

Presented to the EC April 2019.

Motions from the Constitution Committee for amendments to the STG Constitution

MOTION 1: Article 3- section 1 #3. Move to correct the of classifications of membership STG offers.

Existing: The membership of this organization shall be divided into **four** classifications: 1) Active, 2) Associate, **3) Performance**, and **3) Honorary**.

Proposed: The membership of this organization shall be divided into **three** classifications: 1) Active, 2) Associate, and **3) Honorary**. (Rev 5/19)

Justification: The Guild no longer offers a Performance membership.

MOTION 2: Article 3- section 4. Move to delete the definition of Performance members and to renumber the section.

Existing: **Performance members shall consist of those individuals who wish only to perform. These members cannot take an active role in, or vote on, theatre business.**

Proposed: Delete section 4 and renumber remainder of section.

Justification: The Guild no longer offers a Performance membership numbers will be consistent.

MOTION 3: Article 3-section 5. Move to add two new categories to Honorary members Friends of STG and Sustaining.

Existing: Honorary members shall consist of those individuals who have contributed vital financial support. Honorary memberships shall be divided into four categories: 1) Lifetime Golden Guilder, 2) Golden Guilder Associate, 3) Silver Star Associates, 4) Benefactors,

Proposed: Honorary members shall consist of those individuals who have contributed vital financial support. Honorary memberships shall be divided into

four categories: 1) Lifetime Golden Guilder, 2) Golden Guilder Associate, 3) Silver Star Associates, 4) Benefactors, 5) Friends of STG, and 6) Sustaining Members. (Rev 5/19) If at any time during an operating year an honorary member increases or adds to his contribution, his status will be adjusted accordingly.

Justification: To reflect that the Guild now offers these additional types of Honorary memberships.

MOTION 4: Article 3 section 5.1 Move to add Lifetime Golden Guilders are not required to pay annual dues.

Existing: The Lifetime Golden Guilder is someone who has given a significant contribution of service or monetary gift. They can be recommended by any member in the Guild, with final approval to be given by the Executive Committee. This is a merited award, not an annual award. In order to vote, such member must meet the attendance requirements of a member in good standing. (Rev. 9/02)

Proposed: The Lifetime Golden Guilder is someone who has given a significant contribution of service or monetary gift. They can be recommended by any member in the Guild, with final approval to be given by the Executive Committee. This is a merited award, not an annual award. In order to vote, such member must meet the attendance requirements of a member in good standing. Annual dues are not required to be paid. (Rev 5/19) (Rev. 9/02)

Justification: To reflect the requirements of the Lifetime Golden Guilder for voting purposes.

MOTION 5: Article 3 section 8. Move to allow the executive committee to review member attendance on a case by case basis due to special circumstances.

Existing: Sufficient reason for an absence from the business meetings is limited to work, school, work-related functions, school-related functions, vacations, sickness, death in the family or artistic-related functions, limited to two (2) excused absences per year. (Rev. 9/02)

Proposed: Sufficient reason for an absence from the business meetings is limited to work, school, work-related functions, school-related functions, vacations, sickness, death in the family or artistic-related functions, limited to two (2)

excused absences per year. (Rev. 9/02) **Exceptions can be made for special circumstances by the executive committee on a case by case basis.** (Rev 5/19)

Justification: There are times when a member is involved in the theatre but must miss more than two meetings per year. The Executive Committee should be able to look at the specific circumstances at the request of the member and deem if the member can remain in good standing and active.

MOTION 6: Article 4 section 1. Move to include associate members as part of the Executive Committee per Article 5 section 13 when they are available.

Existing: The Executive Committee and Officers of the organization shall be composed of: one president, one production vice-president, one facilities vice-president, one secretary, one treasurer, one Publicity Director, one parliamentarian, two active members-at-large, (REV 9/10). The Executive Committee and Officers of the organization shall handle the management of the affairs of the organization, subject to the Constitution, and shall have power to act for the organization between meetings thereof to carry into effect the objectives of the organization.

Proposed: The Executive Committee and Officers of the organization shall be composed of: one president, one production vice-president, one facilities vice-president, one secretary, one treasurer, one Publicity Director, one parliamentarian, two active members-at-large, (REV 9/10) **and two associate members (provided associates are available when elections are to be completed)(Rev.5/19).** The Executive Committee and Officers of the organization shall handle the management of the affairs of the organization, subject to the Constitution, and shall have power to act for the organization between meetings thereof to carry into effect the objectives of the organization.

Justification: The executive committee is to be comprised by specific individuals. There are times when the organization may not have individuals to meet the age requirements of an associate.

MOTION 7: Article 4 section 2. Move to have the newly elected President and Treasurer to go to the bank and sign a new signature card within two (2) weeks after being sworn in at the June meeting.

Existing: The President shall act as chairman of the Executive Committee and

shall perform the duties usually incident to the office of president, to include presiding at all meetings, calling meetings, appointing committees, supervising awards elections, and generally supervising the affairs of the organization. In the event of the President's inability to perform the duties of the office, these duties shall devolve upon one of the vice-presidents chosen by the Executive Committee and in the event of their inability to perform as acting President, then they shall devolve upon the Secretary. The President shall have co-authority with the Treasurer to sign organization checks, and they shall both sign a signature card at the bank where the organization account is maintained. With the approval of the Executive Committee, the President shall be authorized to sign appropriate leases, rental agreements, and other appropriate contracts and documents as are necessary for the purpose of this organization.

Proposed: The President shall act as chairman of the Executive Committee and shall perform the duties usually incident to the office of president, to include presiding at all meetings, calling meetings, appointing committees, supervising awards elections, and generally supervising the affairs of the organization. In the event of the President's inability to perform the duties of the office, these duties shall devolve upon one of the vice-presidents chosen by the Executive Committee and in the event of their inability to perform as acting President, then they shall devolve upon the Secretary. The President shall have co-authority with the Treasurer to sign organization checks, and they shall both sign a signature card at the bank where the organization account is maintained. (New signature cards will be completed within two weeks of being elected)(Rev. 5/19) With the approval of the Executive Committee, the President shall be authorized to sign appropriate leases, rental agreements, and other appropriate contracts and documents as are necessary for the purpose of this organization.

Justification: To ensure the Guild can pay their bills on time and maintain our checking account.

MOTION 8: Article 5 section 2. Move to relocate the information in sections 9 and 10 of article 5 to be nested under section 2 which also discusses the nominating committee and to renumber the sections after the relocation.

Existing: The Executive Committee and Officers shall be elected by a majority of the votes cast. Nominations for all officers shall be made by the Nominating Committee or by the membership. as provided in sections 9 and 10 below.

Proposed: The Executive Committee and Officers shall be elected by a majority of the votes cast. Nominations for all officers shall be made by the Nominating Committee or by the membership.

Section 2.1 The Nominating Committee, described in Article VI, shall nominate a slate of officers to the membership at the April Meeting

Section 2.2 Any member in good standing may nominate an additional nominee from the floor after the Nominating Committee has submitted its nominees to the membership. Such nominations from the floor may be made at either the April or May meetings. (Rev 5/19)

Justification: To group related items.

MOTION 9: Article 5 section 7. Move that the Executive committee become the nominating committee when an election has to be held in the middle of the year.

Existing: An election shall be held at any time during the operating year when deemed necessary to fill an office. Nomination for any vacant office shall come from any member in good standing.(Rev. 9/02

Proposed: An election shall be held at any time during the operating year when deemed necessary to fill an office. **Nomination for any vacant office shall come from any member in good standing.** The Executive Committee will become the nominating committee and present a slate for any vacant office. Members may also nominate from the floor the day of the election. All nominee's shall come from any member in good standing. (Rev.5/19)

Justification: To identify who will act as the nominating committee in special circumstances.

MOTION 10: Article 6 section 1. Move to allow the Executive Committee to adjust the minimum number of committee members required as needed.

Existing: The standing committees of this organization shall be appointed by the President. President shall be an ex officio member of each committee in addition to the members appointed. The President shall appoint a chairperson for the

committees, which are not chaired by a member of the Executive Committee or otherwise provided in this Article. Members of committees are to be members in good standing. All reports of the standing committees shall be submitted to the membership at the business meeting. The standing committees are: a) Box Office, b) Finance, c) Membership, d) Promotion, e) Rules and Regulations, f) Script, g) Wardrobe and h) Historian. (Rev. 9/02)

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Justification: To ensure our committees are staffed and being a benefit to the Guild.

MOTION 11: Article 6 sections 1f3 thru 1f5. Move to update the months the script committee will present, accept plays for consideration, when written petitions are due, and when the upcoming season is approved.

Existing:

Section 1f.3: The slate of plays is to be presented to the membership at the **March** business meeting and to be voted on at the **April** business meeting.

Section 1f.4: The membership may submit written suggestions of plays for consideration to the Script Committee at any time during the year prior to the last day of **November**. It shall be the responsibility of the Script Committee Chairman and President to keep a written record of all suggested plays. This slate is to be available at each business meeting from June to **March**. If a suggested play is not included on the slate of plays nominated by the Script Committee at the **March** meeting, then any active member may submit from the floor at the

April meeting a written petition that an additional nomination be made to the slate of plays. Only a play suggested to the Script Committee during the period from June through **November** according to the procedures delineated in this Section may be nominated from the floor. Additionally, only after the petitioner obtains the signatures of forty percent (40%) of the members in good standing on the petition may the nomination be included on the slate of suggested plays.

Section 1f.5: The slate of plays for the upcoming season is to be approved by the membership at the **April** business meeting by a simple majority vote. If upon the first vote no play receives a majority of votes, then the two plays receiving the most votes shall be placed before the membership for a second vote. The play receiving the majority of votes is considered approved by the membership. The President shall only vote to break any ties. Only those plays that have been approved by the Script Committee, or nominated under Section 1f.4 of this Article, are eligible for membership approval.

Proposed:

Section 1f.3: The slate of plays is to be presented to the membership at the **April** business meeting and to be voted on at the **May** business meeting.
(Rev. 5/19)

Section 1f.4: The membership may submit written suggestions of plays for consideration to the Script Committee at any time during the year prior to the last day of **December**. It shall be the responsibility of the Script Committee Chairman and President to keep a written record of all suggested plays. This slate is to be available at each business meeting from June to **April**. If a suggested play is not included on the slate of plays nominated by the Script Committee at the **April** meeting, then any active member may submit from the floor at the **May** meeting a written petition that an additional nomination be made to the slate of plays. Only a play suggested to the Script Committee during the period from June through **December** according to the procedures delineated in this Section may be nominated from the floor. Additionally, only after the petitioner obtains the signatures of forty percent (40%) of the members in good standing on the petition

may the nomination be included on the slate of suggested plays. (Rev. 5/19)

Section 1f.5: The slate of plays for the upcoming season is to be approved by the membership at the May business meeting by a simple majority vote. If upon the first vote no play receives a majority of votes, then the two plays receiving the most votes shall be placed before the membership for a second vote. The play receiving the majority of votes is considered approved by the membership. The President shall only vote to break any ties. Only those plays that have been approved by the Script Committee, or nominated under Section 1f.4 of this Article, are eligible for membership approval. (Rev.5/19)

Justification: To give the script committee an extra month to read plays.

MOTION 12: Article 7 section 1. Move to make the August and December meetings optional due to special event meetings.

Existing: There shall be at least one (1) meeting of the organization each month

Proposed: There shall be at least one (1) meeting of the organization each month except December and August when we have special celebrations and attendance is optional. (Rev.5/19)

Justification: Not everyone wants to attend special celebrations.

MOTION 13: Article 9 section 1: Move to update the way members can be

notified of amendments and notice of proposed voting.

Existing: The articles of the constitution may be amended, revised, or altered in the whole or in part at any business meeting by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members in good standing of the organization provided such amendments and notice of the proposed vote were given to each member in writing at least one (1) week prior to such vote. **(Rev. 9/02)**

Proposed: The articles of the constitution may be amended, revised, or altered in the whole or in part at any business meeting by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members in good standing of the organization provided such amendments and notice of the proposed vote were given to each member in writing/**electronic copy (Rev 5/19)** at least one (1) week prior to such vote. **(Rev. 9/02)**

Justification: To provide for the different ways people elect receive personal communications.