



Screenwriter Jill Golick to lead Writers Guild of Canada as new President

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Toronto – May 7, 2010. The Writers Guild of Canada is pleased to announce that screenwriter Jill Golick was appointed by the WGC council as the new WGC President.

Ms. Golick has written more than 200 hours of produced television, including children's (*Zaboomafoo*, *Canadian Sesame Street*), docudrama (*Exhibit A*), half-hour comedy (*Metropia*, *Instant Star*) and hour-long drama (*Blue Murder*).

Describing herself as a screenwriter "at the corner of TV and digital," Ms. Golick will lead the WGC at a time of great opportunity, encouraging screenwriters to embrace the potential of the new digital platforms.

Ms. Golick has been active on behalf of screenwriters since the late 1980s, when she was one of those who helped form and found the Writers Guild of Canada. She served on the Council of the WGC from 1994 to 2000, and again from 2006 to the present. She has worked selflessly to improve the working conditions for writers, particularly writers working in animation. She was instrumental in negotiations bringing animation screenwriters under the collective agreement. Ms. Golick has also worked to heighten the profile of screenwriters in Canada, helping to launch (and Chairing) the WGC's Top Ten Awards, now in its 14th year and known as the WGC Screenwriting Awards. Ms. Golick also moderates a monthly screening series, *Writers Watching TV*, at which noted showrunners screen their works and discuss the craft and business of screenwriting. In 2005, Ms. Golick received the WGC Writers Block Award for her dedication to Canadian screenwriters.

"Jill has long been a passionate advocate for screenwriters," says Maureen Parker, Executive Director, WGC. "It's a challenging time for Canadian screenwriters, and the guild will need Jill's boundless creativity and energy, her exceptional insight into digital media, and her skill and experience at the very hard work of collective bargaining."

"I'm excited by this new opportunity and I'm energized by the trust of members and council," says Ms. Golick. "Canadian media and entertainment have entered a new era, and I'm looking forward to working with WGC council, members and staff to help realize the terrific opportunities."

Also appointed to positions on the WGC Council were award-winning writer and showrunner Andrew Wreggitt, who will serve as WGC Vice President, and writer and showrunner Charles Lazer, who will act as WGC Treasurer. Rounding out the regional representation on the Council are Mark Ellis, Denis McGrath, Anne-Marie Perrotta, and Sherry White.

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