

**ACTRA TORONTO
COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2015**

PRESENT

David Sparrow, President
Heather Allin, Past President
David Macniven, Treasurer
David Gale, Vice-President, Communications
Art Hindle, Vice-President, External Affairs
Theresa Tova, Vice-President, Internal Affairs
Wendy Crewson, Vice-President, Member-at-Large
Catherine Disher
Ferne Downey
Sedina Fiati, alternate for Shereen Airth
Richard Hardacre
Jennifer Higgin, alternate for Jani Lauzon
Joel Keller
Don Lamoreux, alternate for Maria del Mar
Shawn Lawrence, alternate for Colin Mochrie
Farah Merani, alternate for Angelica Lisk-Hann
John Nelles
Jack Newman
Clara Pasioka
Eric Peterson
Leah Pinsent
Nicole St. Martin
Richard Young, alternate for Lisa Berry

REGRETS

Shereen Airth
Lisa Berry
Maria del Mar
Angelica Lisk-Hann
Tabby Johnson
Jani Lauzon
Colin Mochrie

ABSENT

None

CAUCUS CHAIRS

Larry Robertson, Chair, Apprentice Caucus, ACTRA Toronto
Randi Shelson, Chair, Additional Background Performer Caucus, ACTRA Toronto

OBSERVERS

Bobby del Rio
Donal Hansman
David Occhipinti

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
Jacob Leibovitch, Director of Research, ACTRA
Karen Woolridge, Public Relations Officer, ACTRA Toronto
Michelle Nagel, Executive Assistant, ACTRA Toronto
Luca De Franco, Public Relations Officer, ACTRA Toronto
Freda Merritt-Gambrill, Recording Secretary, ACTRA Toronto

The meeting commenced at 10:20 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

Item 7: Council Election Rules & Process Discussion was deferred to the May Council meeting.

MOTION #1

Moved by Clara Pasioka, seconded by Wendy Crewson:

“That the Agenda for the ACTRA Toronto Council Meeting of April 5, 2015, as amended, be accepted.”

CARRIED

CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Page 1: Add: Under *Regrets* – Wendy Crewson and Catherine Disher

Page 3: Typographical error: “Work Ops – Setting ~~th~~ the Stage for Strategy & Framing – in-camera”.

Page 3: Typographical error under Executive Reports, 1st sentence should read: “Jennifer Higgins,....”

MOTION #2

Moved by David Macniven, seconded by Don Lamoreux:

“That the Minutes of the ACTRA Toronto Council Meeting of March 3, 2015, as amended, be accepted.”

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

David Sparrow reported on the following: CMPA’s *Prime Time in Ottawa* which he attended with Sue Milling; ACTRA annual election strategy; DGC-Ontario’s AGM, at which he had the opportunity to speak; meeting with the Stunt Co-ordinators and Committee Focus Group; TAMAC meeting, Background Agents and Casting Directors meeting; ROI Fund meeting – Brian Topp will report on this and CASCU at the next Council meeting; Op Plan – important initiatives that we are taking; AFBS’ arts and entertainment plan – next year the members will be given an opportunity to purchase Bronze Level coverage – however, in the intervening 10 months members will be given the opportunity to get covered by enrolling in the Arts and Entertainment Plan; on the first meeting of the Member Services Committee; the AABP Caucus and the CRTC decisions. Mr. Sparrow also reported that Green Screen Toronto is being reinvigorated.

EXECUTIVE’S DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Sue Milling reported on the OMDC statistics. Ms Milling noted that the Government and Opposition House Leaders have agreed to move Bill 17 forward to Third Reading.

Mimi Wolch presented and reported on the IPA Production Statistics for the period ending, December 31, 2014.

CRTC – LET’S TALK TV – REPORT

Mr. Sparrow, Ms Milling and Jacob Leibovitch reported. Council discussed the concerns raised by the industry on the impact of the recent CRTC decisions. Ms Milling noted that the Canadian Media Fund will hold hearings in the fall.

AUDIOBOOK PROPOSAL

Ms Milling presented the document *ACTRA Toronto Audiobook Project 2015*. The objective is to explore work opportunities for members who are interested in auditioning for audiobook work.

Catherine Disher, Chair of the Voice Committee, reported. A lengthy discussion ensued.

MOTION #3

Moved by Catherine Disher, seconded by Leah Pinsent:

“That ACTRA Toronto Council engage in an audiobook special project to explore work opportunities for members who are interested in auditioning for audiobook work, per the terms and conditions in the document entitled *ACTRA Toronto Audiobook Project 2015*.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RECOMMENDATION RE: Equity members on TiP and ACTRA member-initiated projects

Mr. Sparrow reported.

MOTION #4

Moved by Heather Allin, seconded by Shawn Lawrence:

“That in keeping with our Reciprocal Agreement with Equity, Full Equity Members be allowed to audition for and be in TIP productions.”

CARRIED – Abstained: Clara Pasieka, Jennifer Higgin, Farah Merani, Richard Hardacre

MOTION #5

Moved by Nicole St. Martin, seconded by Don Lamoreux:

“Be It Moved that in keeping with our Reciprocal Agreement with Equity, Full Equity Members be allowed to appear as actors and be shareholders in ACTRA Toronto Co-op productions. Co-ops must still be ACTRA Toronto Member initiated. There will be no permit payable by an Equity Member as these roles do not attract a membership credit.”

CARRIED – Abstained: Clara Pasieka, Eric Peterson, Farah Merani, Richard Young

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

Treasurer – David Macniven: Mr. Macniven reported that the auditors will be in the office within the next couple of weeks.

The ACTRA Additional Background Performers Caucus and Apprentice Caucus continue to meet on a regular basis.

Past President – Heather Allin: Ms Allin reported on the Industry Relations successes in reaching out to commercial, film and videogame Producers. She also reported on the meetings and events that the Industry Relations staff attended.

Vice-President, Communications – David Gale: Awards Committee: Mr. Gale reported. He said the committee is looking at how the Awards may be improved in coming years.

Conference Committee: Nicole St. Martin, Chair of the Conference Committee reported. She said that the committee would like to see more of a social media blitz.

YEAA: Clara Pasioka, Co-Chair of YEAA said that the YEAA Shorts Festival went very well and some of the shorts have been accepted at other film festivals. The committee is considering setting up a YEAA Mini sub-committee and they are looking at forming a relationship with the OMDC.

Vice-President, External Affairs – Art Hindle: Mr. Hindle reported that we will have to increase our political outreach in the coming months. Bill 17 is expected to be called for Third Reading toward the end of April.

Vice-President, Member-at-Large – Wendy Crewson: Ms Crewson reported that the *Stunt Committee* met during the middle of March. The CPR course was held on March 21st.

TAWC: The Youth Retreat was a success.

Nominations are welcome and open for the Nell Shipman Award.

Vice-President, Internal Affairs – Theresa Tova: Ms Tova also reported on the Youth retreat. Ms Tova noted that we will be working on the implementation of Bill 17 with the government and stakeholders.

AYA: Jennifer Higgin reported. The committee held an audition for film and television workshops, which will be held on April 21st and May 5th at 4:30 p.m. at PAL.

Ms Higgin is exploring grant applications in order to make another video.

Vice-President, Member Services – Jani Lauzon: Sedina Fiati reported re *Diversity* issues. There will be a Go-See in September at the Conference.

NATIONAL REPORT

National President Ferne Downey and Jacob Leibovitch, Director of Research, ACTRA, reported on the CRTC and election strategy.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Alberta Watson: thoughts with her family on her passing.
- Discussion about addressing non-union work
- Recommendation made for Councillors to see the documentary, Wasteland
- Cayle Chernin Awards, May 13th

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4:19 P.M.