



## **Important Message to WGC Members on WGA Strike**

The Writers Guild of America announced last night that its members were going out on strike effective immediately after months of fruitless negotiations with the AMPTP and US studios. Despite best efforts by the WGA bargaining team to negotiate a fair deal upon the termination of its collective agreement as of October 31<sup>st</sup> all attempts failed.

WGC President Rebecca Schechter and Executive Director Maureen Parker attended the WGA bargaining in Los Angeles last week and witnessed first hand the complete disregard of our colleagues' bargaining issues by the AMPTP. As a sister guild and fellow member of the International Affiliation of Writers Guilds we will support the Writers Guild of America during its strike to the fullest extent possible. The issues the WGA is addressing will affect every professional artist seeking compensation for their work in the digital age. Their fight is our fight.

As a member of the WGC you have certain obligations as spelt out in the WGC Constitution and By Laws. Listed below are three basic rules which will govern the conduct of the WGC and its members for the duration of the WGA strike.

1. If you are a dual member of the WGC and the WGA and you reside in the U.S., WGA strike rules apply. Should you have any questions about this please contact the WGA directly.
2. If you are a dual member of the WGC and the WGA and you reside in Canada as confirmed by the WGC database, you may of course work for a Canadian producer whose principal place of business, at the time the writer is contracted, is in Canada. You will continue to work under the Writers Independent Production Agreement, which carries on in force until December 31, 2008. If you are a WGC member residing in Canada and you are approached to work for an American engager you shall not be permitted to work for such engager as per the WGC Constitution and By Laws. Our Constitution and By Laws are posted on our website.
3. If you have an existing writing contract under the WGC IPA with a WGA waiver which has already been filed with the WGC, and which has not yet been fully delivered upon, please contact the WGC Agreement Administration department.

Any further inquiries please address to the WGC Agreement Administration Department.

WGC Council passed the following motion today:

*“It is moved that the Writers Guild of Canada Council supports the Writers Guild of America in its strike action to gain fair compensation for the ongoing use of their members’ work.”*

The motion was carried unanimously.

We will keep our members fully apprised of any new developments. We wish our colleagues in the US a speedy resolution to this strike.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rebecca Schechter". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Rebecca Schechter  
President

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Maureen Parker". The signature is cursive and somewhat stylized, with a prominent "M" and "P".

Maureen Parker  
Executive Director