**Thespian Troupe #5890 Bylaws**

**Adopted (September 2015)**

**Article 1:** **Attendance**

**Section 1.** A student arriving late to or leaving early from meetings or rehearsals without a reason considered valid by the troupe director will receive a demerit. Three such offenses will be counted as an absence from a meeting without excuse.

**Section 2.** Regular after school meetings will begin at (3:10) p.m. and evening meetings at (time) p.m. Changes will be posted by 2:30 p.m. the day of the meetings.

**Section 3**. Irregular attendance indicates a lack of interest; therefore, any member absent three (3) meetings per school year without a written excuse submitted to the secretary, stage manager, or troupe director shall be automatically suspended from troupe activities. The troupe director has sole authority to reverse the suspension.

**Section 4.** Attendance shall be considered in the Thespian points award system.

**Section 5.** Absences shall accumulate for only one school year at a time.

**Article 2: Grade Point Average**

**Section 1.** A student who wishes to be inducted into the troupe must have a GPA of 2.700 or higher in order to be considered for induction.

**Section 2.** Members of troupe must keep their GPA at 2.700 or above in order to maintain membership in the troupe.

**Article 3: Thespian Points**

**Section 1.** Induction points must be earned over the course of more than one production. In years when there is only one production, requirement is waived.

**Section 2.** Induction fees are the responsibility of the inductee. The troupe will pay for induction pins and other honors items.

**Section 3.** The troupe director determines the time, place, schedule, and format of induction ceremonies.

**Section 4.** The troupe director and president conduct inductions. The vice president is responsible for training inductions ceremony speakers, scheduling and rehearsing said speakers, and preparing the stage and induction properties by the troupe director.

**Article 4: Officers**

**Section 1.** Duties: Troupe officers are defined below. The troupe director may assign other duties.

1. The president presides at all meetings, appoints all standing and special committees and directs and supervises troupe activities.
2. The vice-president presides in the absence of the president and is responsible for the induction of new members.
3. The secretary keeps the records of meetings, uploads attendance and minutes to ASB drive (through emailing Mrs. Fry), leads end of the year thank you cards and attends to troupe correspondence. (Same as Drama Club position)
4. The treasurer keeps the troupe’s books and pays bills, and may act as business manager of Thespian productions. (Same as Drama Club position)
5. The historian/scribe keeps the point records of all activities: plays, production dates, casts, crews, and work accomplished as provided in the official point system. For troupes without a historian, the historian may also keep a scrapbook of news clippings, posters, programs, etc. Also in charge of superlative voting PowerPoint presentation for the end of the year banquet.(Same as Drama Club Position)
6. Other offices such as historian, publicity chair and TOTS-EAT (Trick or Treat So Kids Can Eat) chair may be added at the troupe’s discretion. All officer positions must be listed in the troupe’s constitution.

**Section 2.** Requirements for all elected officers are as follows: each student must be an active member of the troupe for at least one school year, and at the time of election must be enrolled in grades 10 or 11.

**Section 3.** Nominations for officers are to be made by a committee, meeting with the troupe director, with additional nominations being permitted from the floor. Students may self-nominate from the floor. Officers will be elected by a majority vote.

**Section 4.** Elections will be conducted at the last meeting for the next school year.

**Section 5.** Voting will only be done by secret blind vote tallied by troupe director and president at an official troupe meeting.

**Section 6.** Three members, including one officer, may request a recall election of all or any elected officers. This request must be submitted to the troupe director in writing and 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 will follow the procedure set in Sections 2-4 above.

**Section 7.** Officers shall be installed at the last social or program meeting of the school term.

**Article 5: Troupe Activities**

**Section 1.** The troupe is not a secret organization. All interested faculty, students, parents, Honorary Thespians, troupe alumni, and administrators are welcome at troupe meetings.

**Section 2**. At least one meeting or special event of Troupe #5890 shall include an open invitation to all students for the purpose of playing theatre games and creating improvisations.

**Section 3**. The troupe shall sponsor at least one “good neighbor” program a year for the purpose of establishing good relationships with nearby Thespian and Junior Thespian troupes and other dramatic groups.

**Section 4.** 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 6: Class Representatives**

**Section 1.** Each grade shall have one elected representative. Said representatives will be elected the first business meeting of the school year. \*Year by year basis based on necessity

**Section 2.** The duties of each representative will be to distribute newsletters, inform his/her grade of any new information, and aid any officer if requested to do so.

**Article 7: Conflict Resolution**

**Section 1**. In the event issues/conflicts arise between a Thespian and the troupe directors that cannot be solved through communication between the two parties, the issue should be resolved by the school administration as indicated in the troupe handbook.