

**The Colonial Players, Inc.**  
**General Membership Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, January 27, 2009**

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 pm by Dan Kavanaugh, Vice President. Other Board members present: Beth Terranova (Secretary), Herb Elkin (Treasurer), Ron Giddings (Artistic), Barbara Marder (Education Special Projects), Pat Browning (Human Resources), Wes Bedsworth (Operations), Bob Brewer (Production). Absent: Carol Youmans (President). 12 members attended the meeting.

2. Approval of Agenda

The meeting agenda was approved as presented.

3. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made and seconded for approval of the Minutes of the General Membership Meeting of September 23, 2008 as written. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Officers' Reports. Written reports were included in the meeting book distributed to attendees. Board Officers presented highlights from their reports.

a. Vice President

Dan Kavanaugh highlighted the listing of Teams and Committees in the Meeting Packet and encouraged anyone interested in serving to contact the appropriate Board Member via the website

b. Secretary

Beth Terranova announced that there is now a Secretary's page on the website which will contain updated versions of the Resolutions, Bylaws and General Membership Meeting Minutes. Documents for membership review will also be posted there.

c. Treasurer

Herb Elkin clarified the items on his submitted reports.

5. Directors' Reports. Written reports from the Artistic, Education/Special Projects, Human Resources and Production Directors were included in the meeting book distributed to attendees. Board Directors presented highlights from their reports.

a. Artistic Director

Ron Giddings highlighted the WATCH and Maryland One-Act Festival achievements.

Ron Giddings noted the final two upcoming auditions and solicited auditioners and crew for the productions.

b. Education/Special Projects Director

Barbara Marder advised the membership Colonial Players is still in need of an Historian.

c. Human Resources Director

Pat Browning welcomed some new volunteers and provided an update on the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.

d. Operations Director

Wes Bedsworth highlighted the construction work at the annex, the installation of an infrared camera and monitor in the tech booth to allow better visibility of the stage during blackouts, and the new TVs, which can be used for productions or for the dressing room monitors.

e. Production Director

Bob Brewer highlighted the clean-up of the prop room and the installation of a combination lock.

Bob also emphasized the need for production staff and crew volunteers.

Bob announced that the Production manual on the Website had been updated and encouraged anyone involved in a show to read the appropriate sections.

6. New Business

a. Bylaw Changes.

Beth Terranova presented the proposed Bylaw changes.

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the proposed Bylaw change to Article IV – A.1. Regular Meetings, and associated changes in Articles IV-E.3., V-D.2., VI-A.1. – 4., and VII-H. The motion carried unanimously. The changes are effective September 1, 2009.

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the proposed Bylaw change to article V-C.1. – Board of Director Meetings, with the addition of paragraph V-C.1. (c) on e-mail voting procedures. The motion carried unanimously. The change is effective immediately.

A motion was made and seconded to the proposed Bylaw change to Article VII-B. Finances – Checks, Drafts, Etc. The motion carried unanimously. The change is effective immediately.

Beth Terranova answered questions regarding the proposed changes to Article VIII – AMENDMENT TO BYLAWS. A motion was made and seconded to adopt the proposed bylaw changes to Article VIII. The motion carried unanimously. The change is effective immediately.

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the proposed minor changes in spelling, lexicon, grammar, syntax and factual correction in Articles IV-E.4., V-B. V-B.1., V-B.1.(a), V-B.2., and V-B.2.(e). The motion carried unanimously. The change is effective immediately.

Beth Terranova led a discussion regarding the proposed change of the term “Chairman” to “Chairperson” throughout the Bylaw document. The suggestion was made to use “Chair” instead of “Chairperson”. A motion was made and seconded to replace the term “Chairman” with “Chair” throughout the document. The motion carried unanimously. The change is effective immediately.

On behalf of the President, Carol Youmans, Beth Terranova proposed a change under the newly adopted changes to Article VIII to insert the term “without vote” after the term “ex-officio” in Article V – A.4.(d). The membership did not agree this was a minor change and declined to take action without validation that this was the original intention of the Article.

Beth Terranova proposed a change to correct the references to “Bylaws and Resolutions Committee” to read “Bylaws Committee” throughout the document wherever it appears. A motion was made and seconded to correct the title of the Bylaws Committee throughout the Bylaws document. The motion carried unanimously. The change is effective immediately.

b. Announcement of the Season Slate

Ron Giddings explained changes to the performance schedule and introduced the plays selected for the Colonial Players 2009/2010 Season. He highlighted that the theme was to celebrate the Colonial Players space and the shows tend to be intimate character-driven pieces to challenge the local actors and audiences.

The regular season slate:

*The Curious Savage* by John Patrick

*The Violet Hour* by Richard Greenburg

*The Lion in Winter* by James Goldman

ARC show TBD

*I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change* (musical) by Joe DiPietro

and Jimmy Roberts

*The Kitchen Witches* by Caroline Smith

*Dog Logic* by Tom Strellich

Ron advised that information regarding Director Selection would be posted on the website in the next few weeks.

7. Open Forum.

Darice Clewell complimented the construction crew on the improvements made in the annex.

Ron Giddings solicited old TVs for use on the *Dog Logic* set. Beth Terranova agreed to post a running request in the Newsletter.

8. A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the Meeting at 8:35pm. The motion carried unanimously.

Beth Terranova  
Secretary of the Board  
The Colonial Players, Inc.