

**ACTRA TORONTO  
COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2016**

**PRESENT**

David Sparrow, President  
Heather Allin, Past President  
Art Hindle, Vice-President, External Affairs  
David Gale, Vice-President, Communications  
David Macniven, Treasurer  
Clara Pasieka, Vice-President, Member Services  
Theresa Tova, Vice-President, Internal Affairs  
Rebecca Applebaum  
Maria Del Mar  
Ferne Downey  
Shawn Doyle  
Sedina Fiati  
Dom Fiore  
Marcia Johnson, alternate for Nicole St. Martin  
Kevan Kase, alternate for Angelica Lisk-Hann  
Joel Keller (morning only)  
Don Lamoreux, alternate for Catherine Disher  
Constantine Meglis, alternate for Shereen Airth  
Jack Newman  
Julian Richings  
Safiya Ricketts, alternate for Colin Mochrie (morning only)  
Richard Young, alternate for Wendy Crewson, Vice-President, Member-at-Large  
Jocelyne Zucco, alternate for Leah Pinsent

**REGRETS**

Grace Lynn Kung

**MEMBER CAUCUS CHAIRS**

Joe Doran, Chair, Apprentice Caucus  
Les Williams, Chair, Additional Background Performers Caucus

**OBSERVERS**

Ted Tibor Berger  
Eric Peterson  
Gugun Deep Singh

**ALSO PRESENT**

Sue Milling, Executive Director, ACTRA Toronto  
Indra Escobar, Director, Member Services, ACTRA Toronto  
Alistair Hepburn, Director, Independent & Broadcast Production, ACTRA Toronto  
Karl Pruner, Director, Communications, Education and Outreach, ACTRA Toronto  
Karen Ritson, Director, Finance and Administration, ACTRA Toronto  
Stephen Waddell, National Executive Director, ACTRA  
Karen Woolridge, Public Relations Officer, ACTRA Toronto  
Luca De Franco, Public Relations Officer, ACTRA Toronto  
Freda Merritt-Gambrell, Recording Secretary, ACTRA Toronto

The meeting commenced at 10:15 a.m. with President, David Sparrow, in the Chair. He welcomed everyone present.

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

### **MOTION #1**

**Moved by Heather Allin, seconded by Jack Newman:**

**“That the Agenda for the ACTRA Toronto Council Meeting of April 5, 2016, be accepted.”**

**CARRIED**

## **CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Page 4:** First paragraph should read: **“As per the By-laws, The Executive recommended that the above positions will be reviewed and potentially reconfirmed every two years with each new council. They further The Executive recommended the positions be opened for ....”**

**Page 4:** 6<sup>th</sup> paragraph, typographical error, “Ms Allin reported on *The Auggie Auggie...*”

### **MOTION #2**

**Moved by David Gale, seconded by Dom Fiore:**

**“That the Minutes of the ACTRA Toronto Council Meeting of March 1, 2016, as amended, be accepted.”**

**CARRIED**

The reading of the ACTRA Equality Statement and introduction of alternates, observers and staff followed.

## **PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

David Sparrow reported on the following items:

- The accident on set in Sudbury. Sue Milling reported that staff is working with the Ministry of Labour, AFBS and CMPA.
- Constantine Meglis reported on air quality issues on another set where a performer had passed out. He commended Alistair Hepburn for his acting quickly to shut it down until the problem was resolved.
- Noted passing of member Don Francks and former ACTRA member John Frizzell.
- Ms Milling’s and Mr. Sparrow attended the Content Industry Connect conference.
- Finance Committee Meeting held recently.
- Discussions continue between ACTRA and Equity
- ACTRA Online work is on-going. The IS Department is putting together a workplan.
- It is graduation time. David spoke recently to the graduating class at Humber College.
- The National Constitution and By-laws Committee met. The committee will propose that the Stunt Coordinator Code of Conduct be inserted into the ACTRA National Constitution and By-Laws.
- The ACTRA National Executive met in Calgary, and attended ACTRA Alberta’s 50+ celebration.
- Ms Milling and Mr. Sparrow attended the USW Policy Conference in Montreal.

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Ms Milling reported. It is "dues" time. Indra Escobar and Karl Pruner worked hard to get the dues notices out. Dues reminder notices will be going out to members who have not paid.

Production levels have risen for the fifth time in a row in Ontario. The 2015 production report can be found on the OMDC website.

Ms Milling also reported on the Changing Workplace Review.

## **COMMITTEE CHAIR RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONFIRMATION**

Mr. Sparrow said that the Committees brought forward their recommendations to the Executive. These recommendations, for 2016–2018, were confirmed by Council.

*Legacy and Archives* – Joel Keller

*YEAA* – Bryn McAuley and Clara Pasieka

*Parades* – John Nelles

*Member Service* – Angelica Lisk-Hann and David Sparrow

*AYA* – Jennifer Higgin

*Discipline* – Chris Owens

*TAWC* – Nicole St. Martin and Freya Ravensbergen

*Full Member Background Committee* – Constantine Meglis

*Voice* – Catherine Disher

*Stunt Committee* – (as elected) Robert Racki and Alicia Turner

*Diversity* – Sedina Fiati and Farah Merani

*Awards Co-ordinator* – Maria Del Mar

*Conference Co-ordinator* – Nicole St. Martin

*Performers Editor* – Joy Allison Turner

## **EXECUTIVE REPORTS**

***Treasurer – David Macniven:*** The following reports were submitted:

***Apprentice:*** Joe Doran, the Chair of the Apprentice Caucus reported that the caucus will be working with VP (Treasurer) David Macniven, Indra Escobar and Karl Pruner to put together a newsletter.

***AABP:*** Les Williams reported that an information postcard, with the help of Indra Escobar and Karl Pruner, is being printed. A blue-sky session was held at the AABP caucus meeting where they discussed goals and objectives for the next two years.

**Past President – Heather Allin:** Ms Allin reported that she attended the Canadian Film Festival held March 30<sup>th</sup> to April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The ACTRA National Women’s short film will begin shooting in August in Vancouver and Toronto.

Re *Industry Relations*, Ms Allin reported on outreach efforts with independent low budget video game producers, and recent organizing challenges and successes.

On April 28<sup>th</sup> we will be hosting a session on the new media provisions in the IPA. Invitations were sent to Producers with experience working with ACTRA and to those who do not. Response has been very good to-date.

*Diversity:* Jani Lauzon, Diversity Advocate, is working on agreements with Caribbean Tales International Film Festival and ReelAbilities Film Festival. She is also building awareness at Ontario Disability Support Program re the life of an artist.

The National Diversity films are online now.

Ms Allin reported on ACTRA Toronto Diversity Committee’s *Share the Screen* campaign. 40 members participated in the recent shoot of the video. She thanked the Co-Chairs and the Committee for their work on this project.

Sedina Fiati and Safiya Ricketts reported. They have planned an ASL workshop in June in collaboration with Cahoots Theatre.

The committee is pleased with ACTRA Toronto’s support re Black Lives Matter Toronto.

Sue Milling noted that ACTRA Toronto will be sponsoring TO Webfest.

**Vice-President, Internal Affairs – Theresa Tova:** Ms Tova reported on the following:

*AYA:* Ms Tova thanked everyone who was involved in getting the AYA film *Misconceptions* aired at the Canadian Film Festival.

The committee have organized three movement classes.

ACTRA Member, Pam Hyatt, turned 80 recently and continues to play to sold-out shows!

Upcoming events: Creativity Day –teaching computer skills to seniors, and a trip to Stratford.

*Agents:* The next TAMAC meeting is on April 12<sup>th</sup> and EIC meeting on April 14<sup>th</sup>.

*Children’s Committee:* Ms. Tova and The new Children’s Advocate, Christina Collins, will conduct Parenting 101 training later this month.

The committee will be partnering up with YEAA and will be holding a retreat for young women on May 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Vice-President, Communications – David Gale:** Mr. Gale reported that the new Editor, Joy Tanner, will be working on *Performers* and the On-Set magazine.

ACTRA Toronto has joined the Canadian Association of Labour Media.

Committee Chairs are asked to send any notices that they would like to appear on the ACTRA Toronto website to the Communications department.

*Conference:* Marcia Johnson reported on behalf of Nicole St. Martin.

*Awards:* Maria Del Mar reported. The Awards was a great success. Preparation for the 2017 Awards show is underway.

**Vice-President, External Affairs – Art Hindle:** Mr. Hindle reported on the recent Federal Budget and the positive commitments including the restoration of funding to the CBC. On the provincial front, Art reported on the recent cuts to the Ontario Media Development Corporation and ongoing efforts of FilmOntario.

The CRTC approved the acquisition of Shaw by Corus.

*Legacy and Archive Committee:* The committee would like to create something for Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday and ACTRA's 75<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration next year. The committee will be meeting on April 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.

**Vice-President, Member-at-Large – Wendy Crewson:** *Stunts:* Kevan Kase reported on behalf of Chair, Robert Racki. The committee is working on various workshops, including a CPR training in April.

*TAWC:* The *Let's Talk*, a day for young women in the business is scheduled for May 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Vice-President, Member Services – Clara Pasioka:** Ms Pasioka reported on YEAA activities. YEAA have finalized the editing of the self-promotion video.

Ms Pasioka reported on the indie video campaign to encourage members to meet the AFBS deadline which will be launched next week.

Ms Pasioka confirmed ACTRA Toronto's participation in the Pride Parade.

**Treasurer – David Macniven:** Mr. Macniven will report on the Financial Statements next month.

## **NATIONAL REPORT**

Ferne Downey and Stephen Waddell reported. Ms Downey attended the rebranding of the Actors' Fund of Canada and the ACTRA Alberta 50+ events. Other upcoming events are: CLC meeting, lobbying the federal government re CPP, April 20<sup>th</sup> National Film Day, April 26<sup>th</sup> WIPO (World Intellectual Property) Day, and the National Council Meeting – June 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>.

The CRTC Discoverability Summit will be attended by Ms Downey and Mr. Waddell.

Ms Downey met with Cameron Bailey of TIFF regarding an event that SAG-AFTRA would like to host celebrating actors.

The IPA is still in the editing process and Mr. Waddell is hoping to hear from the CMPA shortly.

Negotiations with CBC have finally concluded and the tentative agreement will be going out to the members for ratification.

A joint meeting with ICA/ACA was held in Calgary to deal with the Local and Regional Addendum. There are plans to adapt the ACTRA Toronto NCA Quick Tips for use nationally.

Mr. Waddell will be attending the BC Industry Consultation meeting in LA on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The BC Animation Agreement expires on March 30, 2017, and negotiations will commence shortly with Mr. Waddell as Chief Negotiator.

ACTRA and Equity met on March 11<sup>th</sup> and another meeting has been scheduled for May.

**Anti-Harassment Training & Policy Review** – Richard Young and Sue Milling took us through an overview of the training we do with members re: appropriate on-set/union conduct.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Rebecca Applebaum reported on the *International Women of Steel Conference*.

#### **THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 3:30 P.M.**

**The meeting was followed by a short celebration** of Shawn Lawrence's 16 years of service as Ombudsperson and Chris Owens' 10+ years as Editor of Performers. An introduction/welcome of the new Ombudsperson, Karen Ivany and new Child Advocate, Christina Collins, also took place.