Governing Council Mid-Year Meeting  
Saturday, February 4, 2023  
11am – 2pm ET  
Via ZOOM

Document to review prior:
1. October 2022 Minutes (MOTION)  
2. DTaP Focus Group Description  
3. DTaP Comments from FG Committee (MOTION)  
4. ATHE Balance Sheet / YTD Expenses  
5. Draft Budget and Budget Assumptions  
6. 2023 Proposed Conference Rates (MOTION)

Attendance
Present: Chase Bringardner, Megan Geigner, Charlotte McIvor, Reza Mirsajadi, Dani Snyder-Young, Valerie Clayman Pye, Anjalee Hutchinson, Meredith Conti, Khalid Long, Isaiah Wooden, CarlosAlexis Cruz, Eunice Ferreira  
Absent: Hillary Miller, Veronda Carey, Anita Gonzalez  
Staff: Aimee Zygmonski

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<th>11:00 am</th>
<th>Call to Order (Chase Bringardner)</th>
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| 11:14 am | Consent Agenda (Chase Bringardner)  
Actions | Approval of October 2022 Minutes passes 90% yes and 10% abstain  
Follow-up | None |
| 11:14 am | 2023 Conference Update (Dani Snyder-Young)  
• Discussion of sessions proposed and process  
o 250 session proposals  
o Successful inclusion of FGs in curation (rather than just Conference Committee [CC])  
o 2nd call for proposals in March  
• Discussion of all-conference events  
o Conference kickoff/welcome on Thursday; no keynote  
o CRAFT Institute 2 plenaries  
o Membership meeting: subcommittee= Charlotte, Chase, Reza, Valerie (chair), CarlosAlexis  
o Austin local offerings created by CC- performance in hotel, 2 paid workshops  
o “Cornerstone” sessions- session block that have just 3 or 4 things happening  
• Proposed GC check-in on Sunday with FGRs  
Actions | None  
Follow-up | All GC members: 1. think of a session for what they could share with the members and 2. email Aimee and Chase about possibility of Sunday check-in |
| 12:20 pm | Journals update and brainstorming (Meredith Conti)  
• Discussion of editor search: 5 open editor positions  
• Discussion of editor role unsustainability and possible solutions  
o Issues: Loss of institutional support, reduction in article submissions, lack of willing peer reviewers; most membership is not PhDs on tenure track; edited collections are more accessible; special issues eliminate possibilities for submission  

Notes prepared by Megan Geigner, ATHE Secretary
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<td>12:13 pm</td>
<td>Award Revisions Update (Aimee Zygmonski for Hillary Miller)</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>Meredith will bring this conversation back to the RPC</td>
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<td>12:27 pm</td>
<td>Leadership Institute (Anjalee Hutchinson)</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>Award Subcommittees will meet to discuss</td>
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<td>12:47 pm</td>
<td>Comfort Break</td>
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<td>1:02 pm</td>
<td>Finance Update (Charlotte McIvor and Aimee Zygmonski)</td>
<td>GC will vote in online straw poll for conference options moving forward</td>
<td>Straw poll. Megan will make infographic of this information for membership</td>
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<td>2024 Conference Update (Valerie Clayman Pye)</td>
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- Solutions: create a Google form for peer reviewers; Creating a letter to send to reviewers documenting their service to include in their dossiers; soliciting shorter articles and more formats of writing (interviews, oral histories, other types of pieces); allow for dramatic criticism and more traditional theatre history articles in *Theatre Journal*.
- 37 submissions for best article
- Not doing book award this year but doing Celebration of Authors and Celebration of productions
- Special even to celebrate Split Britches- hold over from last year
- How do we keep revising awards when Hillary cycles off GC?
- LI used to be cost neutral but now costs ATHE money
- How does the LI model the type of leadership that ATHE strives for? How can it maybe help leadership of ATHE, too? Can it be re-envisioned to better serve ATHE members?
- Motion to suspend Leadership Institute passes 91%
- Anjalee will communicate with LI facilitators
- Finance Update: Conference costs: attendance is down; $470.75- $564.90 per person cost for conference, which we cannot recuperate with rates as most members make less than $70k; many lapsed members; hotel conferences have fixed cost; free memberships and award membership are not equitable
- What do to moving forward: do online conferences, do conferences every other year, do different days of the week or a shorter hotel conference (college campus conference are no cheaper), take a year off from conference to decide way forward and apply strategic plan to future conference planning.
- 2024 Conference Update: We have no hotel contract for 2024 and it is too late to make one; there is no conference committee for 2024 due to conference being up in the air
- By 2025, we will have data from 2023, and can plan
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<td>Follow-up</td>
<td>Online straw poll for membership about 2024: online, in hotel, suspend</td>
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<td>1:59 pm</td>
<td><strong>Other Business (Chase Bringardner and Aimee Zygmanski)</strong></td>
<td>• Thanks to Reza for his great meeting recap video!</td>
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<td>Adjourn</td>
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