



Minutes (LPD 1076-1084) of a meeting of the London Production Divisional Committee held at 1130 on Saturday 9 November 2013 in Conference Room 1 at BECTU Head Office, 373-377 Clapham Road, London SW9 9BT

1 Present

Roy Dawson (Props Branch), Maxim Ford (Camera Department Branch), Heather Squire (Media Hair & Make Up Branch), Abigail Dankwa (Writers Producers & Directors Branch), Paul Kirby (Film Artistes Branch), Roger Evans (Film Artistes Branch)

Chair: Peter Cox (Post Production & Facilities Branch)

Vice Chair: Nick Ray (Certified Grips & Crane Technicians Branch)

Secretary: Tony Scott (Animation & New Media Branch)

Supervisory Official: Tom Bell

NEC: Mike Dick

Observers: Drew Hartley (Regional Production Division), Ivana Selebran (BBC Division)

2 Apologies

Karen Cohen (NEC), Ian Sands (Sound Branch), Phil Hooley (Post Production & Facilities Branch), Nicole Young (Costume & Wardrobe Branch), Lezli Everitt (Costume & Wardrobe Branch), Charlotte Sewell (Costume & Wardrobe Branch), Anne Fenton (Costume & Wardrobe Branch)

3 Agenda

The agenda for the meeting was submitted, and with the addition of LPD Annual Members Forum 2013 and communications, it was

Agreed (LPD 1076) to adopt the agenda.

4 Minutes of previous meeting

LPD Committee minutes (LPD 1055-1075) were submitted, and it was

Agreed (LPD 1077) to endorse LPD Committee minutes (LPD 1055-1075) of the meeting held on 31 August 2013.

5 Matters arising

a) Networking events – It was reported that as a result of LPD 1020 the joint LPD and Young Members Forum (YMF) social was held after the Freelancers' Fair on Tuesday 19 June 2013 at Coal Hole in the Strand. Following discussion, it was

Agreed (LPD 1078) to hold a Christmas 2013 LPD networking event at the Blue Posts in Newman Street, with the booking to be made by the SO once the management of the pub has changed, with assistance being provided from the Secretary if required.

6 Branch and membership reports

NEC Report 5385/2013 (membership analysis report – August 2013) was submitted, and following a discussion of LPD membership statistics, it was

Agreed (LPD 1079) to note NEC Report 5385/2013.

- a) Animation & New Media Branch – As a result of LPD 1047 it was reported a survey of branch members had been undertaken to ascertain in which areas they work. It was also clarified that as a consequence of LPD 1045 the new Visual Effects Branch had been formed, a number of members have been transferred out of both Animation & New Media Branch and Post Production & Facilities Branch. As a consequence of these two developments, proposals may be tabled to the committee to reorganise the branch.
- b) Camera Department Branch – An update on the formation of the branch grapevine system was given, along with web related developments.
- c) Certified Grips & Crane Technicians Branch – The change of location for NVQ Grips qualification was reported.
- d) Film Artists Branch – It was reported the negotiations concerning updating the rates connected with the FAA/PACT agreement had been concluded with agreement. Difficulties connected with organising branch meetings, due to the current high volume of work, were also reported.
- e) Media Hair & Makeup Branch – Recent activity by branch in feature films was reported.
- f) Post Production & Facilities Branch – It was reported the branch was currently seeking to appoint a Branch Secretary to fill the current vacancy
- g) Props Branch – The current branch situation was reported.
- h) Sound Branch – The launch of the Sound Value – Value Sound campaign <http://lpd.bectu.com/events/sound-values-value-sound-campaign-launch/> was reported, along with other activity undertaken by the restructured Sound Branch Committee reported in the 15 June 2013 minutes.
- i) Writers Producers & Directors Branch – It was reported a meeting about tax-related matters, open to all BECTU members, is being organised for 26 November 2013, to be held in conjunction with the branch AGM <http://www.bectu.org.uk/news/2061> . The introduction of a branch Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/BectuWPDs> was also reported.

7 Communications

The Secretary reported, in connection with LPD 1030 concerning posting certain BECTU national level and related minutes on the BECTU site Document Library behind the membership login, had been agreed at the Communications Committee on 4 July 2013, in CC23, as a recommendation to the NEC. This had subsequently been agreed in NEC 1488, and work is currently being undertaken on the site to introduce this facility.

It was also reported the Communications Committee had formulated a new BECTU Digital/Social Media Users Code Practice, which was subsequently agreed with minor amendments in NEC 10524, and circulated as Branch Circular 817.

The Secretary went on to report on the Communications Committee meetings held on 4 July 2013 and 10 October 2013, which included: the possible introduction of a

responsive design for <http://www.bectu.org.uk/> to improve the presentation of content on a wide range of devices, including mobile phones; the possible use of email addresses, as an alternative to membership number, for identification when logging onto <http://www.bectu.org.uk/>; BECTU presence at trade shows; and the possibility of organising a fringe session concerning social media at the BECTU Rules Revision and Annual Conference 2014 in Eastbourne on Saturday 17 May 2014.

8 LPD By-laws

In connection with LPD 1032 it was

Agreed (LPD 1080) the LPD Committee will consider draft LPD By-laws version 1.3 at the next meeting.

9 LPD Annual Members Forum 2013

The LPD Annual Members Forum, held on Sunday 3 November 2013 at the Ibis Hotel in Euston, was discussed.

A view was expressed the social media seminar was biased towards advising individuals on the use of such media, rather than its wider applicability to the union. Others stated that both individual and the collective use of social media had been covered during the seminar, which the SO said had been the intention. Appreciation was expressed to the Communications Officer for organising the social media seminar.

Complaints were made about the wifi at the venue not being operational during the meeting. The SO said the venue had apologised for this fault along with problems relating to coffee making facilities.

Following further discussion about the use of social media within BECTU, it was

Agreed (LPD 1081) that members of the LPD Committee consider utilising BECTU's social media channels to stimulate debate.

10 Reports

a) NEC - The NEC minutes of 16 September 2013 (NEC 10510-10541) were submitted. Following discussion, it was

Agreed (LPD 1082) to note the NEC minutes of 16 September 2013 (NEC 10510-10541) .

In connection with the revelations concerning the NSA made by Edward Snowden <http://www.theguardian.com/world/the-nsa-files> a discussion took place regarding BECTU's position on the issue, and it was

Agreed (LPD 1083) to recommend to the NEC that the NSA revelations are debated by the NEC to enable the union to formulate a position.

b) Health and safety – It was reported that as a result of LPD 1053 the NEC had agreed to increase the number of delegates from each division to two on the National Health & Safety Committee, and that LPD would be represented at the next meeting, scheduled for 5 December 2013, by Chris Harwood and Tony Scott.

In connection with Safety Representatives in LPD it was

Agreed (LPD 1084) to consider LPD 1051 and 1052 at the next LPD Committee meeting.

11 Any other business

None.

12 Dates of future meetings

LPD Committee: TBA

[RPD Committee: TBA]

[NEC 24 November 2013]

[NEC 2 February 2014]

[NEC 6 April 2014]

[NEC 16 May 2014 (pre-Annual Conference)]

[NEC 8 June 2014]

[NEC 14 September 2014]

[NEC 23 November 2014]

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