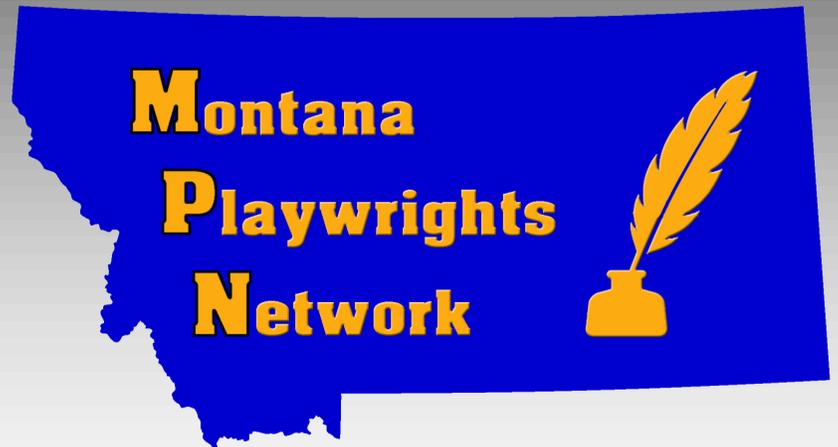


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# MPN News



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## MPN Updates inside!

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- ◆ *Reminder: the deadline for script submissions for the 2nd MPN Montana Premiere Project*
- ◆ *What's happening at the Helena Avenue Theatre (HAT)*
- ◆ *Annual Membership Meeting coming up!*
- ◆ *Board of Directors Officers Election*

# MPN News

## MPN Receives Covid-19 Grants Relief!

MPN is very fortunate to have received grants funded by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act economic stabilization plan appropriated by the U.S. Congress dispersed through Federal/State Partnership programs, as well as Covid Relief grants awarded through Montana community foundations and organizations.



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MPN extends our sincere gratitude for this assistance,  
as we could not survive the devastating impact of the pandemic without it.

# MPN News

**Don't forget to submit your work by the deadline  
for script submissions for the**

## **2nd MPN Premiere Project:**

### **2021-2023**

All theatre companies and venues in the United States are dealing with devastating impacts of Covid-19, and MPN is no different. None-the-less, MPN is enthusiastically committed to the Project in spite of the pandemic, as it is very important for our member playwrights, theatre companies and their communities to experience the creation of original works by Montana Playwrights and writers produced in fully-realized play productions around our home State. Adjusting to the challenges of the pandemic, the MPN Board has extended deadlines for script submissions and the script selections process executed by participating companies.

The terms for script submissions remains the same, but now you have until December 31, 2020, to send us your best work. For complete guidelines, go to our website at [www.Montanaplaywrights.org](http://www.Montanaplaywrights.org).

If you have questions or need more information, please don't hesitate to contact Pamela Mencher at [montanaplaywrights@gmail.com](mailto:montanaplaywrights@gmail.com).

**Deadline for Submissions:**  
**10:00 p.m. on December 31, 2020**

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## Helena Avenue Theatre Benefactors

The Montana Playwrights Network offers sincere gratitude to the following individuals, businesses and organizations for their generosity and support in creating the Helena Avenue Theatre.

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# MPN News

## ***Plan to attend MPN's Annual Membership Meeting Online!***

**Tentative Date on Zoom: December 13, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.**  
(To be confirmed by November 13, 2020.)

The primary purpose of the MPN Annual Membership Meeting is to meet with each other and share ideas and feedback about organizational activities and MPN's future. In addition, we are in an election year and with the current officers completing their terms, we must select MPN's leadership for the coming cycle at the upcoming Annual Membership Meeting in 2020.

### **The Election Process**

#### **Excerpted from MPN's By-Laws:**

“In election years, candidates for President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer shall be nominated by a nominating committee consisting of three (3) of the members of the Board of Directors. In addition, the nominating committee may include one (or more) Individual Members.” (The Committee is being formed now.) “In an election year, the nominating committee shall submit their list of nominees to the President at least thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Membership meeting. Additional candidates may be nominated by the general membership by submitting the names of the candidates to the President in writing, signed by at least ten Voting Members, at least thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Membership meeting. In election years, a list of candidates for President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer shall be posted on the Corporation's website.”



### ***MPN's 2021 membership drive is now in full swing!***

MPN's membership cycle is from January 1 to December 31. While 2020 shut down many MPN activities due to dangers of the pandemic, we are hopeful that 2021 will be a much better year and that we'll be able to hold more in-person events state-wide. Please renew your membership as soon as you can, and help us with the membership drive by bringing a friend to join with you! As you know our membership dues are very affordable and offer many benefits available only to our members.

***For a full list of benefits, go to our website: [www.montanaplaywrights.org](http://www.montanaplaywrights.org)***



# MPN News



## Help Your Organization!

With the pandemic raging across Montana, the fallout has negatively impacted our personal lives and families, businesses, community activities and social and professional relationships. MPN has not been immune. While we successfully created MPN's beautiful new home, the Helena Avenue Theatre (HAT) in 2020, financially, our organization now has low reserves. We had planned that public activities at the HAT would keep us solvent, but we're not yet able to generate anticipated revenues because of public health restrictions and MPN's firm commitment to keep our communities safe by not offering large group events.

Until we are able move forward with exciting and inspiring public activities, we still need to be able to financially support our organization's services. This is how you can help:

Please donate any amount by going to our website  
and click on the donate button at:

[www.montanaplaywrights.org](http://www.montanaplaywrights.org)

Or

Send a check payable to the Montana Playwrights Network to:

Montana Playwrights Network  
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Clancy, MT 59634

**We sincerely thank you for your support.**



# MPN News



## Book Your Event in 2021 at the HAT!

### MPN Wants You!

In addition to its own activities, MPN invites individuals, families, groups, businesses, organizations, independent producers, arts organizations, speakers, teachers, writers, performers, and musicians to schedule their own events at the HAT! It's perfect for intimate conferences, festivals, workshops, concerts, readings, parties, meetings, play productions, video and film recordings, and so much more. Modest rental fees are variable, depending upon the event and how much of the facility's space and resources are utilized.

For more details, and to reserve your date(s) for 2021, contact Pamela Mencher at:

HAT Box Office: 406-422-5552  
or text: 406-235-0353.