

**ACTRA TORONTO
COUNCIL MEETING VIA ZOOM
TUESDAY, JUNE 22, 2021**

PRESENT

David Gale, President, in the Chair
Theresa Tova, Past President
Angelica Alejandro, Vice-President
Angela Asher, Vice-President
Richard Young, Treasurer
Dalmar Abuzeid
Shereen Airth
Heather Allin
Martha Chaves, alternate for Samora Smallwood
Lisa Michelle Cornelius
Wendy Crewson
Paul de la Rosa
Aidan Devine
Shawn Doyle
Art Hindle
John McGrath, alternate for Leah Pinsent
Deb McGrath
Jack Newman
Gugun Deep Singh, alternate for Kevin Hanchard
David Sparrow
Joy Tanner
Louisa Zhu, alternate for Rebecca Applebaum, Vice-President
Jocelyne Zucco

REGRETS

Maria del Mar

COMMITTEE & MEMBER CAUCUS CHAIRS, OMBUDSPERSON

Bree Ali, Chair, Apprentice Caucus
Karen Ivany, Ombudsperson

ALSO PRESENT

Sue Milling, Executive Director, ACTRA Toronto
Judy Barefoot, Director, Commercial Production, ACTRA Toronto
Karl Pruner, Director, Communications, ACTRA Toronto
Karen Ritson, Director, Finance and Administration, ACTRA Toronto
Nicole Valentin, Director, Member Services, ACTRA Toronto
Tania Cardwell, Stunt Liaison, ACTRA Toronto
Cass Enright, Media Relations, ACTRA Toronto
Jenn Paul, Industry Relations Specialist, ACTRA Toronto
Victoria Shen, Special Advisor, ACTRA Toronto
Karen Woolridge, Public Relations Officer, ACTRA Toronto
Freda Merritt-Gambrill, Recording Secretary, ACTRA Toronto

The meeting was called to order over Zoom at 10:09 a.m. with President, David Gale, in the Chair. Mr. Gale thanked everyone for their attendance.

The reading of the Land Acknowledgement by Bree Ali was followed by a moment of silence for the 215 Indigenous children and thousands who never came home. Each child with a name and a story.

The reading of the Equality Statement by Martha Chaves, Art Hindle, Lisa Michelle Cornelius, Paul de la Rosa, Deb McGrath, Shawn Doyle, Angelica Alejandro.

Mr. Gale welcomed Council, observers – Ombudsperson Karen Ivany, Tania Cardwell, Stunt Liaison, Bree Ali, Apprentice Caucus Chair, Alternates, and staff.

Council bid goodbye to Victoria Shen and wished her the best.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Changes to the Agenda were proposed:

5. Ombudsperson's Report
6. Other Business

MOTION #1

Moved by Theresa Tova, seconded by Heather Allin:

“That the Agenda for the ACTRA Toronto Council Meeting of June 22, 2021, as amended, be accepted.”

CARRIED

APPROVAL AND CORRECTION OF THE MINUTES

There being no changes to the Minutes, the following was proposed:

MOTION #2

Moved by Angelica Alejandro, seconded by Angela Asher:

“That the Minutes of the ACTRA Toronto Council Meeting of June 1, 2021, be accepted.”

CARRIED

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

David Gale gave a brief report:

- Eleanor Noble of ACTRA Montreal has been elected President of ACTRA National to succeed David Sparrow.
- Attended the CLC meeting. It was dynamic.
- Attended the outACTRAto *Working the Scene in Rainbow* Zoom event. This was very well attended.
- The Diversity and Inclusion Committee's *A Different Lens* was launched by Jenn Paul and Taisa Dekker. The launch was covered by eTalk. They interviewed the two outgoing Co-Chairs Lisa Michelle Cornelius and Samora Smallwood and two of the performers Connie Wang and Taylor Love.
- NCA negotiations will recommence on June 29th. The committee will be seeking additional dates.
- IPA focus groups will commence in late August/early September.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE ACTRA TORONTO BY-LAWS

Theresa Tova reported that the Ad hoc By-Laws Committee (Theresa Tova, David Gale, Joanna Swan, Heather Allin, Rebecca Applebaum, Shereen Airth, Angelica Alejandro, Angela Asher, Aidan Devine, Tonja Richardson, Jocelyne Zucco, Tania Cardwell, and staff, Sue Milling, Karen Ritson and Nicole Valentin) met eight times and twice with members of the stunt community including the Stunt Committee and Women’s Stunt Committee members.

Amendments proposed are those that had the consensus of the committee. Other suggestions and proposed changes require further research and may be considered by the next Council as it deems appropriate.

It was noted that the ACTRA Toronto By-Laws were last reviewed in 2013. One of the proposed amendments is to review the By-laws every two years.

Mr. Gale thanked the committee and managers who helped in this process.

A copy of the By-Laws with the proposed changes was distributed to Council prior to the meeting. Ms Tova and Ms Milling walked Council through the proposed changes. The following Motions were proposed:

Article 1 - updated to reflect our commitment to diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging and our work advancing equality and an industry free of harassment, discrimination, bullying and violence.

MOTION #3

Moved by Theresa Tova, seconded by Dalmar Abuzeid:

“That ACTRA Toronto Council accept the changes to Article 1 as proposed.”

CARRIED

MOTION #4

Moved by Shawn Doyle, seconded by Joy Tanner:

“That ACTRA Toronto Council accept the changes to Article 3 as proposed.”

CARRIED

Article 4 – expanded description on the role of Council and the practice of appointing Alternates. Includes a definition of quorum to require a majority of elected Councillors for financial decisions, elections and amendments to the By-Laws.

MOTION #5

Moved by Dalmar Abuzeid, seconded by Shereen Airth:

“That ACTRA Toronto Council accept the changes to Article 4 as proposed.”

CARRIED

Article 5 – description added on the role of the Executive.

MOTION #6

Moved by Shereen Airth, seconded by Art Hindle:

“That ACTRA Toronto Council accept the changes to Article 5 as proposed.”

CARRIED

Article 6 – new Article regarding Committees, Caucuses and Task Forces.

MOTION #7

Moved by Joy Tanner, seconded by Heather Allin:

“That ACTRA Toronto Council accept the changes to Article 6 as proposed.”

CARRIED

Article 7 – updated and clearer language on the provision of honoraria.

MOTION #8

Moved by Louisa Zhu, seconded by Aidan Devine:

“That ACTRA Toronto Council accept the changes to Article 7 as proposed.”

CARRIED

Article 8 – addition of clause to provide for the review of By-Laws.

MOTION #9

Moved by Theresa Tova, seconded by Paul de la Rosa:

“That ACTRA Toronto Council accept the changes to Article 8 as proposed.”

CARRIED

MOTION #10

Moved by Deb McGrath, seconded by Gugun Deep Singh:

“That ACTRA Toronto Council accept the changes to Article 9 as proposed.”

CARRIED

Article 10 – the Election Process: updated and streamlined to reflect the use of online voting and the provision for an Election Committee.

MOTION #11

Moved by David Sparrow, seconded by Lisa Michell Cornelius:

“That ACTRA Toronto Council accept the changes to Article 10 as proposed.”

**CARRIED Abstentions – Shereen Airth
Opposed – Angela Asher, John McGrath, Aidan Devine.**

Ms Asher said that she wholly endorses the majority of this Article and was not opposed to the entire Article.

Article 11 – process for By-elections and other elections by Council Members.

MOTION #12

Moved by Gugun Deep Singh, seconded by Lisa Michelle Cornelius:

“That ACTRA Toronto Council accept the changes to Article 11 as proposed.”

**CARRIED Opposed – John McGrath, Shereen Airth
Abstentions – Shawn Doyle, Aidan Devine, Angela Asher**

MOTION #13

Moved by Theresa Tova, seconded by Shereen Airth:

“That ACTRA Toronto Council present the proposed changes of the ACTRA Toronto By-Laws to the Full Members in a referendum vote.”

CARRIED Opposed – John McGrath

OMBUDSPERSON’S REPORT – IN CAMERA

Karen Ivany reported. The report and the discussion were held in camera.

OTHER BUSINESS

Council was in agreement to forgo the July Council meeting unless the need arises to hold a special meeting on bargaining issues.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 1:40 P.M.