

USITT RP-2 (revision 4), Recommended Practice for Theatrical Lighting Design Graphics

NOW AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW

July 1, 2005

To: **USITT Members**

From: **Lighting Commission Recommended Practices Committee**

Willard Bellman, Rich Dunham (Commissioner), Robin Schraft, Vickie Scott, Steve Shelley and R. Craig Wolf

Several years ago the Vice-President for Commissions and the Standards Committee charged the Lighting Commission with updating the USITT 1991 Lighting Design Graphics Language document. The original document was formulated before the proliferation of CAD programs, intelligent fixtures, and many non-conventional luminaries. We now have gone through several revisions of the current draft document.

We are pleased to announce that **USITT RP-2 (revision4), Recommended Practice for Theatrical Lighting Graphics** is now available for public review until October 28, 2005. A draft was sent out to a canvass list and posted through *Sightlines* and our web pages during the late summer and fall of last year. These responses included recommendations for a number of substantive changes. Therefore, revisions based on that input and committee discussions have been formulated into a fourth canvass that needs to be re-circulated once again. Please scrutinize the document and return the Comments Form that accompanies the canvass document. The Comments Form asks you to do two things: inform the committee if you think that the document can be accepted as a USITT Recommended Practice as it is, or indicate to the committee what you think needs to be changed in order to make it an acceptable Recommended Practice. Please be as specific as possible about what to alter. Cite the clause and sentence(s) in the clause, recommend alternate wording, and explain why. For example, a comment such as "Not enough projectors," would only be marginally helpful. A comment such as, "Section 1.4: 6-inch Diameter Lens Instruments should contain separate symbols for units designated by diameter and focal length (such as 6" x 9") and those designated by beam angle (such as 40°)," would be more helpful. In addition to citing specific changes and sections of the document, you should give your rationale for the change. Use of "legislative format" that leaves essentially nothing to interpretation is suggested (i.e., ~~strikeout text to be removed~~ and underline text to be added).

A complete public review packet of USITT RP-2, r4 – 7/1/05 includes the copy of the actual draft document, the ballot, a comments document, and this letter/instruction sheet. The comments document will provide you with a summary of the comments from the previous canvass along with the committee's responses. These materials are also available by calling the USITT Office at 800-93USITT or by downloading from the USITT website at www.usitt.org.

Please send your comments to the address given on the bottom of the comment form or by electronic submission to comments@office.usitt.org. If you submit your comments electronically, they will not need to be retyped which will help ensure accuracy. If you are using electronic formats, please place your comments in the body of an e-mail message or mail your comments in a Rich Text Format (RTF) file on a computer disk. Please include your real name and company /organization in your e-mailed message or disk file so that your comments can be easily identified. Finally, be sure to include your e-mail address on the comment form since our responses will be distributed through e-mail. Comments must be received by 5 p.m. Eastern time on October 28, 2005. If you have any questions relating to the process, please feel free to contact Rich Dunham or the national office of USITT.

Contact Rich Dunham: phone 706-542-8273; fax 706-542-2080 e-mail rdunham@uga.edu.