

New Awards Alliance Meeting
3/7/99
Reston Community Players' rehearsal hall

Five groups represented:

The Arlington Players	John Monnett
Little Theatre of Alexandria	Al Edick
Potomac Community Theater	Elie Pisarra
	Maureen McMurphy
Prince William Little Theatre	Don Wilson
Reston Community Players	Sue Pinkman

Absent, with regrets:

Vienna Theater Company	Angie Anderson
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Al reported that he had contacted Montgomery Playhouse and that they were interested in participating in this new awards program.

John reported that he had asked the other ACT theaters if they would consider admitting new theaters as part of their proposed bylaw revisions. He had not heard officially one way or the other from any other group. He suggested that this new group move forward on its own. It should be made publicly clear that the process for this new group was begun before it was known that ACT was considering revising its bylaws. At no time did this new group expect to become a part of ACT.

There was some discussion of some concerns about the scope of the judging process. Concerns about the large geographic area represented and disparities in the presenting spaces of the member theaters were raised. But it was decided that further discussion would be more useful once Al and Angie have presented the judging model.

John and Sue presented some ideas for a purpose/mission statement for this new group. Concern was expressed that the mission of this group not tread, or be perceived to tread, on any mission statement of similar theater alliances (NVTA, ACT). The final statement was assented to by those present as follows:

The <<name tbd>> awards program seeks to:

- Recognize artistic and technical excellence
- Promote and enhance the image of community theater
- Educate and inform the general public about the theatrical opportunities provided by the member theaters

A more formal version will be worked into the bylaws when they are created. The following subcommittees were formed with the following tasks to be presented at the next meeting:

John & Sue	administrative structure of the new group
Al & Angie	judging process
Maureen & Elie	name of the group
Don	award practicals (actual awards, categories, means of presentation, etc)

It was decided that the mission statement be sent to each group that had expressed interest. Any group wishing to be a part of the inaugural season must submit a representative to the next meeting. At this time, there is optimism that the new bylaws may be in place by the start of the 99/00 season.

The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, April 18, 1999 at the RCP rehearsal hall.