

**ACTRA TORONTO
COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2015**

PRESENT

David Sparrow, President
Heather Allin, Past President
David Macniven, Treasurer
Wendy Crewson, Vice-President, Member-at-Large
David Gale, Vice-President, Communications
Art Hindle, Vice-President, External Affairs
Shereen Airth
Maria del Mar
Catherine Disher (1/2 day only)
Ferne Downey
Sedina Fiati, alternate for Jack Newman
Richard Hardacre
Don Lamoreux, alternate for Theresa Tova
Burke Lawrence, alternate for Clara Pasieka
Shawn Lawrence, alternate for Joel Keller
Jani Lauzon
Constantine Meglis, alternate for Angelica Lisk-Hann
Farah Merani, alternate for Tabby Johnson (1/2 day only)
Colin Mochrie
John Nelles
Leah Pinsent
Nicole St. Martin
Richard Young, alternate for Lisa Berry

REGRETS

Lisa Berry
Tabby Johnson
Joel Keller
Angelica Lisk-Hann
Jack Newman
Clara Pasieka
Eric Peterson
Theresa Tova

ABSENT

None

CAUCUS CHAIRS

Larry Robertson, Chair, Apprentice Caucus, ACTRA Toronto
Randi Shelton, Chair, ACTRA Additional Background Caucus, ACTRA Toronto

OBSERVERS

Lorne Goodman
Donal Hansman

ALSO PRESENT

Sue Milling, Executive Director, ACTRA Toronto
Judy Barefoot, Director, Commercial Production, ACTRA Toronto
Indra Escobar, Director, Member Services, ACTRA Toronto
Karl Pruner, Director, Communications, Education and Outreach, ACTRA Toronto
Karen Ritson, Director of Finance and Administration, ACTRA Toronto
Mimi Wolch, Director, Independent and Broadcast Production, ACTRA Toronto
Lisa Blanchette, Organizer, ACTRA Toronto
Karen Woolridge, Public Relations Officer, ACTRA Toronto
Jacob Leibovitch, Director, Research and Bargaining, ACTRA
Freda Merritt-Gambrill, Recording Secretary

The meeting commenced at 10:17 a.m. with President, David Sparrow, in the Chair. He welcomed and introduced everyone present. This was followed by the reading of the ACTRA Equality Statement.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Jani Lauzon, seconded by John Nelles:

“That the Agenda for the ACTRA Toronto Council Meeting of February 3, 2015, be accepted.”

CARRIED

CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There being no corrections to the Minutes, the following was passed:

MOTION #2

Moved by Maria del Mar, seconded by Heather Allin:

“That the Minutes of the ACTRA Toronto Council Meeting of January 6, 2015, be accepted.”

CARRIED

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

David Sparrow reported on the Stunt Committee and the Full Member Background Committee meetings. The FMBG Committee is co-chaired by Donal Hansman and Constantine Meglis.

Mr. Sparrow said that the National Council, at their last meeting, passed each of the National By-Law changes previously reviewed and recommended by ACTRA Toronto Council.

During the meetings between ACTRA and Equity, the question regarding the application of the reciprocal agreement to ACTRA Toronto’s low budget production guidelines was raised. This will be discussed later in the meeting under Item 8 of the Agenda.

Mr. Sparrow also reported on the meeting with ICA and ACA, his trip to LA and his attendance at the ACTRA Day in LA.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Sue Milling reported that the Supreme Court of Canada in a recent decision affirmed a union’s right to strike.

Ms Milling also reported on the CRTC decision regarding simultaneous substitution. In terms of bargaining, Ms Milling noted that the WGC concluded their negotiations. UBCP negotiations are being led by Stephen Waddell. She and Jacob Leibovitch will be attending the UBCP negotiations as observers.

Ms Milling reported on the NCA residual working group, audio books and the meeting with the Voice Committee. Ms Milling also reported on video games and the inclusion of performance capture in the colleges and universities programmes.

ACTRA Toronto will be working with the City of Toronto to promote a film project to mark the 800th anniversary of the Magna Carta.

WORK OPS – NCA AND FILM/TV – IN-CAMERA SESSION

Mimi Wolch reported on IPA statistics.

Judy Barefoot reported on statistics under the Commercial agreement.

2015/16 OP PLAN – REVIEW AND RATIFICATION

Mr. Sparrow and Ms Milling presented the 2015/16 Operating Plan .

2015/16 DRAFT BUDGET – REVIEW AND RATIFICATION

David Macniven and Karen Ritson presented the draft budget for the 2015/16 operating plan.

MOTION #3

Moved by Shawn Lawrence, seconded by David Gale:

“That ACTRA Toronto Council approve the 2015/16 Operating Plan and Budget.”

CARRIED

DISCUSSION ON THE APPLICATION OF THE RECIPROCAL AGREEMENT WITH EQUITY

Council discussed how the reciprocal agreement might be applied to ACTRA Toronto’s low budget production guidelines. Discussion will continue at the March Council meeting.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

Past President – Heather Allin: Ms Allin reported on the meetings of the Industry Relations staff with people in the industry and the Voice Committee.

Treasurer – David Macniven: Mr. Macniven submitted his finance report under the Op Plan and Budget earlier in the meeting.

Randi Shelson, the Chair of the *ACTRA Additional Background Performers Caucus* reported that they are attempting to plan an event for AABP members. She mentioned that a large majority of members are not aware that the Caucus exists and thus the caucus would like to get their attention by planning an event.

Larry Robertson, Chair of the *Apprentice Caucus* reported that their Caucus group meeting was successful.

Constantine Meglis, Co-Chair of the *Full Members Background Committee* reported on a recently held meeting between the caucus Chairs and the co-chairs of the FMBGC.

Vice-President, Member-at-Large – Wendy Crewson: Ms Crewson reported on Stunt issues on behalf of Anglica Lisk-Hann.

TAWC – Nicole St. Martin reported on the upcoming May 25th event at the Spoke Club, Girl Scout video, and Let's Talk.

Vice-President, Communications – David Gale: Mr. Gale reported.

Awards: Maria del Mar, Co-ordinator of the Awards Committee reported that everything is in place for the Awards.

Conference: Nicole St. Martin reported on upcoming workshop sessions to be held at the conference.

Magazine: Mr. Gale reported that the Performers magazine, featuring Tantoo Cardinal on the cover and profiles of the award nominees, will be available in time for the conference.

Vice-President, Member Services – Jani Lauzon: Ms Lauzon reported on Diversity videos, cultural protocol in the workplace, the Toronto Black Film Festival, ReelWorld Film Festival and AYA.

Sedina Fiati reported on the upcoming workshop at the members' conference sponsored by the Diversity Committee.

Vice-President, External Affairs – Art Hindle: Mr. Hindle reported on Bill 17, the Toronto Budget and the federal elections.

NATIONAL REPORT

Ferne Downey, National President, reported on the recent CRTC decision on simultaneous substitution, the ACTRA Day in LA, and NDP Leader Tom Mulcair's policy statement on the CBC.

Re AFBS, Ms Downey noted that members have until March 31st to select an insurance plan option.

Ms Downey reported that the National Diversity videos were well received at the National Council meeting.

Jacob Leibovitch reported on behalf of Stephen Waddell. He said that the Turkish Metal Workers Union has requested solidarity from ACTRA in their cause. We have forwarded this to the USW, our Strategic Alliance Partners.

OTHER BUSINESS

Possibility of establishing an Ensemble Award was discussed. The suggestion will be further considered as the Awards Committee plans for the 2016 ACTRA Awards.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 3:35 P.M.