



Minutes (LPD 1223-1231) of a meeting of the London Production Divisional Committee held at 1130 on Saturday 2 April 2016 in Conference Room 1 at BECTU Head Office, 373-377 Clapham Road, London SW9 9BT

## 1 Present

Peter McInerney (Film Artistes Branch), Mary Hillman (Media Hair & Make Up Branch), Paula Lamont (Locations Department Branch), Morag Livingstone (Writers Producers & Directors Branch), Mark Thornton (Lighting Technicians Branch), Phil Hooley (Post Production & Facilities Branch), Henry Stone (Uncertified Grips & Crane Technicians Branch), Lesli Everitt (Costume & Wardrobe Branch), Roy Dawson (Props 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

## 2 Apologies

Tim Potter (Camera Department Branch), Spob O'Brian (Media Hair & Make Up Branch), Brian Hinton (Film Artistes Branch)

## 3 Agenda

The agenda for the meeting was submitted, and it was

**Agreed (LPD 1223)** to adopt the agenda.

## 4 Minutes of previous meeting

LPD Letter 23 was submitted, and it was

**Agreed (LPD 1224)** to endorse LPD letter 23 LPD Committee meeting minutes (LPD 1214-1222) version 1.0 of the meeting held on 14 November 2015.

## 5 Matters arising

None.

## 6 Industrial reports

It was clarified this item would be covered in the joint LPD/RPD meeting following this meeting.

## 7 Branch and membership reports

The September, October and November 2015 LPD membership statistics were submitted, and following a discussion, particularly relating to increases in membership, it was

**Agreed (LPD 1225)** to note the September, October and November 2015 LPD membership statistics and the increases of membership detailed.

The SO said that LPD membership had increased by 1221 in the twelfth month period to February 2016, and also reported on the formation of new branches during the same period.

Branch reports were then given:

- a) Animation & New Media Branch – No report.
- b) Camera Department Branch – A report was given of the forthcoming Branch AGM.
- c) Certified Grips & Crane Branch – It was reported that training organised by the branch was proving to be popular amongst the membership.
- d) Costume & Wardrobe Branch – It was reported that a successful AGM was held in February 2016, a branch salary survey is currently being undertaken, the Costume & Wardrobe Branch website is being updated and arrangements are being discussed surrounding the next branch networking event.
- e) Film Artists Branch – It was reported that branch membership had increased by 30% since the current Chair had been elected. A report was given over the activities of a new agency which had been charging clients an administration fee, and was now attempting to liaise with other agencies by sharing data in relation to clients. It was clarified the branch was still in the process of forming its own agency. It was also reported the branch had written an application which was proving to be popular amongst members. The branch has made enquires about publicising the application on the BECTU website, but had been quoted by the website provider what was agreed was an exorbitant fee. There followed a discussion on the history of the website, and it was then  
**Agreed (LPD 1226)** to make enquiries about the fees being charged for the website with the intention of improving the provision of website services, including more reasonable fees, in the future.
- f) Lighting Technicians Branch – A report was given at the action carried out by branch members to pressure the employers on feature films to increase their rates – this action had been successful. It was also reported that a pay claim has been submitted to BBC Drama, and a response is awaited.
- g) Locations Department Branch – It was reported that getting feedback from members was proving to be a little slow at the moment along with progress pertaining to the branch Facebook page.
- h) Media Hair & Make Up Branch – It was reported that the membership was currently busy, the problem of members being approached to work for free, and the branch AGM would take place on 18 May 2016.
- i) Post Production & Facilities Branch – A current issue relating to a post production Facebook page was reported, along with branch preparations for the BECTU Annual Conference 2016.
- j) Props Branch – The current situation on the branch was reported.
- k) Uncertified Grips & Crane Branch – It was reported that ranch membership levels were at a high level.
- l) Visual Effects Branch – A report was given of the positive progress of the branch over the past three months.
- m) Writers Producers & Directors Branch – A report was given of the recent screening of a film that was organised by the branch. The branch now intended to organise similar screening on a regular basis. The planning for the Freelancers Fair, scheduled for 27 May 2016, was also reported.

## 8 Dates of LPD Committee meetings

The Chair raised the question of the number of meetings each year of the LPD Committee. It was explained that all Divisional Committees are currently limited to four meetings a year, but that it would be highly unlikely that a request for additional meetings of Divisional Committees would be refused if unforeseen circumstances demanded such meetings. Following discussion it was

**Agreed (LPD 1227)** to note the discussion on this matter.

## 9 Campaign for Press and Broadcasting Freedom

It was reported a note from the NEC was seeking nominations for vacancies on the Campaign for Press and Broadcasting Freedom executive. Following discussion it was

**Agreed (LPD 1228)** to nominate Morag Livingstone to the Campaign for Press and Broadcasting Freedom executive.

## 10 Communications

It was reported that some members could not log into the BECTU website because the security tokens were time limited and were no longer valid when they tried to login. It was

**Agreed (LPD 1229)** to seek an explanation of why this system is used, and request a more standard system is introduced that does not have a time limit element.

## 11 Reports

- a) NEC - The NEC minutes of 31 January 2016 (NEC 11079-11131) were submitted, and following discussion it was  
**Agreed (LPD 1230)** to note the NEC minutes of 31 January 2016 (NEC 11079-11131).
- b) Divisional – A query concerning the LPD Observers travel arrangements to the IB Division was discussed.
- c) Equality – No report.
- d) Health and safety – The lack of awareness by other departments concerning the need of working in a safe environment in make up and hair – therefore further training was required in these other departments.
- e) Training – It was reported the second Freelance Activists Training Day will take place in late May 2016.
- f) Film Policy Committee – No report.
- g) Young Members Forum – No report.

## 12 Any other business

None.

## 13 Dates of future meetings

Following discussion, it was

**Agreed (LPD 1231)** the following amended dates for 2016 LPD Committee meetings:

(NEC: Sunday 3 April 2016)

(NEC: Friday 13 May 2016)

(BECTU Annual Conference: Saturday 14 May 2016)

**LPD Committee: Saturday 11 June 2016**

(NEC: Sunday 26 June 2016)

**LPD Committee: Saturday 10 September 2016**

(NEC: Sunday 18 September 2016)

**LPD Committee: Saturday 19 November 2016**

(NEC: Sunday 27 November 2016)

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