



Committee/Focus Group: Senior Theatre Research and Performance

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Action Items:

Change of Focus Group Name: Wellness, Intergenerational, Community, and Aging (WICA) Focus Group

Rationale for Name Change

The Senior Theatre Research and Performance (STRP) Focus Group has evolved and matured since its inception. At the annual business meeting, the fact that range of interests now includes the related theories and practices of community-based theatre, intergenerational theatre, and scholarship about the promotion of civic engagement, health, and human development across the lifespan.

ATHE members have misunderstood the mission of STRP. With this re-clarification of our values, we seek to revitalize our Focus Group and to coalesce ATHE's membership around this praxis.

Discussion Items:

Revision of Focus Group Mission:

MISSION

- Promote community-based drama/theatre partnerships with higher education institutions that aim to improve connectivity, health, and wellbeing for constituents of all ages through applied theatre, devised theatre, secondary education theatre, therapeutic theatre, and drama therapy.
- Foster the creation of new performances, written plays, devised productions, workshops, residencies, readers theatre, oral histories, and research-based plays related to community, wellness, and aging.
- Empower members to research, develop, and interrogate theories, performances, and practices which activate civic engagement, wellness, and human development as well as their representations on stage

- Advocate for the dismantling of stereotypes in the representations of age, health, and wellness
- Provide a network for higher education scholars, practitioners, and performers working in community centers, clinics, schools, prisons, and aging facilities
- Advise ATHE on guidelines for ethical standards in the field.
- Advise ATHE on standards for retention, tenure and promotion.
- Connect and collaborate with other Focus Groups whose work overlaps with our mission