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To: Members of the Iowa Community Theatre Association  
From: President Donna Smithson

The board members of the Iowa Community Theatre Association thank you for your past membership. It is time to renew your membership. All dues are due by January 1, 2010. Theater dues are \$45.00 per year; individual member dues are \$20.00 per year.

We are constantly brainstorming for projects that will make the state association of more benefit to its members. All suggestions from you will be considered by the board.

Here are some of the programs facilitated during the 2009 year:

- Center Stage comes to you quarterly. Its purpose is to connect you with other theaters within the state to see what productions they are considering and to serve as a vehicle to connect theaters with each other for open communication and problem-solving. You are certainly encouraged to add information about your theater in each of the issues. Especially vital is your calendar of productions.
- During the spring ICTA board members attended productions and attaining a two-minute spot before the performance to inform the audience about the existence of the state organization and explain about the upcoming festival. A coupon was awarded to attend all festival productions.
- Festival was sponsored in March in Okoboji. Because of the number of entrants, two theaters were granted the right to progress on to the Regional Festival in Nebraska.
- Currently, the Iowa Awards in Excellence Program is in progress. A theater may nominate various performers from a production. State board members review your production and rate the nominees. When the year is completed, the reviews will be ranked and awards will be given at Convention 2010.
- L. K. Boutin grants were awarded to two theaters
  - Pearl City Players for 4 one day theater workshops
  - Carroll community Theatre for an opaque projector
- Under construction is a state theatre web site to be accessed under Iowa Community Theatre Association. Our goal would be to have a calendar of productions, events, access to Center Stage and links to our member theatres. We would hope that all theaters could take advantage of this website to promote themselves and give them a presence on the web.
- Networking is important. The ICTA board members are more than happy to introduce you and help you make contact with theaters throughout the state. Please do not hesitate to call on any board member for assistance, the board members' names and contact information are listed in each issue of the newsletter, *Center Stage*.

Knowing some of the programs of the association, it is our hopes that you will continue your membership into the year 2010.

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