

Minutes of the Desert Theater League All-Member Meeting

June 14, 2021

Directors Present: Frank Berman President

Susan Berman Vice President

Gina Bikales Secretary

Derik Shopinski Treasurer

June August

Tony Bogard

Charles Harvey

Roger Medanich

Karen Schmitt

John Toogood

Directors Absent: None

Welcome and State of the DTL

Frank Berman called the virtual meeting to order at 7:00 PM and welcomed members and guests. He preceded to recount a brief history of the past 15 months as follows:

- There was no all-member meeting last June as the result of Covid-19 restrictions.
- Member productions ceased in March of 2020. Inasmuch as approximately 75% of productions were completed, Desert Star nominations were announced in August of 2020. Desert Star Awards were announced in October and 91 statuettes were issued.
- A lifetime achievement award was presented to Keisha D.
- Three (3) \$1,000 scholarships were awarded to worthy applicants in July, 2020.
- In late summer of 2020, an educational session was conducted for all judges. The objective was to provide better insight into the adjudication process. Another session will be conducted in August/September of this year.
- In consideration of pandemic-induced hardships to our Members, no dues were collected for the 2020-2021 theatrical season; all memberships were automatically carried over.
- Membership fees will be billed in July for the 2021-2022 theatrical season.
- As of May 30, 2021, the DTL checking account totaled \$12,655; the balance in a CD totaled \$10,140. Approximately \$6,100 was spent for Desert Star Awards, scholarships, and incidentals.
- Minor updates/clarifications will be added to judging ballots judges and the Producer Ballot Instructions for the coming season.

Elections/Provisional Ballots

Frank verified attendance of those who had submitted Provisional Ballots. Election Officials tabulated all ballots and announced results as follows:

- For Board membership, the top five vote recipients were Frank Berman, Susan Berman, Gina Bikales, Louise Ross, and Karen Schmitt.
- The proposed DTL Bylaw amendment defining the word “theater” was approved.

Old Business

None

New Business

As the result of an email from a Producing Member requesting clarification of the “cos-tume design” category on judging ballots, Frank provided a new and more descriptive definition for the coming season.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Berman, President Date