American Association of Community Theatre

Board Report  May 29, 2013

Region III

By Lynn C. Ruhl, Regional Representative

Activities to increase AACT Membership
Speaking at a number of the State Festivals

Activities to Engage Members
Going to a number of the State Festivals and the Regional Festival and engaging with many participants

Regional Association
Association of Region Three  region3aact.org
Region Rep: Lynn C. Ruhl

Recent Regional Events
Region III Festival held in Hartford, WI April 18-21.

Michigan
Community Theatre Assn of Michigan  www.communitytheatre.org
State Contact: Joanne Berry  jmberryjm@aol.com

Upcoming State Events
There will be master classes held this summer. Leeds Bird will conduct "Is a Puzzlement Solving Director's Problems." A class in "Marketing, Promotion and Social Media" will be conducted by Nancy Brozek. CTAM invites people from other states to participate. Fourteen hours of instruction over the weekend of July 19-21 are offered. Details available at www.communitytheatre.com click on Community Theatre Association of Michigan.

Recent State Events

Other State News
CTAM has been working to boost participation in community theatre events both by individuals and by groups. Our scholarship fund provides help with the registration fee for conferences, master classes, and state festivals for individuals. In order to encourage member groups to have their shows adjudicated, the state organization will provide the adjudicator's stipend for one show each season. This program has recently been put in place. The number of adjudications has doubled in the past year.
Illinois
Illinois Theatre Association  www.illinoistheatre.org
State Contact: Rich Gannon rgannon49@gmail.com

Recent State Events
Stage Coach Players represented Illinois in the Region III Festival. John Lynn of Kirk Players received the John E. Gard Award from AACT. It was presented in March, 2013.

Wisconsin
Wisconsin Association of Community Theatre (WACT)  www.wact.org
State Contact: Brad Toberman BToberman@wact.org

Upcoming State Events
Wisconsin Rapids Community Theatre is in the middle of fundraising to take their show Cradle and All to the national AACTFest where they will perform on June 19th. They have their major event on June 1st where they will engage their community and rally support. www.wrcetheatre.org

Recent State Events
Wisconsin AACTFest in Prairie du Sac on Feb 22-24. Eight Companies competed and Wisconsin Rapids, Cradle and All, and La Crosse Community Theatre, Macbeth, advanced to the Region III AACTFest. Region III AACTFest was held in Hartford, WI on April 18-21. Eight companies competed for two spots (Region III and Wildcard) at the national festival. Wisconsin Rapids Community Theatre Cradle and All and Elkhart Civic Theatre, Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, were selected to advance.

Other State News
The number of theatre companies represented on the state board of directors has increased by three which will better represent the State as a whole.

Indiana
Indiana Community Theatre
State Contact: Dotti Peek  pjdpeek@aol.com

Upcoming State Events
The National AACTFest, 2013 will be held June 17-23 at the Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel, IN

Recent State Events
The State AACTFest was held at Kokomo Civic Theatre, Kokomo, IN

Other State News
The E-Blast newsletter is now going out bi-monthly. A fall workshop is in the process of being planned.
Ohio
Ohio Community Theatre Association (OCTA) www.ohiocommunitytheatre.org
State Contact: Dawna Kornick dkornick@eastontel.com

Upcoming State Events
There are six Regional Festivals planned through June and July, 2013. A Jr. Festival will be held in August. The State Conference over Labor Day weekend will be held in Dayton, OH this year.

Recent State Events
The Ohio State AACTFest was held in Cincinnati January 18-20. Jerry Finnegan’s Sister, The Drama Workshop was chosen to move on to Region II AACTFest in Wisconsin.

Other State News
Eleanor Smith has finally moved into a long waiting and well deserved retirement. Aara Wise, a long time OCTA Member and past Board Member has been chosen as Eleanor’s replacement.