

Conference 2016 Feedback

Thank you to everyone that submitted conference feedback on Guidebook! We want you to know that we take the suggestions very seriously, and try to incorporate some new ideas every year. However, there are some items that may be beyond the board's control. To address some of your concerns:

1. Some workshops were too crowded.

This is a concern every year. Some workshops are very popular, and attendees try to pack in regardless of the size of the room. Our presenters hate to turn anyone away, but we are discussing ways they can close the room once the workshop gets too full, including signs. If we are able to implement some of these ideas, we ask that delegates respect the presenter's decision and find other workshops if one is closed.

2. More tech workshops.

Getting tech workshops has long been an issue. Bringing the computers, software, and equipment needed to teach a hands on lighting, CAD, or audio design class is challenging for the presenters, as well as almost impossible to accommodate in the conference setting with the electric provided. Please send in any ideas you may have for hands-on workshops that can be presented with limited resources. We can send out ideas to vendors and colleges to see what type of workshops they could offer.

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3. Don't have Tech Challenge and Improv Olympix at the same time.

We are looking at re-vamping some of the schedule for next year – of course, it will be different anyway in St. Louis because of the split schedule. It is challenging to fit all of the events we offer at the Missouri Conference into the time span we have. We will do the best we can to try and schedule events at different times, but it is not always possible.

4. Have more one acts.

We would love that! Missouri schools have to submit their one acts to be showcased at conference. Some years, less troupes submit, so there are not as many to go and see.

5. Bring back the Mama Yeye.

We will certainly try! She was unavailable this year!

6. Address theatre and lobby etiquette.

The STOs address this problem every year. We are hoping that troupe officers and sponsors will really instill a respect for the theatre and each other in your troupes. Appropriate reactions to the action onstage is welcomed, but "hooting and hollering" or constant talk back to the actors is distracting to the performers and not necessary. Also, appropriate behavior in the lobby is expected. We are better than that, Missouri. The more people that display proper etiquette, the more quickly this problem will resolve itself.

7. Start general sessions on time.

While this is obviously ideal, sometimes circumstances beyond our control delay the start of sessions. We appreciate your patience, and will try to improve!

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THESPIAN FESTIVAL

PLACE: LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

DATE: JUNE 20-25, 2016

All State Show

Hello Sponsors,

I am reaching out to any troupe sponsors who might be interested in helping provide meals or snacks for the MO All State show, IPHIGENIA. I will be organizing the process and would love to see state involvement. AND... if you participate, you can include this in your HONOR TROUPE application, under State Involvement and Donations category.

Here are some ways you can help....

1. Sign up for breakfast, lunch, dinner or snacks during all state camp (JULY) or our pick up rehearsals (OCT) and (DEC). Contact Marty Strohmeyer or Nicole Voss if you can help.
2. Instead of volunteering to bring in food, mail in a check to cover expenses. Make checks payable to the MO State Thespians.

I will be in touch with you as it gets closer to confirm location, time and meals with those who sign up. Thank you in advance for supporting the MO All State Show!!

Nicole Voss

The All-State Company of Iphigenia



STO Corner

Hello thespians! We are Caleb Ellis, Jacob Noce, Maddie DeClue, and Shelby Woodroof and we are your 2016-17 State Thespian Officers. This year will hopefully be the best conference yet! We are striving this year to connect with Missouri theatre departments through our social media accounts Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram to advertise your shows and answer any questions you have for us! So make sure you like our page on Facebook "Missouri State Thespians", follow us on our Instagram at "mo_thespians", and follow us on our Twitter account "mo_thespians". We are currently working hard on planning for Leadership Conference and 2017's Missouri Thespian Conference. We encourage everyone to represent Missouri Thespians well within your community and, as always, to break a leg in all your upcoming shows!

Officer Elections

Would you like to be a member of the adult or student board? You could help plan conference! Student applications are due by May 30. Adult applications are due by August 30. Application information can be found at <http://www.mo-thespians.com/state-board>.

Upcoming Shows

25th Annual Putnum County Spelling Bee

Battle High School

May 5-7

Caucasian Chalk Circle

MICDS

May 6-8

Student Directed One Acts

Fort Zumwalt North

May 11

Interested in directing the next All-State Production? Contact Jennifer Forrest-James!

Email tnigus@fz.k12.mo.us to have your season included in the newsletter!