of their research to one another and the larger theatre community; and fostering dialogues with other areas of study.

The THFG seeks volunteers to assist in its leadership and planning. Please review the open positions below and direct any questions to the nominating committee (emails below). Elections will take place at the 2015 ATHE Conference in Montreal during the THFG Membership Meeting from 12:00-1:30 pm on Friday, July 31. Please note that candidates are NOT required to attend the meeting, or even the conference.

OPEN POSITIONS

• **Associate Conference Planner:** assists with leadership of focus group and administers adjudicated panels (in particular, the THFG Debut Panel). The Associate Conference Planner is also Conference Planner-Elect, and at the conclusion of the two year term succeeds the Conference Planner for another two year term. After serving this term, the Conference Planner succeeds the Focus Group Representative and Chair (six year commitment).
• **Treasurer:** assists with the leadership of the focus group, may apply for grants with ATHE. One-year position.
• **Secretary:** takes minutes at meetings, publishes and distributes the focus group’s newsletter (if applicable), contributes and/or edits articles to the ATHE newsletter, maintains an updated mailing list of the membership, corresponds with newly-designated members, records attendance at Theatre History panels at the ATHE annual conference. One-year position.
• **Graduate Student Rep:** assists with the leadership of the focus group, acts as a liaison with graduate students, helps recruit graduate students for the focus group. One year-position.
• **Nominating Committee:** present a slate of candidates for election at the annual meeting, at least two people for each position (four for the nominating committee). Three positions, each one year.

To self-nominate, please write out the following in paragraph form (as is applicable to you):

- Your current position and affiliation
- Your educational background
- Your research interests
- Presentations, articles, and/or books
- Involvement in ATHE
- Involvement in other theatre organizations
- Anything else you think might be relevant to your candidacy

Do not worry if you have not done some of these things! This is how you get started.

Please indicate your interest by sending your material as a MS Word attachment to all three members of the THFG nominating committee, Shelby Brewster <shelbybrewster2@gmail.com>, Jeanne Willcoxon <1607reservoir@gmail.com>, and Eleanor Owicki <eleanor.owicki@gmail.com>, ideally by **Monday, July 27, 2015**. While nominations will be taken from the floor, advance nominations greatly facilitate the election process. We also encourage you to nominate others by contacting the nominating committee with their email addresses; we will be happy to contact them.