

MINUTES IATSE 873 ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE SAT., DEC.8, 2007

In Attendance: Melissa M., Ian F., Joe F., Mila R., Marina R., Kirk C., Pam E., Jacqui H.

1. Read proposed agenda. Accepted
2. Minutes from Nov. 8 meeting read. Accepted

Business arising from minutes and Reports:

a. Update on the GreenScreen Alliance:

Candida Paltiel, along with Planet in Focus, the Primary Partner in the Alliance, announced that the funding has been unofficially awarded to the group, but we are awaiting a formal announcement.

b. Green Initiatives in the Studios:

Time Traveler's Wife provided a large number of the crew with stainless bottles. The use of plastic water bottles was noticeably reduced because of this. People have been buying the stainless bottles for themselves as well. There needs to be more water stations around the studios and at locations. We need to promote the idea to production. Recyclable items, such as coffee cups, still cost more than regular items, so we need to promote the value of recycling as a long term solution. There should be more recycle bins around the sets. We shouldn't cave in to pressure from production do do things less green, like throwing sets in the bin instead of recycling. We all know it's an uphill battle, but we have to persevere. Still working on where to donate our donation portion of water bottle sales.

c. Newsletter submission:

This month's article is written by Melissa, and outlines the coming together of the Alliance(as yet to be formally named). Since this newsletter is for Dec./Jan., we'll decide at the next meeting(in Jan) on the topic and writer for the Feb. submission. Submissions need to be in by the 25th of each month. Everyone is welcome to take a turn! 'Green for green ideas' is still under development.

3. New Business:

a. Workshops:

It would be interesting to set up workshops for things like Carbon Footprint, Best Practices, Transport, Electrics, Health and Safety, and other depts. It would be a good way to share ideas, get input from people in the industry but not necessarily in film. At the next meeting, time will be devoted to establishing what the criteria should be, and developing a template for, B.P. We could also look into systems of certification. Another workshop could develop a system of certification for film. Toronto could be the template for film certification, worldwide. Productions could buy into different levels of commitment, and be rewarded accordingly; a Bug at the end of the credits, tax incentives, etc.

b. New Exec.

We should make sure to have a session with the new exec. to bring them up to speed with our mission and initiatives. The message should go out that IATSE873 is solid green, and it should be expected and respected.

Adjourn. Next meeting:

Possible items on agenda:

Best green wishes of the season!

MM & JQ