

**ACTRA TORONTO
COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2016**

PRESENT

David Sparrow, President
Heather Allin, Past President
Art Hindle, Vice-President, External Affairs
David Gale, Vice-President, Communications
David Macniven, Treasurer
Clara Pasioka, Vice-President, Member Services
Theresa Tova, Vice-President, Internal Affairs
Shereen Airth
Rebecca Applebaum
Catherine Disher (morning only)
Ferne Downey
Sedina Fiati
Dom Fiore
Angelica Lisk-Hann
Joel Keller
Don Lamoreux, alternate for Shawn Doyle
Constantine Meglis, alternate for Wendy Crewson, Vice-President, Member-at-Large
Farah Merani, alternate for Grace Lynn Kung (afternoon only)
Jack Newman
Leah Pinsent
Julian Richings
Nicole St. Martin
Richard Young, alternate for Colin Mochrie

REGRETS

Maria Del Mar

COMMITTEE & MEMBER CAUCUS CHAIRS

Joe Doran, Chair, Apprentice Caucus
Kevan Kase, alternate for Robert Racki, Chair, Stunt Committee
Les Williams, Chair, Additional Background Performers Caucus

OBSERVERS

Donal Hansman
Pippa Leslie

ALSO PRESENT

Sue Milling, Executive Director, ACTRA Toronto
Judy Barefoot, Director, Commercial Production, 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
Elliot Anderson, Acting Director, Public Policy, Research & Communications, ACTRA National
Tania Cardwell, Benefits Liaison, ACTRA Toronto
Holly Gray, Secretary, ACTRA Toronto
Freda Merritt-Gambrill, Recording Secretary, ACTRA Toronto

The meeting commenced at 10:12 a.m. with President, David Sparrow, in the Chair. He welcomed everyone present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION #1

Moved by David Gale, seconded by Jack Newman:

“That the Agenda for the ACTRA Toronto Council Meeting of May 3, 2016, be accepted.”

CARRIED

CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Page 1: Jack Newman and Safiya Ricketts were in attendance for the entire meeting. Delete “(morning only)”

MOTION #2

Moved by Heather Allin, seconded by Julian Richings:

“That the Minutes of the ACTRA Toronto Council Meeting of April 5, 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:

- AMS portal has been rebranded as the *ACTRA Member Zone*. This includes access to the Helpdesk.
- Council was updated on the incident in Sudbury.
- Car insurance in relation to safety on set is a cause of concern as “picture cars” may not be covered by production’s insurance policy. A letter has been sent to the CMPA outlining ACTRA’s concerns.
- Ferne Downey and David Sparrow attended the National Day of Mourning ceremony at Larry Sefton Park in Toronto on April 28th. This day is dedicated to remembering those who have lost their lives, or suffered injury or illness on the job due to a work-related tragedy. He said that we must not forget that ACTRA members work in industrial workplaces as well.
- Passing of past ACTRA Toronto Councillor and Second City improv and acting coach, Frank McAnulty, and James Carroll, who played Max Sutton on *Wind at My Back*.
- USW Policy Conference in Montreal on April 6th was attended by Ms Milling and Mr. Sparrow.
- The meeting with TAMAC went very well.
- The Voice Committee met. E-learning work is being organized and Industry Relations will be doing a mail-out to producers. The voice.actraonline.ca site will be launched within the next couple of weeks.
- Met with Ron Zammit of AFBS to learn some of their processes and how things work at AFBS.
- CASCU AGM – well attended and the regulators are pleased with how things are progressing.
- *Scrabble with the Stars*. This was held at PAL on April 25th and was hosted by Sean Cullen.
- David Gale, Joel Keller and Mr. Sparrow attended the WGC Awards.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Sue Milling reported.

- *Star Trek* the series has signed into Pinewood Studios for the next five years.
- The Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Sport convened the new Film and Television panel. It is comprised of the OMDC, FilmOntario, Motion Picture Association and CMPA. Discussion about the mandate of this group took place. The need for stability of tax credits to attract and sustain investment and growth is the priority.
- Minister Joly's has called for a national cultural review. Council is encouraged to participate in the on-line survey.
- An invitation went out to new web producers to learn about the New Media terms in the 2016 IPA. This was a very successful event with approximately 60 new producers in attendance.
- A letter will be sent out to agents and casting directors reminding them of the *Preference of Engagement* clause in the IPA. A draft of this letter was distributed to Council.
- *Commercial Statistics*: Judy Barefoot, Director, Commercial Production, reported.
- *IPA Statistics*: Alistair Hepburn, Director, Independent & Broadcast Production, reported.
- Dues reminder notices will be going out next week. Members will be reminded that they cannot work while on suspension.

UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – 2015 – 2016

David Macniven reported on ACTRA Toronto's *Statement of Income & Expenses* for the period ending February 29, 2016.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

Treasurer – David Macniven: Mr. Macniven reported. The Finance Committee will be meeting with the Auditors on May 16th at 2:00 p.m.

AABP Caucus: Chair, Les Williams, reported on the caucus' initiatives.

Apprentice Caucus: Joe Doran, Chair of the Apprentice Caucus, reported.

Past President, Heather Allin: Ms Allin said that Jani Lauzon, Diversity Advocate, has reported that they received 45 responses to the Ontarians with Disabilities Support Program survey.

The ACTRA National Diversity video will be screened at the ReelAbility Film Festival.

Sedina Fiati and Farah Merani report on the #SharetheScreen campaign. The video will be ready to launch in a month.

Industry Relations: Ms Allin reported that Industry Relations is working on the outreach with e-learning companies.

Vice-President, Internal Affairs – Theresa Tova: Ms Tova reported on upcoming events of the *Act Your Age* committee.

Children's Committee – Christina Collins, her son and his agent, attended the session for parents of child performers. Additional workshops in the community and in the office are planned for this year.

TAWC: The session with the teen girls is on May 14th. The parents' session will include talking to parents who do not understand tax issues and finding proper representation for their children.

Vice-President – Communications – David Gale: Mr. Gale reported. The *Performers on Set* newsletter is at the printers. Councillors should contact the communications department if they have ideas they'd like to submit for the newsletter or *Performers* magazine.

Conference Committee: Nicole St. Martin reported. The committee had a debriefing and blue sky session a couple of weeks ago. The feedback received was very helpful. Ideas for the next conference are welcome. The committee would like to see more of social media presence and an on-line evaluation form.

Awards: Mr. Gale reported on behalf of Maria del Mar. The committee is gearing up for next year.

Vice-President, External – Art Hindle: Mr. Hindle reported.

Political Action: Mr. Hindle reported that we will hold an ACTRA Day of Action in October to lobby the various levels of government on issues important to performers. Art reminded Councillors to reach out to their elected politicians to make sure our concerns are heard.

Archives and Legacy Committee: Joel Keller, Chair, reported that the first meeting of the 75th Anniversary Legacy Committee was held a couple of weeks ago. Email any ideas to Mr. Keller or Mr. Hindle. Every day of the Canada's 75th year should be celebrated.

Vice-President, Member-at-Large – Wendy Crewson: Ms Crewson was absent. The following are reports under her portfolio:

Stunt Committee: Kevan Kase reported that Stunt Members are signing up for the *Working at Heights* training. This is a mandatory requirement by the government of Ontario.

The committee will be discussing the Stunt Coordinator Registry at their next meeting.

TAWC: Ms St. Martin reported on the upcoming Nell Shipman Award Gala. *A False Sense of Security* will be screened at the May 30th gala.

The *Let's TAWC* event for girls in the biz will be held on Saturday, May 14th.

The *Cayle Chernin Award* was held on May 5th and was co-hosted by David Gale.

Re maternity benefits for members, a meeting was held with Bob Underwood and some progress has been made.

Vice-President, Member Services – Clara Pasioka: Ms Pasioka reported. YEAA, Parades and Member Services committees met. John Nelles continues as Chair of the Parades Committee.

Member Services: Angelica Lisk-Hann said that the focus is on Health and Safety.

Full Member Background Committee Update: The next meeting is on May 11th.

NATONAL REPORT

Elliot Anderson reported. ACTRA National is encouraging members to complete the federal government's on-line survey on Canadian culture.

Ferne Downey thanked everyone who participated in WIPO Day.

Ms Downey reported on the *Celebration of Life* of Ken Howard which she attended in LA.

As reported at the last meeting, SAG-AFTRA and ACTRA will be hosting an event at TIFF to celebrate actors. Ms Downey has been in contact with Cameron Bailey at TIFF regarding this.

Ms Downey also reported on CLC, *Rise Up – Live the Change* conference (an opportunity for union activists to discuss equality and fairness) and CUES (Canadian Unions for Equality on Screen).

AFBS BENEFIT OVERVIEW – TANIA CARDWELL

Due to technical difficulties this item has been postponed to the next meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Council was notified of the recent passing of ACTRA Toronto Member Navin Pratap.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 3:50 P.M.