

AACT Region III By Laws of Association

Article 1 – Purpose

It is the purpose of these By Laws to associate the states defining Region III in the By Laws of the American Association of Community Theatre (AACT) for the following purposes:

- A. To elect a Region III Representative at AACT.
- B. To coordinate a Region III Community Theatre Festival.
- C. To facilitate and assist the interaction of community theatres between and among the states composing said Region to-wit: Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin.

Article 2 – Membership

The membership of this Association shall be comprised of the respective state community theatre associations.

Article 3 – Board of Directors

The Board of Directors of this Association shall be comprised of one member from each of the associated states to be elected or appointed by the respective state community theatre association; or, if there is no state community theatre association, then by a consensus from the community theatre associations within said state, then the regional representative shall appoint a representative from that state. State representatives shall assume office immediately following the Annual Membership Meeting of AACT in National AACTFest years.

If a state so chooses, it can elect or appoint an alternate, in case the state representative cannot attend a meeting. The alternative shall have the same rights as the state representative, if the state representative is not available. Any alternate shall be elected or appointed in the same manner as the state representative.

Article 4 – Voting

The affairs and decisions of this Association shall take effect upon majority vote, with each state having one vote. Action may be taken at a meeting, by written consensus, or by conference call meeting.

When action is taken by written consensus, the proposition to be decided must be set forth in writing and mailed or sent by FAX transmission to each state's representative. The state representative shall vote for or against the proposition with or without comment and return the transmission by FAX or mail to the chair of the Association.

Article 5 – Regional Representative

This Board of directors shall meet to elect its Region III Representative to the American Association of Community Theatre. This representative shall assume office immediately following the Annual Membership Meeting of AACT in National AACTFest years.

Article 6 – Officers

The elected Region III Representative to the American Association of Community Theatre shall be chair of the association and shall preside over meetings of this association. The Board of Directors at the Region III Festival meeting at which the new Region III Representative is elected shall appoint a Secretary/Treasurer. These officers may be elected/appointed from the state representatives or from any other AACT member who resides in the region.

The Region III Representative and Secretary/Treasurer shall be nonvoting members of the Board of Directors.

Either the Regional Representative or three of the state representatives may call a meeting or initiate a written consensus.

The recording Secretary/Treasurer shall keep a record of all written consensus and shall keep a record of all minutes of all meetings and financial accounts.

The Association may establish committees and appoint AACT members to said committees as it determines to be in its best interest.

Article 7 – Meetings

The Association shall meet at least once a year and must meet during the Region III AACTFest.

Article 8 – Elections/Appointments

Election/appointment to the Association's Board of Directors shall take place at the Region III AACTFest in odd numbered years. All elected/appointed representatives and officers shall take office immediately following the Annual Membership Meeting of AACT at the National AACTFest in odd numbered years.

If the regional representative is elected from the Board of directors of this Association, he or she must resign immediately from the Board of Directors. His or her replacement shall then be named pursuant to Article III of these By Laws.

Article 9 – Rule of Order

The latest revised edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the meetings of the Board of Directors of this Association.

Article 10 – Approval

These By Laws of Association are approved by the states of Rgion III as follows: Illinois – Joanne Notz – 4/5/1997, Indiana – Robert Miller – 4/5/1997, Michigan – Joanne Berry – 4/5/1997, Ohio – John Falkenbach – 4/5/1997, Wisconsin – Frank R. Peot – 4/5/1997

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