

INTERNATIONAL THESPIAN SOCIETY CONSTITUTION '16

Thespian Troupe #6328

Article I. Name and Purpose

Section 1. This organization shall be called Troupe #6328 of the International Thespian Society, a branch of the Educational Theatre Association.

Section 2. The purpose of this troupe shall be the advancement of standards of excellence in the theatre.

Section 3. The organization forbids secrecy; membership is given as recognition for meritorious work in the theatre arts.

Article II. Membership

Section 1. All nominees for active membership shall be regularly enrolled as students of North Port High School and must be enrolled in grades 9-12.

Section 2. All active members must have participated in at least two (2) full length plays or two (2) one acts and one (1) full length or four one acts and have earned a minimum of ten (10) points, i.e. 100 hours of superior work.

Section 3. Final authority concerning membership requirements shall be vested in the troupe sponsor.

Section 4. Honorary membership may be granted to adults for extraordinary and worthy assistance in the promotion of the theatre in the school and the community.

Article III. Officers

Section 1. North Port High School Troupe #6328 shall elect all officers once a year in the last full month of the school term at a regular Thespian meeting.

Section 2. Requirements for all elected officers are as follows: Each student must be an active member of the troupe for at least half of one school year, and at the time of election must be enrolled in grades 9-11. A freshman Thespian may only fill two positions: Secretary and Assistant Clerk. All other positions are closed off to upper classmen only.

Section 3. The elected officers are to have the following duties:

President- Presides at all meetings, appoints all standing and special committees, and directs and supervises troupe activities.

Vice President- Presides in the absence of the president and is responsible for the induction ceremony and any tasks associated with the banquet. In charge of all activities the troupe is involved in, including the planning of troupe events. Should

for any reason the President become unable to continue their job, the Vice President shall step up.

Secretary- Keeps the minutes of each Thespian meeting and attends to troupe correspondence. The secretary is also responsible for keeping attendance and transcribing troupe documents.

Treasurer- Keeps books, pays bills and is responsible for giving a report on money to spend, in charge of spending during banquets and other actions of the sort.

Clerk- Keeps the point records of all activities: plays, production dates, casts, crews, and work accomplished as provided in the official point system.

Assistant Clerk- Is responsible for making sure all active Thespians meet the 2.0 grade point average required to maintain Thespian membership. Prior to each banquet, the Assistant Clerk shall provide a list to the sponsor of current thespians and potential inductees to determine whether or not the student meets a minimum of a 2.0 grade point average. The Assistant Clerk shall assist the clerk in any official capacity (i.e. helping the clerk manage the member's points.) If for any reason the clerk is unable to fulfill their job requirements, the Assistant Clerk assumes all roles and responsibilities of the Clerk.

Historian/Publicity Manager- Take photographs of thespian events and shows. The historian is also responsible for putting together an electronic media presentation (power point) for all banquets. There shall also be a copy of all photos taken each semester, put on a CD ROM, and given to the sponsor. This individual is in charge of attending thespian events or delegating their responsibilities to another individual for the previously stated purposes. In the case that the Historian does not attend or make a committee to attend $\frac{3}{4}$ of the thespian events and plays, they shall be put on officer probation. Previously Amendment III, Section 1.

The Publicity Manager is responsible for publicizing all productions and upcoming events for the North Port High School Theatre Department. This should include, but is not limited to, distributing and hanging up flyers and posters in the community and around the school, communicating with the local newspapers to inform them of upcoming productions in the theatre, and talking with local businesses and establishments to have them post information to their customers. The Publicity Manager shall also organize a committee in the beginning of the year, to help advertise the events. They are also to communicate with the sponsors on advertising decisions. The final design of any posters and flyers are to be created by a sponsor, unless otherwise stated. If the Publicity Manager is creating the design for the posters and/or flyers they must receive final approval from the appropriate sponsor.

Section 4. The duties of the sponsor will be to oversee all troupe activities, to be the final authority in selection of new members, and to be the guide and inspiration of the group.

Section 5. The Board of Directors shall be composed of the sponsor, all elected officers and representatives, and any honorary members appointed by the sponsor.

Article IV. Meetings and Attendance

Section 1. Meetings shall be held once a month. Regular meetings will begin at 2:30pm unless special notice is posted as to the change of time.

Section 2. Special meetings may be called by the sponsor or any officer should the need arise.

Section 3. Any member who is absent four meetings per school year or four rehearsals during any production, unless they have an excuse considered valid by the sponsor, or who does not participate in a current production which would earn four or more points shall be dropped from active membership.

Section 4. Any member who causes deliberate dissension, which would disrupt of any production or business meeting, shall be dropped from active membership by a vote of 2/3 of active board members, with the consent of the sponsor. Any member requesting re-admittance after suspension must have the consent of the sponsor and 2/3 of the active board members.

Article V. Extracurricular Functions

Section 1. Each member must attend two (2) outside Thespian functions for a minimum of two (2) hours.

Section 2. All stated above is mandatory for all Thespian Members. If there is a conflict appropriate measures will be taken, up to and including expulsion from the Society.

Article VI. Amendments

Section 1. All amendments to this constitution must have the vote of two thirds of the troupe membership. This constitution and its amendments shall be subject to change according to any or all requirements of the International Thespian Society.

BYLAWS

Article I. Inductions

Section 1. Inductions shall be held twice a year, or as often as deemed necessary by the sponsor.

Section 2. The time and place of induction, as well as the form, will be determined by the sponsor.

Section 3. The Vice-President will be held responsible for the training of the speakers of the Induction ceremony. They must schedule and rehearse said speakers, as well as take care of the preparation of the stage and induction properties.

Article II. Troupe Activities

Section 1. The troupe is not a secret organization, so faculty and students interested in theatre as well as honorary members and alumni shall be invited to its meetings.

Section 2. The troupe shall sponsor at least one “Good Neighbor” program a year for the purpose of establishing good relationships with nearby dramatic groups.

Section 3. The troupe shall cooperate with all other departments and clubs in the school in helping them with their programs in any way it can.

Article III. Point Award System

Section 1. The theatre director/sponsor will determine the exact number of points to be awarded in all theatrical and non-theatrical participation.

Section 2. Points will be awarded as suggested by the point system of the International Thespian Society.

Article IV. Elections

Section 1. Nominations for officers are to be made by troupe members, meeting with the sponsor, with additional nominations being permitted from the floor. Officers will be elected by a majority vote.

Section 2. Voting will be done by secret ballot for any election.

Section 3. Three members, including one officer, may request, in writing, to the Sponsor, a recall election of all or any elected officers. This written request must state the need for such an election. A special meeting will be scheduled within five school days upon receipt of the request, for the purpose of voting on whether or not a recall election is necessary. Two thirds of the membership is required to mandate a recall election. All previous rules for electing officers shall still apply.

Section 4. A Thespian may hold a position as an officer for multiple years, however no Thespian may hold the *same* position for more than one year unless they fall under the guidelines explained in Amendment I, Section II .

Article V. Installations

Section 1. Officers shall be installed at the last Banquet of the school year

Article VI. Adoption

Section 1. Two thirds of the current voting members are needed for adoption of this constitution.

Article VII. Class Representatives

Section 1. Each grade shall have one elected representative (sophomore class shall elect two). Said representatives will be elected at the first business meeting of the school year.

Section 2. The duties of each representative will be to hold monthly meetings to inform and receive opinions from general members from defined class, be sure everyone is contacted within the grade they represent, and aid any officers if requested to do so.

Article VIII. Conflict Resolution

Section 1. In the event that issues/conflicts arise between a Thespian and a Sponsor which cannot be solved through communication between the two parties, the issue shall be resolved by the school administration.

AMENDMENTS

Amendment I

Section 1. If for any reason an officer leaves or is removed from the board, a fellow thespian shall be elected to fill their position, unless the position is that of President/Clerk. In the case of the President or Clerk, the Vice President/Asst. Clerk shall step up to fill that position and a new person shall be voted in to fill their position. All previous rules for electing officers shall still apply.

Section 2. If a new officer is voted in *before* the end of first semester (half way through the year), it shall count as one full term and they shall not be allowed to run for that position again the following year. If they are voted in *after* the beginning of second semester, is shall not count as a full term, and they shall be allowed to run again the next year for the same position

Amendment II

Section 1. Students on probation will be removed from membership unless involvement is shown. Involvement includes attendance at the next three general meetings and participation in one theatre department or thespian event.

Amendment III

Section 1. Officer Attendance- Any officer or representative elected to the board shall maintain an attendance at regular and officer meetings that is above 3/4s of all meetings. Any officer who falls below this standard shall be put on officer probation. If the officer still does not come to the meetings, and their attendance becomes lower than 2/3s of all the meetings, they will be ejected from the board.

Amendment V

Section 1. Observing Points- For observing a show any non-thespian will be given half a thespian point with a ticket stub, and any thespian will earn one point. All thespian troupe members will be allowed to earn a total of five thespian points per academic year. All non-thespian members will be allowed to earn a total of two thespian points per academic year. When a person gets inducted into Thespian Troupe 6328 they may be allowed to earn a total of five thespian points at the rate of one point per show.

Amendment VI

Section 1. If four or more thespians are nominated for any position, there shall be a preliminary voting session in which the nominees are brought down to two thespians running for the position.

Amendment VII

Section 1. In the event in which a member of the International Thespian Society transfers to North Port High School from any other school, any and all points acquired by the Thespian will be accounted for, even if the Thespian did not previously attend NPHS. If adequate proof of production work, tech work, or any point-rewarding act is given to the Board after the student's enrollment at NPHS, the Board will review the evidence and work with the Troupe Sponsor to determine a way to honor the work accomplished. The Board will then award any points the student would have gained, had they participated in these activities at NPHS. Similarly, any NPHS student who transfers to another school and wishes to participate in their new school's Thespian society will have the points they gained here transferred to their new school's program, where it will then be up to them whether to honor the students points or not.