



Minutes (LPD 1539-1556) of a meeting of the London Production Divisional Committee held at 1030 on Saturday 7 November 2020 via Zoom video conference.

1 Present

Martin Denham (Writers Producers & Directors Branch), Kat Lees (Props Branch), Louise Ben-Nathan (Camera Department Branch), Peter Warnock (Post Production & Facilities Branch), Yarit Dor (Intimacy Co-ordinators Branch), Joe Pavlo (Visual Effects Branch), Guy Bishop (Locations Department Branch), Brian Kinney (Media Hair & Makeup Branch), Dudley Cruse (Unscripted Branch), Mark Thornton (Lighting Technicians Branch), William Nelson (Props Branch), Avril Evans (Writers Producers & Directors Branch), Tim Bartini (Camera Department Branch)

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

Vice Chair & Assistant Secretary: Tim Potter (Camera Department Branch)

Secretary: Tony Scott (Animation & New Media Branch)

Assistant National Secretary: Paul Evans

2 Apologies

Jon Howard (Camera Department Branch)

3 Agenda

LPD letter 60 was submitted, and it was

Agreed (LPD 1539) to endorse LPD letter 60: LPD Committee agenda version 1.0 for the meeting of 7 November 2020 with the addition of the following new items – Project Lifeboat (working title), LPD SDCs, Intimacy Branch proposed bye-laws, Writers Producers & Directors Branch motion: appointment of Bectu staff, Ofcom policy on quotas, sustainability policy.

4 Minutes of previous meeting

LPD letter 59 was submitted, and it was

Agreed (LPD 1540) to endorse LPD letter 59: LPD Committee minutes (LPD 1511-1538) version 1.1 for the meeting held on 23 June 2020.

LPD letter 57 was submitted, and it was

Agreed (LPD 1541) to consider LPD letter 57: LPD Committee minutes (LPD 1506-1510) version 1.0 for the meeting held on 23 April 2020 at the next committee meeting.

5 Industrial reports

- a) Coronavirus (Covid-19) – It was reported the self-employed where not covered by the compensation provided by the government to cover the loss of work due to Covid-19. All relevant information had been linked from a Covid-19 page on the Bectu website.
- b) New Deal for Freelancers – Work on this subject had been suspended due to the Covid-19 situation.
- c) Agreements – The current situation was reported.
- d) New Deal for Freelancers – Repeated in error in the agenda.

- e) Low budget action plan – Work continues on this project.
- f) Death of Mark Milsome – The formal inquest had opened in this country, and the coroner's formal written report was awaited.
- g) Project Lifeboat (working title) – The ANS reported on the joint LPD/RPD/A&E divisional Project Lifeboat (working title) to find work in film and television for those who have lost work due to the impact of Covid-19 in closing the theatre sector. He said this needed to be handled sensitively to avoid misunderstanding, and that branches should be consulted at this stage,

6 Organisational report

- a) Proposed Tony Garnett award & event – The Writers Producers & Directors Branch working group was still considering this matter.
- b) Sexual harassment – It was reported it was understood publicity was being carried out in relation to LPD 1537.
- c) BMSC - It had been pointed out that a Bectu committee cannot propose a change of bye-laws of another Bectu committee – however the contents of LPD 1538 had been sent to the BMSC.
- d) Bectu Sector Conference 2021 - It was reported that the Bectu Sector Conference 2021 would be held remotely using Zoom or similar.
- e) LPD Conference 2021 – In view of the decision concerning the Bectu Sector Conference 2021 it was
Agreed (LPD 1542) to hold the LPD Conference 2021 remotely using Zoom or similar.
- f) LPD LGBT+ representative – It was reported this had been placed on the agenda in error since it referred to a notation to the LPD Equality and Diversity SDC and therefore did not need to be considered by the committee.
- g) Coalition for Change – It was reported that Bectu had signed up to join the campaign.
- h) Student out reach – A motion from the Junior Grades SDC was submitted, and it was
Agreed (LPD 1543) to endorse the student out reach motion submitted by the Junior Grades SDC dated 7 November 2020.
- i) LPD SDCs – The Secretary said this item is intended to become a standing item, and it was
Agreed (LPD 1544) to put LPD SDCs on future agendas as a standing item.
Agreed (LPD 1545) to endorse the following minutes of the Junior Grades SDC: 23 July 2010, 10 September 2020, 14 October 2020.
- j) Intimacy Co-ordinators Branch proposed bye-laws – The Intimacy Co-ordinators Branch bye-laws were submitted, and it was
Agreed (LPD 1546) to endorse the Intimacy Co-ordinators Branch bye-laws.
- k) Writers Producers & Directors Branch motion: appointment of Bectu staff – A motion from the Writers Producers & Directors Branch was submitted, and after discussion, it was
Agreed (LPD 1547) to refer back the motion to the branch, pointing out possible legal problems that could stop its progress.
- l) Ofcom policy on quotas – Developments in Ofcom's policy on this issue was reported, and, following discussion, it was
Agreed (LPD 1548) not to raise this issue unless it proves to be a problem.
- m) Sustainability policy – Following discussion, it was
Agreed (LPD 1549) the Secretary pulls together branch views on this subject to bring together a draft policy at the next meeting.

- n) LPD Grades Directory – The ANS distributed a draft LPD Grades Directory, and it was **Agreed (LPD 1552)** to provide feedback to the ANS in time for next meeting.
- o) LPD Branch Representatives Handbook – The AND distributed a draft LPD Branch Representatives Handbook, he said it was intended the final version would be given the new branch representatives as part of orientation. It was then **Agreed (LPD 1553)** to provide feedback to the ANS in time for next meeting.
- p) LPD administrative motion 7 November 2020 – The ANS distributed an administrative motion (appendix A of these minutes). It was then **Agreed (LPD 1554)** to recommend the SEC adopts administrative motion dated 7 November 2020 (appendix A of these minutes).
- q) Name of Unscripted Holding Branch – Following discussion, it was **Agreed (LPD 1555)** to rename the Unscripted Holding Branch as the Unscripted Production Branch and recommends the SEC does the same.

7 Reports

- a) SEC – No report.
- b) Communications – No report, but to note the news stories which where removed need to be reposted to the Bectu site once the Covid-19 crisis is over.
- c) Divisional – No report.
- d) Equality – No report.
- e) Health and safety – No report.
- f) Training – No report.
- g) Film Policy Committee – No report.
- h) Young Members Forum – No report.
- i) Copyright Committee – No report.

8 Dates of future meetings

Following discussion, it was

Agreed (LPD 1556) the following dates for the 2021 LPD Committee meetings (all **LPD Committee meetings** on Saturday at 1100) [20 November 2020 Bectu SEC], **16 January 2021** [29 January 2021 Bectu SEC] [21 March 2021 Bectu SEC], **17 April 2021**, [15 May 2021 Bectu SEC], [16-17 May 2021 Bectu Sector Conference, Bournemouth], **17 June 2021**, [26 September 2021 Bectu SEC], **6 November 2021** [21 November 2021 Bectu SEC] tes)

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Appendix A

Administrative motion 7 November 2020