

**ACTRA TORONTO
COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 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
Richard Hardacre
Rick Howland, alternate for Ferne Downey
Kevin Kase, alternate for Angelica Lisk-Hann
Joel Keller
Grace Lynn Kung, alternate for Jani Lauzon
Don Lamoreux, alternate for Colin Mochrie
Bryn McAuley, alternate for Tabby Johnson
Farah Merani, newly elected Councillor
John Nelles
Jack Newman
Clara Pasioka
Eric Peterson
Leah Pinsent
Nicole St. Martin (morning only)
Richard Young, alternate for Theresa Tova

REGRETS

Lisa Berry, out-going Councillor
Ferne Downey
Tabby Johnson
Jani Lauzon
Angelica Lisk-Hann
Colin Mochrie
Theresa Tova

ABSENT

None

CAUCUS CHAIRS

Larry Robertson, Chair, Apprentice Caucus, ACTRA Toronto
Donal Hansman, Co-Chair, Full Member Background Committee, ACTRA Toronto
Constantine Meglis, Co-Chair, Full Member Background Committee, ACTRA Toronto

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, Public Policy & Research, ACTRA Toronto
Karen Woolridge, Public Relations Officer, ACTRA Toronto
Freda Merritt-Gambrill, Recording Secretary, ACTRA Toronto

The meeting commenced at 10:10 a.m. with President, David Sparrow, in the Chair. He welcomed and introduced everyone present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION #1

Moved by Jack Newman, seconded by Clara Pasieka:

“That the Agenda for the ACTRA Toronto Council Meeting of June 2, 2015, be accepted.”

CARRIED

CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Page 3: Under *Treasurer’s Report*: 2nd paragraph, 3rd sentence should read, “they plan to meet with the Conference Committee ~~executive~~ in hopes of putting...”

Page 4: 3rd paragraph – typographical error; should read “~~Vice~~ **Vice**-President, External Affairs – Art Hindle...”

MOTION #2

Moved by Heather Allin, seconded by Shereen Airth:

“That the Minutes of the ACTRA Toronto Council Meeting of May 5, 2015, as amended, be accepted.”

CARRIED

The reading of the Equality Statement followed.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

David Sparrow reported on the following:

- Thanks to the work of FilmOntario, amendments were made to the Ontario budget to “grandfather” current productions from the announced budget changes.
- ACTRA Toronto will be making a submission to the Changing Workplaces Review Panel looking at possible changes to the Labour Relations Act and Employment Standards Act.
- June 28th is the Pride Parade and Elvira Kurt will be ACTRA Toronto’s Pride Parade Ambassador.
- The Toronto International Deaf Film and Arts Festival ran from May 27th to May 31st. Mr. Sparrow attended. ACTRA Toronto Member Catherine MacKinnon is a co-founder and Director of the festival.
- At the recent TAWC Spring Gala, the Nell Shipman Award was presented to Laurie Finstad-Knizhnik, creator, writer and showrunner of *Strange Empire*, as well as Executive Producer of *Durham County*.
- At the AFBS AGM, Tom Jackson was presented with the Leslie Yeo Award for volunteerism.
- Launch date of *CASTING ACTRA* is June 10th. This site will replace *Face to Face*.

- Mr. Sparrow also reported on ROI, CRTC decisions, the Legacy Project, Performing Arts Preparation Professional Advisory Council at Sheridan College, the Full Member Background Committee Meeting and the TAMAC Agents meeting.
- David reminded everyone that there will be no Council meeting in July. The next meeting of Council will be on Tuesday, August 4th. David also reminded Councillors of the upcoming Council elections.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Sue Milling reported on the Ontario Budget and the work done by FilmOntario to lobby for the amendments. Sue announced that Brian Topp on accepting the position of Chief of Staff to the new Premier in Alberta had to resign from the Co-chair position on FilmOntario. Brian will continue to be active with CASCU.

She also reported on the objectives for ACTRA Toronto’s submission on the Changing Workplaces Review: recognition of our agreements; and Employment Standards legislation to cover self-employed contractors. A meeting has been organized for the end of June with all the union and guilds to discuss a joint submission to the consultation panel.

Work on simplifying the National Commercial Agreement is on-going. Sue also reported on the work of our Industry Relations staff in reaching out to producers and engagers who have not yet worked with ACTRA.

Ms Milling assumed the Chair.

INTERIM COUNCILLOR ELECTION

Ms Milling explained the election procedure. Nominations were received.

FARAH MERANI - Accepted

CONSTANTINE MEGLIS - Accepted

The candidates gave their election speeches. Shereen Airth and Clara Pasioka were appointed scrutineers by the candidates to assist in the ballot count.

Ballots were cast. The scrutineers confirmed that they witnessed a fair and accurate count.

ELECTED - FARAH MERANI

MOTION #3

Moved by David Macniven, seconded by Jack Newman:

“That the ballots be destroyed.”

CARRIED

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

Vice-President, External Affairs – Art Hindle: Mr. Hindle reported on efforts to reach out to new film producers, noting there have been 35 TIP projects produced so far this year.

The Legacy Committee that was formed in relation to ACTRA's 75th Anniversary met recently.

AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Treasurer – David Macniven: Mr. Macniven reported on the Consolidated Financial Statements for the period ending February 28, 2015.

MOTION #4

Moved by David Macniven, seconded by Heather Allin:

“That ACTRA Toronto Council approve the Audited Financial Statement for the period ending February 28, 2015.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION #5

Moved by David Macniven, seconded by Don Lamoreux:

“That ACTRA Toronto appoint Grant Thornton as our auditors for 2015/2016.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

IPA DRAFT PROPOSALS REPORT – IN-CAMERA

Ms Milling and David Sparrow reported and a brief discussion ensued.

TORONTO IPA NEGOTIATING TEAM MEMBERS – ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. Sparrow reported that he approached some members to represent ACTRA Toronto on the IPA National Negotiating Committee.

MOTION #6

Moved by David Sparrow, seconded by Richard Hardacre:

“ACTRA Toronto Council moves that the following members represent ACTRA Toronto on the National IPA Negotiating Committee: David Sparrow, Sarah Gadon, Grace Lynn Kung, Catherine Disher, Peter Keleghan, Rick Howland.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

LIFE MEMBER PROPOSAL FOR NATIONAL COUNCIL

Mr. Sparrow reported that ACTRA Toronto is allowed to recommend members for Life Membership in ACTRA. This year, ACTRA Toronto will be recommending three members be granted with Life Membership.

MOTION #7

Moved by David Sparrow, seconded by Leah Pinsent:

“That ACTRA Toronto Council recommends that Lifetime Membership in ACTRA be granted to: Barbara Gordon, Elva Mai Hoover and Paul Soles.”

CARRIED

NATIONAL BY-LAW PROPOSAL FOR NATIONAL COUNCIL

A copy of the letter that David Sparrow will be presenting to the National Finance Committee was distributed to Council and discussed. This letter refers to the National Executive honoraria as they currently exist and the proposed increases.

MOTION #8

Moved by David Sparrow, seconded by David Gale:

“Move that ACTRA Toronto Council direct the ACTRA Toronto National Councillors to support the National budget and by-law changes in June 2015.”

CARRIED

EXECUTIVE REPORTS (Continued)

Vice-President, External Affairs – Theresa Tova: AYA: Farah Merani reported on the activities of the AYA Committee on behalf of Chair, Jennifer Higgin.

Vice-President, Member-at-Large – Wendy Crewson: TAWC: Ms Crewson reported that the TAWC Gala at The Spoke Club was very well-attended. Laurie Finstad-Knizhnik was presented with the 2nd Annual Nell Shipman Award on May 25th.

Stunt Committee: Kevan Kase reported on behalf of Angelica Lisk-Hann. A training session will be held on Thursday, June 25th in the ACTRA Toronto Boardroom on working at heights. The training and certification on working at heights is required now in Ontario.

Apprentice Caucus: Larry Robertson reported.

Vice-President, Communications – David Gale: ***Conference Committee:*** Mr. Gale reported that the Conference Committee will be meeting on June 3rd at 1:00 p.m.

YEAA: Clara Pasioka and Bryn McAuley reported that YEAA is continuing to work on the TIFF party with the Diversity Committee and TAWC.

ReelWorld call for submissions is now open.

AWARDS Committee: Maria Del Mar reported on the 2016 ACTRA Awards.

Communications: Mr. Gale reported that the Editorial Committee is in the final stages of collecting articles for *Performers On Set* and the *Performers* magazine.

E-blasts go out regularly to the members.

Past President – Heather Allin: TAWC: Ms Allin thanked and congratulated Nicole St. Martin and Freya Ravensbergen on the work they are doing for women across the country.

Industrial Relations: Taisa Dekker and Tereza Olivero are continuing to do the step-by-step work involved in building awareness and connections with ACTRA. They will be speaking at the Female Eye Film Festival later this month.

Vice-President, Member Services – Jani Lauzon: Mr. Sparrow reported on behalf of Ms Lauzon. Ms Lauzon will be meeting with the Member Services committee on Monday, June 8, at 3:00 p.m.

Mr. Sparrow will be attending the Durham Region's first annual Film Festival in September 2015.

Diversity: Farah Merani reported.

Parade Committee: John Nelles reported. The committee will be meeting on June 21st.

OTHER BUSINESS

The CLC *Time for Change Tour* is on Tuesday, June 23rd.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 3:43 P.M.