



## July Board Meeting

Your Adult Board met July 10 and 11 to continue planning for Leadership and State Conference! Leadership information is included on the first page of this newsletter. All known information about the upcoming 2017 State Conference can be found on page two.

We hope that you and your troupe will take advantage of all of the opportunities offered at both of these major events. Please note some "at a glance" changes coming your way:

- State Conference registration will open September 12<sup>th</sup>.
- State Conference will be held in St. Louis this year. This will necessitate moving back to the split "blue and yellow" schedule, as we cannot all be seated in the Ferrara.
- We are exploring accepting not only one acts, but also "tech light" full-length productions for the secondary performance space.
- Due dates are shifting. You will now have more time to register for State Conference, but we are eliminating late registrations.

***Specifics for all conference activities, registration, and financial aspects will be posted and discussed at Leadership. Troupes that cannot send a representative to Leadership should make every effort to stay in the loop by checking the website. Sponsors may want to contact a board member for questions. Board member emails can be found on***

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## Leadership Conference

Leadership Conference is September 10<sup>th</sup> at the Capitol Plaza in Jefferson City! Come join us for a day of new friends, new ideas and excitement about the coming school year, especially in YOUR theatre troupe!! Cost for Leadership is \$20/student, \$15/additional sponsor, and \$10/primary sponsor. This fee will cover all of the workshops and lunch. Let Jennifer Forrest-James know if you plan on traveling by bus! Registration is open now! Please register by September 1<sup>st</sup>.

## Leadership Hotels

### Hotel for September 9<sup>th</sup>:

Capitol Plaza - 415 W McCarty Street,  
Jefferson City, MO 65101 (573) 635-1234

Room cost for any troupes coming in on Friday night will be \$77.04 per room. This includes hotel taxes. Be sure to clarify your tax exempt status to avoid a higher charge. The hotel reservation form is on the Missouri Thespians website under the Leadership Conference Tab. All hotel reservations must be made by August 29<sup>th</sup>.

## Leadership Deadlines

Dates are below for the following tasks:

- August 29 – Submit a t-shirt Design
- August 29 – Submit a Hotel Reservation
- August 29 – Submit an Adult Board Application
- September 1 – Register for Leadership

## Student Officer Elections

**Congratulations to STO candidate finalists** Justin Tuschbaff (Cape Central), Faith Johnson (LSW), Mary Moore (MICDS), Ally Banks (LSN), Alec Bridges (LSN), Cassidy Hayden (Mehlville), Molly Hursh (Pkwv N), and Elliot Williams (Webster). Voting for the new Missouri STOs will take place at Leadership Conference!

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### EDTA NATIONAL CONFERENCE 2016

PLACE: TROPICANA, LAS VEGAS  
DATE: SEPTEMBER 15-17, 2016

### STAM CONFERENCE 2016

PLACE: TAN TAR A RESORT  
DATE: SEPTEMBER 22-24, 2016

### MO STATE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE 2016

PLACE: CAPITOL PLAZA  
DATE: SEPTEMBER 10, 2016  
TIME: 8:00AM REGISTRATION – 3:30PM CLOSING

### MO STATE CONFERENCE 2017

PLACE: ST. LOUIS MARRIOTT  
DATE: JANUARY 12-14, 2017

## Get Ready for the 2017 Conference

The 2017 Conference is moving to St. Louis! More information about the conference opportunities are forthcoming at Leadership and in upcoming newsletters. Be attentive for updates! Registration for conference will open on September 12<sup>th</sup> and close on November 22<sup>nd</sup>. After November 22<sup>nd</sup>, you will not be allowed to register for the January conference.

**All updated conference forms on the website will be designated with the year 2017. Please only use updated forms.**

## Conference Fees

- \*HS students: Thespians: \$90/Non-Thespian \$105
- \*Sponsors: \$25
- \*Chaperones & 2nd sponsors: \$45
- \*School Fee: \$30
- \*Tech Challenge Teams: \$40 per team
- \*IE Registration: \$10 per entry
- \*Improv Olympix: \$40 per team
- \*Facility fee: \$25 per delegate (This fee is waived for those staying at the conference hotel).
- \*Senior Scholarship Fee: \$20 (paid on Acceptd site)
- \*St. Louis Marriott Hotel: \$116.90 (This rate is only guaranteed when making reservations **on the proper form and meeting all due dates**).
- \*Meal plan prices will be published at Leadership

## State Conference 2017

### Deadline Dates

***You can double check dates at [mo-thespians.com](http://mo-thespians.com) on the Google Calendar!***

- **October 21:** Submit a One Act or Main stage (must be at least four weeks before your performance).
- **November 1<sup>st</sup>:** Page to Stage entries, Awards and Grants paperwork submitted.
- **November 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Complete Registration due. No late registrations will be allowed. Hotel reservations deadline (including rooming list). All scholarship applications (and video auditions & portfolios where applicable) must be completed & paid for through Acceptd. (No late applications will be accepted).
- **November 28<sup>th</sup>:** All Paperwork received. All **conference** payments due to Jennifer Forrest-James.
- **December 15<sup>th</sup>:** All **hotel room payments** due to Becky Crosby at the Marriott, St. Louis Grand.

## Attention Sponsors!!

Please complete this survey to provide input regarding the Missouri Arts Standards. Mr. Tobias, DESE Arts Education Director, has requested feedback from Missouri Arts organizations.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1WfPJn4IOLSwBYdNjL8Qrm0rNFwKanjrXLfdby1q8UH0/viewform>  
<http://tinyurl.com/j533w4h>

Do you want to help promote educational theatre activities within MST? Run for the Missouri State Adult Board! Apply by August 30<sup>th</sup>!

Also, we are looking for sponsors to serve on reading committees for One Acts, Awards and Page to Stage!

***Please contact one of the board members below if you are interested!***

**Awards** - [clittle@parkwayschools.net](mailto:clittle@parkwayschools.net)  
**Page to Stage** – [tbabcock@bsd124.org](mailto:tbabcock@bsd124.org)  
**One Acts** – [ryan.vandyke@sjsd.k12.mo.us](mailto:ryan.vandyke@sjsd.k12.mo.us)

## Grants

**The Doug Finney Festival Grant** is a needs based grant is given annually by EDTA to four high school juniors or seniors who are inducted members of ITS and wish to attend the National Festival in June. The grant covers the basic Festival registration fee and reimburses travel expenses up to a dollar amount set at the beginning of each school year. Make sure you apply for this grant!

**The Missouri Thespians ITF Stipend** award is designed to celebrate the contributions a current Junior in high school has made to their local Theatre Department, community, and ITS Troupe. The winner of this award will receive a waiver equal to the cost of their registration fees for the next International Thespian Festival. The student will still be responsible for their transportation to and from the conference.

**The Community Outreach Grant** is a monetary grant given to a deserving Thespian Troupe who presents the best plan of action for increasing the visibility of their troupe and educational theatre within their community. Past recipients have held summer camps for grade schools, performed a District production, or held workshops for the community in a variety of areas relevant to theatre. What great ideas do you have to share with Missouri Thespians?

## Send a Troupe/Student

The Send a Troupe to MST Conference Grant was created during the 14/15 season with donations from many generous supporters. In the 2015/16 season, one current Missouri Thespian troupe, who has either never previously attended the MST Conference (preference given to) or one which has not attended with the current troupe sponsor in the last 10 years that can demonstrate financial barriers to attending, may receive a one-time grant to cover some the cost associated with attending conference. Specifics and the application can be found on the Missouri Thespians website. In the event no troupe is awarded this grant, a sponsor may apply to receive financial assistance for one member of his or her troupe. For more information, go to [mothespians.com](http://mothespians.com) and click on the Awards/Grants tab.

## STO Corner

### Your 2016-2017 STOs:

Maddie DeClue: Parkway West  
Caleb Ellis: Lee's Summit North  
Jacob Noce: Webster Groves  
Shelby Woodroof: Ruskin

Hello Thespians! We are currently planning for Leadership Conference and writing our workshops. At Leadership we are introducing our #MOthesduck workshop where you buy a rubber duck and decorate it. All the contributions go to our Send A Troupe fund. Don't forget to send in your t-shirt design to our email [mothespianssto@gmail.com](mailto:mothespianssto@gmail.com)! The rules can be found on any of our social media pages (Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram). Also this year we will once again be auctioning off themed baskets for Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS. We are asking troupes to donate themed baskets- if your troupe has any themed ideas OR if your troupe would like to be given a suggested basket theme, feel free to email us (same email as mentioned previously). We look forward to seeing everyone at leadership!

## For Teachers

**LEARNING  
LIFE  
AND  
LAUGHTER**

**STAM's 2016 Conference will be held at Tan-Tar-A.  
For conference details go to:  
<http://speechandtheatre.org>**

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season included in the newsletter!**