



is changing!

At a special meeting held at our conference on 1 June 2024, it was agreed that STSG will become the **ABTT School Theatre Support Committee (STSC)**, once ratified by the ABTT Council.

Why?

The Group became affiliated with the ABTT in 2014, although we continued until now to operate autonomously with our own constitution, membership system, bank account and executive committee. In 2022, after 17 years in the role, our long-standing Chairperson and Administrator decided to step down. The last two years have proved difficult for the current committee to continue with the Group's activities at the level at which we would like, and membership engagement has declined. We see this change as a positive 'fresh start' for continuing with the STSG's aims and objectives, and protecting what we have achieved so far.

What happens now?

The ABTT Council will meet in July to confirm our proposal.

There will be a transition period during which STSG assets will be transferred to the ABTT.

STSG will be officially 'dissolved' according to the terms of the constitution.

A new chairperson will take over leadership of the STSC, and will also be part of the ABTT Council (giving us a direct voice alongside other theatre professionals).

If you would like to raise any points or volunteer to help run the STSC, please email admin@stsg.org.uk (this address will stay active until the transition is complete).

What changes?

There will no longer be STSG membership, but the new STSC will be open to any ABTT member (Full, Associate or Affiliate) who is currently working in an educational setting. Depending on interest, the new STSC can also incorporate non-ABTT members, although joining the ABTT will be encouraged.

What stays the same?

We will be liaising with the ABTT Office to maintain access to a list of STSC members and to allow easy contact opportunities between members, as currently happens. It is unlikely that this can continue to be done by email, but we will investigate other options such as Discord or Slack. **Keeping our sense of community will be very important!**

The existing MemberMojo system will remain until the end of December 2024 with the current membership list (which means you can continue to use the Members' Homepage, Group Email and Member Database until then).

The Performance Support Award will continue to be available. In fact, it will become easier to access - free to everyone - published on the ABTT website. Only 'Gold' submissions and moderation will require ABTT membership.

The STSC will also continue to hold events, meetings and training once established.