



## HEADSET CHATTER

Welcome to "Headset Chatter" - the SMA's new monthly newsletter. This was something requested by the membership in our last survey. The newsletter will contain quick links, tips, and announcements on upcoming activities for the SMA. We promise to send this out to you at least 10 times a year.

Take a look, [send us feedback](#) to let us know what you need to hear.

### Benefit Highlights of the SMA

There are many benefits to being an SMA member such as saving \$\$\$ on conferences, training and seminars as well as on equipment, events and swag. In the coming months, you will get info highlighting benefits you can access directly with your membership level. Professional and Associate Members: Coming soon will be news about our partnership with the Actors Federal Credit Union and how this can benefit you.

### Party in the City



The cat is out of the bag! We've announced the Del Hughes Honorees for 2019. West Coasters, **Mary K. Klinger** and **Barbara Donner** along with the intrepid **Rich Costabile** have been selected this year along with **Janet Friedman** for the Founders Award. The celebration party being planned by **Cheryl Mintz** will have some surprises - perhaps a BIG ANNOUNCEMENT along with TBA celebrity presenters.

Make plans to join us in NYC on **Monday, September 23**. Also, **September 22** is Broadway Cares/EFA Flea Market. Plan to make it a NYC Fall weekend.

## Get Social

Stage Managers are gathering this summer across the country - LA, Houston, The Berkshires, Chicago and in other areas. Find an event near you by clicking [here](#) or visiting our [Facebook page](#) and come on over to connect, hang and socialize with other stage managers or [contact us](#) to host your own.

## Get Involved

There are so many ways to get involved and set the direction of YOUR SMA. Find ways to get involved that benefit you and your fellow members. Professionals: mid-career to advanced, we need you! Consider [uploading a piece of favorite paperwork](#) to the doc library, [writing an article or series](#) or [offering a chance to shadow a Stage Manager](#). As for committees, what is your bag? Parties? Nights out? Representing the SMA to other SM's? Click [here](#) to sign up for a committee. Meet others and get involved!

## Guide/Teach Nationwide

The SM National Guide Respondent Program will roll out as a pilot program this Fall. In the meantime, the National Committee is working on the parameters, procedures and practices. This program will be available only to SMA Associate Members. We will provide a list of Professional Members interested in teaching, guiding and mentoring programs that do not have stage management programs of their own. Stay tuned for more info in the coming months. To join the committee, please request through the ["I want to join a committee" link](#) on the website.

## Get CPR Training

Do you want to organize a CPR training course in your area? The Board has voted to support these trainings, discounting them for SMA members. If you are interested in organizing one in your area shoot an email to [Chair@stagemanagers.org](mailto:Chair@stagemanagers.org).

## Annual Meeting Recap

Please welcome our recently elected members of the SMA Board:

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair: **Amanda Spooner**

Recording Secretary: **Kristi Ross-Clausen**

Directors at Large: **Cheryl Mintz** (2022), **David J. McGraw** (2022), **Cynthia Hennon Marino** (2021 - replacing Spooner's "at Large" seat)

Thank you to **Mandy Berry** (departing 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair), **Katrina Herrmann** (departing Secretary), and **Melissa Nathan** (departing Director at Large) for their service on the Board.

We had an attendance of over 30 members at the meeting held at AEA in NYC and nearly 40 members who called in. Members physically in attendance were given their new membership pins (Professional, Lifetime and Del Hughes). To get your pin, contact, or better yet, connect in person with your Regional Director or the Vice Regional Rep for your area. Don't know who that is? Click on [here](#) to peruse the Leadership page.

## International Connections

## LA "SM Life" Podcast



In addition to the ["Standing in the Dark"](#) and ["Women of Broadway"](#) podcasts, there is a new series of stage management-centric podcasts to listen to. [Click here](#) to follow the lives of stage managers in SoCal in this new podcast launched by our Los Angeles Vice Regional Rep, **Morgan Zupanski**.

## Cleveland SMs!

There is now a [Cleveland Stage Managers Facebook group](#) - set up by our new North East Ohio Vice Regional Rep, **Jenna Fink**.

## Save the date and attend!

[July 8th: SMA Coffee Chat in Chicago](#)

[July 22nd: SMA Berkshire Gathering](#)

**TBA August Houston Gathering**

**TBA August LA Gathering**

**TBA August NYC Gathering**

[September 22nd: BC/EFA Flea Market](#)

[September 23rd: Del Hughes Awards](#)



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