

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

PRESENT

David Sparrow, President
Heather Allin, Past President
David Macniven, Treasurer (morning only)
David Gale, Vice-President, Communications
Art Hindle, Vice-President, External Affairs
Theresa Tova, Vice-President, Internal Affairs
Maria Del Mar
Toni Ellwand, alternate for Ferne Downey
Sedina Fiati, alternate for Colin Mochrie
Dom Fiore, alternate for Richard Hardacre
Barbara Gordon, alternate for Catherine Disher
Jennifer Higgin, alternate for Wendy Crewson, Vice-President, Member-at-Large
Jani Lauzon
Joel Keller
Don Lamoreux, alternate for Shereen Airth
Angelica Lisk-Hann
Farah Merani
Jack Newman
Clara Pasieka
Eric Peterson
Leah Pinsent (morning only)
Freya Ravensbergen, alternate for Nicole St. Martin
Richard Young, alternate for Tabby Johnson
Jocelyn Zucco, alternate for John Nelles (morning only)

REGRETS

MEMBER CAUCUS CHAIRS

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

OBSERVERS

Donal Hansman, Co-Chair FMBG Committee
Caleb Olivieri
Ed Pzytula
David Wilson

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
Laurie McAllister, Director, Independent and Broadcast Production, ACTRA Toronto
Karen Ritson, Director of Finance and Administration, ACTRA Toronto
Karen Woolridge, Public Relations Officer, ACTRA Toronto
Freda Merritt-Gambrill, Recording Secretary, ACTRA Toronto

The meeting commenced at 10:13 a.m. with President, David Sparrow, in the Chair. He welcomed and introduced everyone present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION #1

Moved by Heather Allin, seconded by Clara Pasioka:

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

CARRIED

CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Page 1: ~~Delete: Angelia Lisk-Hann~~ under “Regrets”.

Add: Jennifer Higgin, alternate for Wendy Crewson, Vice-President, Member-at-Large

Page 4: Under YEA report: ~~Delete: Karen~~ insert *Kristina* Esposito...

MOTION #2

Moved by Leah Pinsent, seconded by Don Lamoreux:

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

CARRIED

The reading of the Equality Statement followed.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

David Sparrow reported on the following:

- IPA negotiations – next session in Montreal.
- Our Award of Excellence recipient is Sarah Gadon. She will receive the award at the ACTRA Awards in Toronto on Saturday, February 20, 2016.
- Council elections close on November 20th. Mr. Sparrow encouraged Councillors to get members to vote.
- Marketing AAA (Advancing the ACTRA Advantage) – the advertising agency DentsuBos will be assisting us with this. Sue Milling reported on the strategy that will be used. The cost of this service is within our budget.
- Culture Minister Coteau kicked off the Culture Strategy Days on September 24, 2015, with an informal meeting of Ministers of Culture. The Ontario session will be held on November 12th.
- Ontario Federation of Labour (OFL) Convention is at the end of November. There will be an election for the top officers as the current team is not seeking re-election.

- Re the federal election, Mr. Sparrow said we look forward to working with the new government on the platform pledges they made during the election.
- DGC Awards – David Cronenberg won the Lifetime Achievement Award.
- On Monday, October 26th, Mr. Sparrow attended the *Cream of Comedy* event.
- *Old Jews Telling Jokes* with Theresa Tova and David Gale is running until December 6th.
- Eric Murphy's book launch is on November 18th.
- Co-Chair of the Stunt Committee, Alicia Turner's partner, Joel Harris who was a stunt co-ordinator, rigger and performer, passed away recently as the result of a tragic accident. Council extended their condolences and heartfelt sympathy to Ms Turner.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Sue Milling complimented Clara Pasioka and YEAA for encouraging members to vote during the federal election. Overall, we saw an increase in voter turn-out.

Ms Milling reported that Ferne Downey is at the *Women of Steel* Conference in B.C. The conference is celebrating 25 Years of Women of Steel conferences and activism.

Ms Milling introduced Laurie McAllister, the new Director of Independent and Broadcast Production. Ms McAllister brings to ACTRA Toronto a lot of expertise and experience from production and broadcasting.

Commercial production is steady. We have recently signed a special agreement with Canadian publishers for Canadian audiobooks. Ms Milling thanked Indra Escobar and Catherine Disher who have assisted with this initiative.

ACTRA Toronto and the CMPA are scheduled to meet with the Ministry of Labour within the next couple of weeks regarding the Regulations for the Protecting Child Performer Act.

FilmOntario's annual general meeting is on December 9th from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Minister Coteau will be the guest speaker. Councillors are encouraged to attend the meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT

David Macniven reported on the Statement of Income & Expenses for the period ending September 30, 2015.

IN CAMERA – IPA – STATE OF PLAY

An in camera session was held regarding the on-going IPA negotiations.

OP PLAN 2016/2017 BLUE SKY

Council was divided into four groups for the Blue Sky session. Committees were advised to brainstorm and bring their thoughts to Council through their Chairs and Executive Liaisons.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

Treasurer – David MacNiven (Apprentice and AABP Updates): AABP: Randi Shelton, AABP Chair, brought up the concern of members on a particular set. She suggested that an article on upgrades might be helpful in a future *Performers* magazine.

Apprentice: Larry Robertson reported that the second edition of their newsletter is in the works.

Vice-President, Communications – David Gale: Awards: Maria Del Mar reported.

AYA: Jennifer Higgin reported. Next session will be held in the Green Room at PAL. The annual fundraiser for PAL and the Actors' Fund will also be held at PAL this year.

Past President – Heather Allin: Ms Allin reported on Industry Relations. We are working with ACTRA National and other IR staff on how best to promote the NCA. We are continuing our outreach with industry personnel, agents, digital content creators and publishers.

Vice-President, Communications – David Gale: Mr. Gale reported that nomination submissions are up this year. Gina Clayton and Janice Hawke will be returning as Co-Chairs of the Nomination Committee.

Performers magazine – Our Award of Excellence winner Sarah Gadon will be on the cover. There will be an editorial committee meeting within the next few days. The committee is always on the lookout for new articles.

YEAA: Clara Pasiaka reported on the voting video and the YEAA shorts.

Conference: Freya Ravensbergen reported on behalf of Nicole St. Martin. Conference Committee meeting is on November 6th from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Please submit ideas for future conference sessions to Nicole St. Martin via email.

Vice-President, External Affairs – Art Hindle: The Broadbent Institute has invited Mr. Hindle to host their fundraising gala on November 12th.

Vice-President, Member-at-Large – Wendy Crewson: TAWC: Freya Ravensbergen reported. A workshop with Producers will be held on November 28th, hosted by Katie Chats.

Toolkit Session: The incubator program – in the process of selecting a script.

TAWC meeting on November 19th at 3:00 p.m. Re TAWCKies – 9 interviews have been shot in the last two months.

Stunt Committee: Angelica Lisk-Hann reported that they are receiving calls for people of colour to work stunts; especially women.

The Stunt Committee is organizing a Christmas Party for mid-December.

A Celebration of Life for Joel Harris is being organized. Details to follow.

Vice-President, Member Services – Jani Lauzon: Ms Lauzon reported. The Members Services Committee hopes to organize a session with Council about benefits.

As Diversity Advocate, Ms Lauzon monitors the Film Festival Agreements.

August Schellenberg Award of Excellence was presented to Tantoo Cardinal.

The *Toronto Black Film Festival* is in February.

Diversity Committee: Farah Merani reported.

Sedina Fiati and Ms Merani met via conference call with Andrew Cardozo on how to lobby.

Vice-President, Internal Affairs – Theresa Tova: *Full Member Background Committee* – Ms Tova reported that the session at the conference was ground breaking.

Bill 17 – we are participating in consultations on the Regulations for the Act.

EIC – Four new applications have been received. The standards of being a credited agent are of foremost importance.

Voice Update: Catherine Disher reported on the audiobook project.

Full Member Background Update: The Committee is very supportive of IPA bargaining objectives.

OTHER BUSINESS

- . Farah Merani has launched her web series
- . November 8th. OMNI's first digital series will air.
- . Barbara Gordon will be appearing in *Sherlock Holmes* at the Ed Mirvish Theatre.
- . Clara Pasieka will be appearing in *Reign*
- . Toni Ellwand will be appearing in *Tribes*
- . Theresa Tova will be on the Jazz FM show.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 3:49 P.M.