

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

**PRESENT**

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

**REGRETS**

Heather Allin  
Lisa Berry  
Wendy Crewson  
Catherine Disher  
Ferne Downey  
Tabby Johnson  
Jani Lauzon ohn Nelles  
Colin Mochrie Leah Pinsent  
John Nelles  
Leah Pinsent  
Theresa Tova

**ABSENT**

None

**CAUCUS CHAIRS**

Larry Robertson, Chair, Apprentice Caucus, ACTRA Toronto

**OBSERVERS**

None

**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, National Executive Director, ACTRA  
Lisa Blanchette, Organizer, ACTRA Toronto  
Freda Merritt-Gambrill, Recording Secretary

The meeting commenced at 10:10 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 8 was moved to the April Council meeting.

**Moved by Nicole St. Martin, seconded by Shereen Airth:**

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

**CARRIED**

#### **CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Add:** Under Executive Reports:

**“Vice-President, External Affairs – Art Hindle:** Mr. Hindle reported on Bill 17, the Toronto budget and the federal elections.”

#### **MOTION #2**

**Moved by David Macniven, seconded by Don Lamoreux:**

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

David Sparrow pointed out that today’s agenda include in-camera sessions for Council members only. He said that discussions that take place during these sessions are not publicized.

**CARRIED**

#### **PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

Mr. Sparrow said that he attended the Stunt Committee Meeting. Angelica Lisk-Hann will give a full report later during the meeting. He met with the Canadian Film Centre (CFC) students, and attended the CFC Showcase.

Mr. Sparrow reported on the Full Member Background Committee meeting which is co-chaired by Donal Hansman and Constantine Meglis. He has been meeting with AFBS on member benefit packages. David attended the Canadian Labour Congress Election Prep. Conference – attended by Shereen Airth, and Elyse Airth. Shereen Airth provided some feedback on the conference. David spoke about the Diversity panel at the Toronto Black Film festival, chaired by Sedina Fiati.

Mr. Sparrow congratulated Nicole St. Martin and Maria del Mar on another successful Members Conference and Awards. He reported on Alan Goluboff’s speech at the plenary.

Other items reported on were: the Banff Content Industry Connect event, Canadian Screen Awards, the National Executive meeting, and the ReelWorld panel. David will be attending CMPA Prime Time in Ottawa. David reminded Council of International Women’s Day events, and to stay tuned for news on the upcoming CRTC decisions.

Mr. Sparrow mentioned that at the April Council meeting there will be a discussion regarding Council elections protocol and process.

#### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Sue Milling reported. Ms Milling thanked Nicole St. Martin and Maria del Mar for a successful conference and awards.

It is dues time at ACTRA Toronto. Dues invoices will be mailed to the membership by the end of next week.

Ms Milling reported on the current pre-budget consultations and meetings with Ontario Ministries.

Art Hindle and Ms Milling met with the Chief of Staff of the Minister of Labour. Bill 17 is back in the heart and minds of the folks at Queen's Park. The House Leaders will determine when the Bill will move to Committee and the House for third Reading.

#### **CONFERENCE & AWARDS ROUNDTABLE**

David Gale thanked everyone involved, especially the co-ordinators Ms St. Martin and Ms del Mar.

*Conference:* Ms St. Martin reported that 400 members attended the conference. The evaluations were fantastic. She asked for suggestions for the next conference.

*Awards:* Ms del Mar said that there were approximately 1,150 people in attendance at the Awards. She thanked Karen Ritson and Karen Woolridge for their assistance and Mr. Gale for his support.

A roundtable discussion ensued. It was suggested that all Councillors should attend the conference and that the plenary be recorded.

Following were some of the suggestions for next/future awards. There will be a meeting later in the spring to brainstorm suggestions and look ahead to ACTRA's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2017.

#### **WORK OPS – SETTING THE STAGE FOR STRATEGY & FRAMING – IN-CAMERA**

Commercial and IPA statistics were presented and discussed in-camera.

#### **UBCP/ACTRA MPA REPORT**

Mr. Waddell reported on UBCP negotiations. A referendum has been mailed to the membership with a voting deadline of March 18<sup>th</sup>.

#### **EXECUTIVE REPORTS**

***Vice-President, Member Services – Jani Lauzon:*** Jennifer Higgin, alternate for Ms Lauzon, reported on AYA. She thanked Mr. Sparrow for contributing his time to the committee and helping them with their mandate. The committee has filmed two advocacy videos. The committee is also a recipient of the Ontario Seniors Community Grant.

***Treasurer – David Macniven:*** Mr. Macniven reported on the Apprentice AGM and the AABP meeting, ably chaired by Randi Shelton.

*Finance:* We are now in our new fiscal year. The auditors are working on the annual audit.

**Vice-President, Communications – David Gale:** YEAA – Clara Pasioka reported that there will be no meeting next month. There will be a screening at 6:30 pm. on Thursday at Scotia Bank Theatre of the YEAA Shorts at ReelWorld. YEAA is now partnering with the Diversity Committee and TAWC and working on an initiative together for the Toronto International Film Festival.

Ms Pasioka reported that YEAA member, Supinder Wraich, was one of the 20 Sheridan graduates to receive a Canadian Screen Award this year. Ms Wraich received her award for Best Performance in a Program or Series Produced for Digital Media.

*Performers magazine:* Mr. Gale said that we are seeking submissions for the magazine and *Performers On Set*. E-blasts go out to the membership every two weeks.

*Diversity:* Farah Merani reported on ReelWorld. Sedina Fiati reported that the next big event for this committee is the TIFF party. Re Actors Workshop Canada, Ms Fiati reported that they conduct masterclasses and that the Diversity committee is considering working with them on an event.

*TAWC:* Ms St. Martin reported on the *Let's Talk Youth* one-day workshop for 9 to 17-year-olds that will take place on March 14<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 noon to 9:00 p.m.

*Stunts:* Angelica Lisk-Hann reported on current activities of the stunt committee including the organization of a CPR course and recertification to take place on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. at AFBS.

Angelica Lisk-Hann also reported on her participation at the Toronto Black Film Festival.

#### **NATIONAL REPORT**

Mr. Waddell reported. Re the National Commercial Agreement, we are continuing with our residual study group.

ACTRA has provided notice to bargain with the CBC. Mr. Waddell also reported on CTV negotiations, Ubisoft, the CRTC decisions, the federal election, SAG/AFTRA Interactive Video Games negotiations and our continuing talks with Equity.

**THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4:08 P.M.**