

Minutes (LPD 1407-1418) of a meeting of the London Production Divisional Committee held at 1100 on Saturday 24 November 2018 in Conference Room 1 at BECTU Head Office, 373-377 Clapham Road, London SW9 9BT

# 1 Present

Paula Lamont (Location Department Branch), Sue Bennett (Writers Producers & Directors Branch), Nicky Clarke (Media Hair & Make Up Branch), Joe Pavlo (Visual Effects Branch), Tim Bertaini (Camera Department Branch), Mark Foris (Writers Producers & Directors Branch), Rosanna Armenante (Runners Branch)

Chair: Tim Potter (Camera Department Branch)

Secretary: Tony Scott (Animation & New Media Branch)

Assistant National Secretary: Paul Evans

## 2 Apologies

Nick Ray (Certified Grips & Crane Technicians Branch), Sam Williams (Post Production & Facilities Branch), Chester Yang (Writers Producers & Directors Branch), Rab Wilson (Post Production & Facilities Branch), Liliana Gove (Film Artistes Branch), Mike Dick (Writers Producers & Directors Branch), Mark Thornton (Lighting Technicians Branch), Dan Roberts (Post Production & Facilities Branch), Sophie Powell (Art Department Branch)

### 3 Agenda

LPD letter 44 was submitted, and it was

Agreed (LPD 1407) to endorse LPD letter 44: LPD Committee agenda version 1.1 for the meeting of 24 November 2018 with the addition of a new item, Runners Branch propositions.

#### 4 Minutes of previous meeting

LPD letter 43 was submitted, and it was

Agreed (LPD 1408) to endorse LPD letter 43: LPD Committee minutes (LPD 1376-1406) version 1.0 for the meeting held on 14 July 2018.

# 5 Membership report

Statistics for LPD by branch for December 2015 to September 2018 were submitted. Following discussion, it was

Agreed (LPD 1409) to note the latest LPD membership statistics.

# 6 Branch reports

Animation & New Media Branch – See item 10.

Camera Department Branch – The recent branch meeting was reported.

Hair & Make-Up Branch – A branch recruitment drive was reported.

Location Department Branch – It was reported that branch activity was improving and that rare cards had been devised and posted on the BECTU site.

Runners Branch – Current branch activity was reported.

Visual Effects Branch – It was reported branch strategy meetings were taking place.

Writers Producers & Directors Branch – Activity concerning organising film screenings were reported.

#### 7 Rate cards

The ANS reported that more rate cards were being posted on the BECTU site. He recounted developments in independent television drama production with PACT, and the possibility they may share data relating to rates.

### 8 **Prospect Union Week**

It was reported that a campaign Standing Up, concerning bullying and following on from last year's Eyes Half Shut campaign, has been launched by LPD.

#### 9 Death of Mark Millsome

It was reported the health and safety report on the incident was still awaited – following discussion, it was

Agreed (LPD 1410) to obtain an update from those who were dealing directly with this case.

## 10 Animation & New Media and Visual Effects branch organisation

LPD 1405 had been agreed in SEC 11622. The ANS and the Secretary were currently checking with ANM members that their records were up to date, and it was planned the reorganisation would take place on 1 December 2018. It was then

Agreed (LPD 1411) to await the outcome of the ANM and Visual Effects branch reorganisation, along with the introduction of a new Web Branch.

## 11 LPD Bye-laws version 1.32

LPD 1396 had been agreed in SEC 11622, and the updated text had been posted at https://lpd.bectu.com/about/byelaws/

#### **12 Production Accountants Branch bye-laws and manifesto**

The Production Accountants Branch had submitted two documents for consideration of the LPD Committee: BECTU Accounts (sic) Branch Bye-laws (draft 1 21.08.18) and the BECTU Accounts (sic) Branch Objectives (manifesto) (draft 1 21.08.18). Following discussion it was

Agreed (LPD 1412) to recommend the SEC agrees to the Production Accountants Branch Bye-laws (draft 1 21.08.18) as amended by deleting 'National Executive Committee' and inserting 'Sector Executive Committee' throughout and in paragraph 5 deleting 'comprise' and inserting 'include'.

Agreed (LPD 1413) to recommend the SEC agrees to the Production Accountants Branch manifesto (draft 1 21.08.18).

#### 13 Runners Branch propositions

The Runners Branch had submitted two propositions for the consideration of the LPD Committee. Following extended discussion, it was

Agreed (LPD 1414) in connection with Runners Branch proposition 1 (the Runners Branch Committee request to amend the name of the branch to "Runners and Junior Grades Branch") the proposed name is open to a wide interpretation, and that discussion should be opened between the Runners Branch, the New Film Makers Branch and the New Entrants & Graduates Branch on an improved branch structure; in connection with Runners Branch proposition 2 (the Runners Branch Committee request LPD and the SEC to create a Sub-Divisional Committee for Junior Grades) it was noted there is no SDC structure in LPD and a more productive way forward would be to form a junior grades LPD sub-committee, reporting to the LPD Committee, consisting of one delegate per LPD branch.

## 14 LPD Annual Members Forum 2018

Following discussion, it was

Agreed (LPD 1415) to discuss this matter under 15 below.

## 15 Proposal for LPD

A paper titled Proposal for LPD was submitted by the ANS for consideration of the LPD Committee, consisting of recommendations concerning the operation of LPD branches and of ways to improve attendance at branch AGMs. One typo needed correcting in the document – delete 'LPD General Meeting' and insert 'LPD Annual Members Forum' in page 4. Following extended discussion, it was

Agreed (LPD 1416) to accept the recommendations in the Proposal for LPD (as amended above) document, and to move the LPD Annual Members Forum to later in the year than proposed by the Secretary (February 2019), possibly the day after the Freelancers Fair in the same venue.

#### 16 The rest of the agenda

Due to the impending joint meeting with the RPD Committee, it was

Agreed (LPD 1417) to take the rest of the agenda, apart from the dates of future meetings, at the next meeting of the LPD Committee.

#### 17 Dates of future meetings

Following discussion it was

Agreed (LPD 1418) the following dates for the 2019 LPD diary:

(All LPD Committee meetings on Saturday at 1100) 12 January 2019, [27 January 2019 BECTU SEC], [24 March 2019 BECTU SEC], 27 April 2018 (followed by proposed joint LPD/RPD meeting), [18 May 2019 BECTU SEC], [18-20 May 2019 BECTU Sector Conference], 13 July 2018, [28 July 2019 BECTU SEC], 9 November 2018 (followed by proposed joint LPD/RPD meeting), [24 November 2019 BECTU SEC]

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