



WORLD ACROBATICS SOCIETY

WAS BOD & Membership Meetings

2012 WAS CONGRESS EDITION

The **WAS Board of Directors meeting** was held on Tuesday September 18th at CircusCircus in the Casino Tower Room 1410. The minutes of the WAS BOD meeting of May 13th were reviewed and new and old business was discussed in preparation for the annual membership meeting. A Treasurer's report was made. An addition to the Constitution was proposed that would place the WAS Gallery of Legends Committee and its chairman under the oversee of the WAS first Vice President. The first Vice President called for a slate of the WAS officers in preparation for the election of new officers during the membership meeting.

WAS membership and **WAS Congress/ banquet registrations** continued to be recorded in the hospitality room on Wednesday by the Secretary and Treasurer. Final arrangements were made among the WAS membership for a visitation to the Treasure Island Hotel and Casino to enjoy a Cirque de Soleil *Mystere show* rehearsal.

The WAS membership gathered at the entrance to the **TI Theatre for the *Mystere* rehearsal at 3:45PM**. The membership was cordially met by **Karl Abraham** and directed to seating for the rehearsal. Cast members were working on the Chinese pole act portion of the show. Trampolinists and tumblers were also practicing. **David Gomez** spent time on artistic details of the pole act and explained and answered questions concerning many phases of the production. WAS members asked questions and added dialog concerning the show. Several WAS members were reunited with acrobat athletes in the show with whom they coached or worked. It was a wonderful presentation. Thank you to Rob Bollinger, Karl and David!

Wednesday night was open so several WAS members returned to TI for the retooled *Mystere show* while others hung out in the hospitality room to converse with new and old friends.

The WAS membership meeting was held on Thursday September 20th at 9AM. The President reviewed minutes of the WAS BOD meetings of May 13th and September 18th. The previously mentioned addition to the WAS Constitution was approved. **The oversight of the Gallery of Legends Committee and its chairman will be included as a duty of the WAS first Vice President.**

Bruce Davis will prepare two newsletters. The first will focus on this years class of 2012 WAS Legends and the WAS 2012 Congress. The second will focus on the 2011 WAS Congress and the 2011 WAS Legends. The two newsletters will be distributed to the WAS BOD and membership by E-mail distribution list. No newsletters were created or distributed for the year 2011 due to the fact that there was no newsletter editor. The two newsletters will be sent to Jim Bertz, WAS BOD member and former newsletter editor, for formatting. The formatted newsletters will then be available for distribution by mail for WAS members who so request a copy.

Teo Leonard of Apollo Beach Internet is the new website web master and the worldacro.com web host. Improvements will continue to be made to the website which went inactive in February of 2012 with the former web host Thunderbird of Redmond, Washington for lack of web host payment from WAS. The site was pirated and some website material was lost from the site. Leonard was able to purchase the website name for a nominal fee and rebuild the site. This transfer was facilitated in late May with help from **Ron Weiss** who originally helped set up the worldacro.com website web hosted by Thunderbird of Redmond, WA. The WAS site continues to be under construction.

Karl Schier will continue to manage the WAS Face book page. In addition, Karl is exploring setting up a series of **electronic meetings for the WAS BOD.** The first test meeting is tentatively scheduled for October or November of 2012. The result of successful electronic meetings will lead to having more meetings annually and the eventual elimination of traveling to a second WAS BOD meeting each year to save travel and hotel costs for WAS BOD members.

Bill Marcus, first Vice President, conducted the election of officers and three new board members. The results of the elections are: Bruce Davis - President, first Vice President- Karl Schier, second Vice President – Glen Vaughn, Donna Kramer – Secretary, George Hery – Treasurer. Additionally, three new board members were elected; one to fill the election cycle and two to fill board vacancies. Don Leas, Dian Nissen-Ramirez and Jon Culbertson are the three new board members.

The WAS BOD and its officers are elected during a three-year cycle. This year officers were elected plus one board member. Two other board members were elected to replace former board members who are no longer on the WAS BOD or have become new officers thus vacating their board seat for a new officer position.

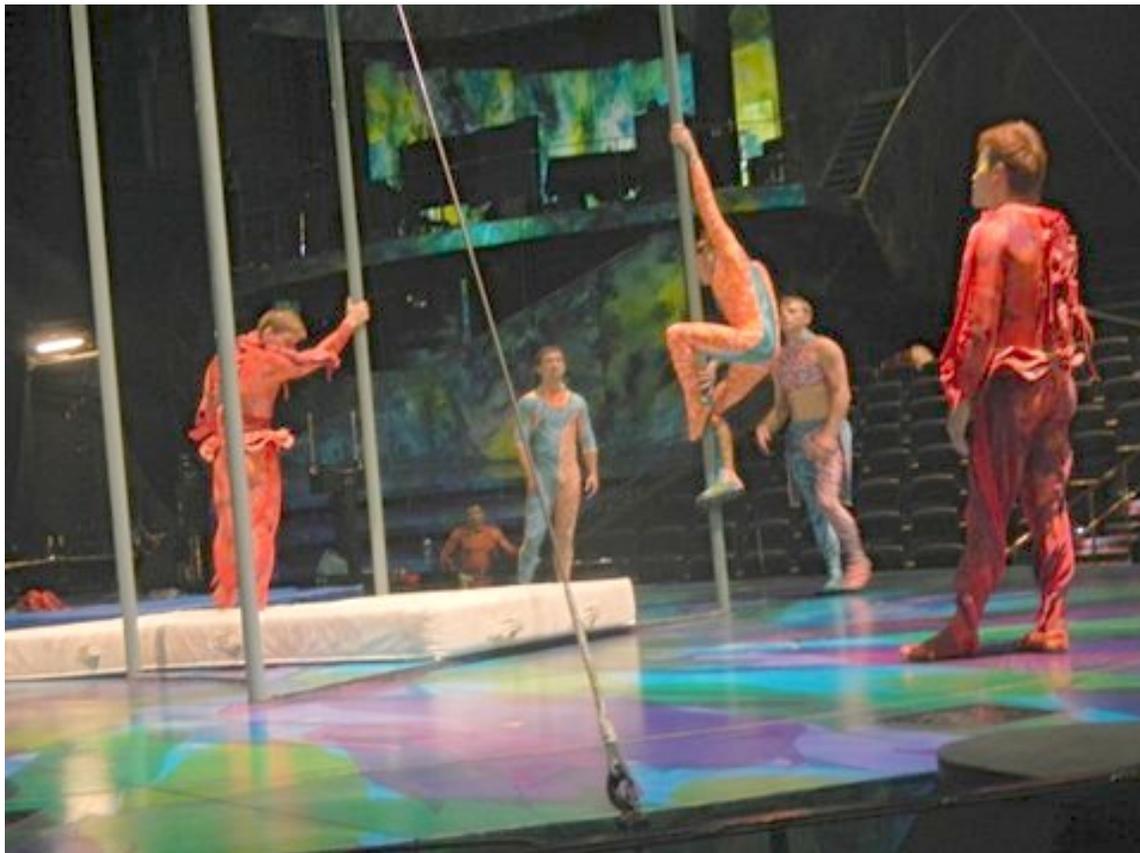
The remaining 12 board members elected during the other two years of the three year cycle are: Dick Gutting, Pam Pond, Frank Gorman, Abie Grossfeld, Bruno Klaus, Paula Boelsems, Nancy Thurston-Hughhins, Pat Henderson, Jim Bertz, Loren Janes, Dick Albershardt .

During the WAS membership meeting of 2011, the membership voted to hold the spring WAS BOD meeting in Las Vegas. It was instead held in Ft. Lauderdale on May 12th. The 2013 spring meeting is **tentatively scheduled for Saturday April 27th 1PM in Las Vegas.** The final schedule for the spring WAS BOD meeting will be contingent on the results of the success or failure of electronic test meetings and the pursuit of several other site and meeting possibilities. A final decision will be forthcoming.

In his first action as new WAS President, Bruce Davis issued an executive order to **add the outgoing WAS President to the WAS BOD.** The WAS membership gave outgoing WAS President a hand in appreciation of eight years of service.



WAS membership enjoys the rehearsal of *Mystere* at the Treasure Island Hotel



Rehearsing the pole act for the Cirque de Soleil Mystere show at Treasure Is.



More rehearsal

Pat Henderson reunites with Ben Wilden