

**ACTRA TORONTO
COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 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
Maria del Mar
Ferne Downey
Sedina Fiati, alternate for Nicole St. Martin
Richard Hardacre
Don Lamoreux, alternate for Shereen Airth
Joel Keller
Angelica Lisk-Hann
Constantine Meglis, alternate for Tabby Johnson & Co-Chair, FMBG Committee
Farah Merani
John Nelles
Jack Newman
Clara Pasioka
Eric Peterson (morning only)
Leah Pinsent (morning only)
Safiya Ricketts, alternate for Jani Lauzon
Richard Young, alternate for Colin Mochrie

REGRETS

Wendy Crewson, Vice-President, Member-at-Large
Catherine Disher

MEMBER CAUCUS CHAIRS

Brian Jacobs, alternate for Larry Robertson, Chair, Apprentice Caucus, ACTRA Toronto
Randi Shelson, Chair, Additional Background Performers Caucus, ACTRA Toronto

OBSERVERS

Donal Hansman, Co-Chair FMBG Committee
Lorne Goodman
Kristine Esposito
Samantha Kaine

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
Stephen Waddell, Executive Director, ACTRA
Karen Woolridge, Public Relations Officer, ACTRA Toronto
Freda Merritt-Gambrill, Recording Secretary, ACTRA Toronto

The meeting commenced at 10:15 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 Theresa Tova:

“That the Agenda for the ACTRA Toronto Council Meeting of September 8, 2015, be accepted.”

CARRIED

CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There being no corrections to the Minutes, the following motion was moved:

MOTION #2

Moved by Dom Lamoreux, seconded by Clara Pasioka:

“That the Minutes of the ACTRA Toronto Council Meeting of August 4, 2015, be accepted.”

CARRIED

The reading of the Equality Statement followed.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

David Sparrow reported on the following:

- David attended the USW District 6 Conference in Sault Ste. Marie. This year marks the 10th anniversary of the strategic alliance between ACTRA and the USW. There were about 500 to 600 people in attendance at the USW Conference.
- During this visit David was able to meeting with ACTRA members living in the Sault, and visited a couple of sets in the Sudbury area with OSLOs Tereza Tova and Ron Tough. Issues raised by members in the North include travel time to audition facilities in Sudbury, and preference of engagement for local member performers. It is a 4 hour drive from the Sault to Sudbury to audition for roles in the North. ACTRA Toronto will follow-up with the College in the Sault about access to a location where members would be able to do self-tapes.
- On August 31st the IPA New Media Committee met. Next scheduled meeting days are September 28th and 29th.
- The IPA Wages and Working Committee will meet on September 17th and 18th. Shawn Doyle has been added to the IPA Negotiating Committee.
- Over 400 people attended the Labour Day Parade. David congratulated the Parade committee for a great turnout. Once again, ACTRA Toronto won an award from the Labour Council for its “spirited” participation.

- The Canadian Comedy Awards will be held on Sunday, September 13th, at the Toronto Reference Library. Leah Pinsent and Peter Keleghan will be presenting.
- The ACTRA Toronto Fall Members Conference is on September 26th. David encouraged all Councillors to attend.
- Council Elections. Deadline for nomination forms is September 25th, 2015.
- Mr. Sparrow will be attending the Durham Region Film Festival in Oshawa on Friday, September 25th.
- The Council picture to be taken at the October meeting.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Sue Milling reported:

- Members are encouraged to attend and promote Canadian productions at TIFF
- The Canadian International Television Festival going into its 3rd year and will be held in November.
- There are a number of cultural film festivals through the fall that are opportunities for us to promote and celebrate the diversity of talent in Toronto.
- Sue provided an update on FilmOntario, and its work provincially and in marketing.
- Sue and Stephen Waddell provided an overview of the bargaining context and update on the timing of union and guild negotiations this fall.
- Stephen Waddell noted that Reynolds Mastin is now CEO of the CMPA.
- NCA – work continues with the residual study group to explore a simplified and up-to-date use fee structure.

STAFF REPORT – Next Steps – Marketing AAA – Budget

Sue Milling reported that the Industry Relations staff would be providing assistance to the TIFF event organized by YEAA, TAWC and the Diversity Committees.

Re Marketing AAA: Sue reported on the process for engaging marketing assistance, and the plans to produce new video content and print materials. In October, the budget restatement will reflect the anticipated costs of the marketing plan.

DONNA ZUHLINSKI – OMDC

Donna Zuchlinski will be retiring from the OMDC and she was invited to address Council. Council thanked her for her contribution to the industry.

NATIONAL REPORT

Stephen Waddell, NED, reported on IPA Negotiations; the teleconference with the National Stunt Committee held on August 25th; the BC Joint Council settlement; work with other unions and Nordicity on follow-up to the CRTC Hearings; and the invitation to participate in the *Dare to Agree* Roundtable.

ACTRA National President Ferne Downey reported on ACTRA's efforts in the Federal Election. Information on the Party platforms, and voting information can be found on the ACTRA National website.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

Treasurer's Report – David Macniven: Mr. Macniven reported. A Finance Committee meeting will be held to discuss the budget restatement that will be presented at the next Council meeting.

ACTRA Apprentice Caucus: Brian Jacobs reported on the workshop at the upcoming members' conference. The caucus will be publishing a newsletter and George Perkins has been appointed Editor.

ACTRA Additional Background Performers: Randi Shelson reported. The Committee is reaching out to its members. They had 22 members at its last meeting.

Past President's Report – Heather Allin: Ms Allin reported on Industry Relations. She said that Tereza Olivero and Taisa Dekker continue to reach out to the industry on a one-on-one basis and they are working with YEAA, TAWC and the Diversity Committee on the TIFF party. Ms Allin attended the three hour OSLO meeting with staff on August 26th.

TAWC: Cathy Disher reported on behalf of Nicole St. Martin. Toolkit 3.0 is in the works.

Vice-President, Communications – David Gale: Mr. Gale thanked John Nelles and his committee for putting together another successful Labour Day Parade.

YEAA: Clara Pasioka reported on YEAA and TIFF party on September 15th. Members are working on their pitches for the Reel World Festival. YEAA Creates will be working on connecting with Humber and Seneca. The committee will be holding a mock election at the conference, and encouraging members to get active in the federal election.

Members Conference: Ms Disher reported on the conference on behalf of Ms St. Martin.

ACTRA Awards in Toronto: Maria del Mar reported. The Committee is looking for submissions. The deadline is November 2nd for submissions.

Performers Magazine: Mr. Gale reported on the recent publication, and feature on the passage of the Child Performer Protection Act.

Stunts: Angelica Lisk-Hann reported on stunt issues and the stunt workshop at the upcoming Members Conference. She also reported on the National Stunt Committee teleconference.

Vice-President, External Affairs – Art Hindle: Mr. Hindle reported that ACTRA Toronto is working on a political kit which will help members to start up a conversation with people and motivate people to get out and vote. He thanked Sarah Ker-Hornell for all the work she did through FilmOntario.

Vice-President, Member Services – Jani Lauzon: Sedina Fiati reported that there will be Diversity meet and greet (Go See) at the Members Conference on Saturday, September 26th.

Labour Day Parade: John Nelles, Chair, reported. He thanked the committee and Sue Milling, staff and members who volunteered at the parade. Special thanks to Karl Pruner who designed the t-shirts.

Vice-President, Internal Affairs – Theresa Tova: Ms Tova reported on the *Act Your Age* committee and the actors “gym.” The committee is busy working on a short film. A session for parents of young performers will be held at the conference.

Voice Update: Cathy Disher reported on the work of the voice committee. Cathy noted the competition in the voice world and the challenges of organizing and providing protection for performers.

OTHER BUSINESS

Canadian Comedy Awards – see David Sparrow if interested in attending.

Durham Region Film Festival – See David Sparrow for tickets.

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THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 3:59 P.M.