

MINUTES IATSE873 ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE Mar. 29, 2008

Attendees: Melissa Morgan, Mark Manchester, Liz La Rocque, John Vrakking, Joe Maziak, Joe Fraser, Ian Foulds, John McKenzie, Bill Harman, Brad Johnson, Phil Scarfo, Myles Roth, Jacqui Hemingway

1. Read proposed agenda. Accepted
2. Minutes from Mar. 16 read. Adopted.
3. Business arising from minutes, and notes:

- a. Tributes:

Mark clarified that we intend to plant trees as our tribute in the designated Memorial spaces. Jq had followed up with Filmport to see if they had included a memorial area on their site, and to date, they are designing a Memorial wall, but they are also considering other ideas, including planting trees. More info to follow.

- b. Update on the Green Screen Alliance:

The Cluster Fund committee reviewing the submissions from consultants wishing to put together a Best Practices Guideline, a Resource guide and a future Certification Programme for the screen-based industry in Toronto, has reached a decision. A press release, due out soon, will announce the successful team(s).

- c. Newsletter:

Mark reviewed his April newsletter submission, and asked for feedback. Much of the content has to do with the upcoming Best Practices workshop. Please see the April newsletter on the website.

- d. Workshop:

The Best Practices workshop is a go-ahead for May 3. The location is: St Bonaventure Hall, 1300 Leslie St., near to Lawrence Ave and Leslie St. intersection. The time: 10am-4pm. Doors open at 9:30am.

The union has offered to cover the costs. There will be lunch, there will be swag. More info will be available at the General meeting on Apr.20, and in the May newsletter. Everyone is welcome!

Due to great attendance at today's meeting, a lot of good brainstorming went on. An agenda will be generated for the workshop. The new consultants will attend the session to meet our members and share info. Departments will break into groups to discuss the best ways to do our work environmentally and economically. A questionnaire was formulated to generate dialogue, and each group could have a lead that writes down the

info. Everyone can use this opportunity to talk about ways to improve our workplace, our own dept and any other dept or issue. Let's make the most of this opportunity!

The questionnaire will be available on the website ahead of time to give people a chance to think about the issues. Raising awareness results in questions, as well as solutions, ultimately empowering our membership in their lives, and making Toronto a very desirable place to make movies. For more information contact: Rae at the office, or other committee members.

4. New Business:

a. Big Box Development:

Anyone wishing to express an opinion on the Big Box development proposed for the Toronto Film Studio Lands on Eastern Ave. should go to: East Toronto Community Coalition website. These days, the OMB tends to side with the developers and it's important to let them know how the community feels.

b. Electrics:

Ian Foulds has been doing research on a number of environmentally efficient items including:

1. A motion-powered compact flashlight.
2. A portable ground fault circuit interrupter that enhances personal safety in any work situation
3. A ceramic discharge lamp. This 150 watt light draws 1.5 Amp but equals approx. 600 watts of light. It uses 1/5th the energy of the usual work light. The colour temperature resembles 3000K and doesn't give off much heat. This \$40 bulb can last for about 10-12,000 hrs. At the moment the unit cost is roughly \$400, but Ian is looking into ways of reducing cost. Field trials are ongoing.

It was noted that technology of compact fluorescent and traditional incandescent lighting still have drawbacks to do with their environmental impact.

Adjourn

Next meeting April 12, 10am, At the Office.

Thanks for an excellent meeting.

MM & JQ

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