

VISUAL EFFECTS SOCIETY – VANCOUVER SECTION
Board Meeting, February 26, 2018

Present: Shauna Bryan, Anuj Patil, Chris Downs, Addison Pauli, Steve Garrad
Kerry Corlett

Apologies: Gayle Munroe, Sue Rowe, Marta Mintenko, Mat Krentz

ACTION POINTS

Chris

Reach out to James E. to volunteer
Confirm Matt L's participation in History of VFX education night
Give Fred a heads up about April board meeting

Steve

Speak to DNeg and Image Engine about hosting screenings
Reach out to Claire English to volunteer

Shauna/Steve

Reach out to Jeff Anderson to volunteer

Shauna

Find out if VES have any complimentary swag we could have.
Ask Ben about SIGGRAPH event
Reach out to Megan Galbraith, Christina Drahos & Nicky Lavender to volunteer
Ask SPI P&I about potential collab for tax incentives education night

Marta

See if there is a Social Committee person at Image Engine to volunteer on board

Carly

Confirm committees with Marta
Follow up again with Ben re membership slide
Confirm Mat's involvement in membership committee
Get sub-committee meetings organized
Confirm Sue as returning Secretary
Set up next board meeting (week of April 16)

1. **Call Meeting to Order & Welcome New Board Members!!!**
 - Meeting was called to order by Shauna Bryan at 6:35pm
 - New Members - things to focus on this year:
 - Memberships (new and transfers from int'l sections), amp up screenings, education & training talks, Gala

2. **Treasurer's Report**
Committee: Marta
 - **Carly** to ask Marta if there's any other committees she'd like to be part of

3. **Screenings**
Committee: Shauna, Carly, Steve
 - Try to host at different studios
 - **Steve** to reach out to DNeg and Image Engine should be willing/able
 - **Carly** to follow up with Ben again re membership slide

4. **Social Events**
Committee: Chris, Anuj, Gayle, Shauna, Carly, Addy
 - Uber pub night was a success; want to be able get new sign ups
 - Venue was good and good turn-out (72+ people)
 - Going to try alternating pub night dates (i.e. Thursdays and Fridays) so that more people can attend
 - Going to base venue selections on where groupings of studios are located
 - Social event for artists/industry folk explaining VES and the benefits of joining?
 - Pub nights to be every other month; next one to be in March and alternate with education events
 - At April Board Mtg, we will sit down and finalize events calendar.
 - All committees to have met prior to have rough calendar of events for respective committee
 - SIGGRAPH party approved - we can get 5K sponsorship from VES
 - **Shauna** to reach out to Ben about SIGGRAPH specifically
 - Should have one person assigned to advertising
 - Get board volunteers
 - **Shauna** to ask Megan Galbraith to be volunteer on ves board
 - **Chris** to reach out to James Eagen (sp)
 - **Steve** to reach out to Claire English
 - **Shauna** to reach out to Christina Drahos
 - **Shauna** to reach out to Nicky Lavender
 - **Shauna/Steve** to reach out to Jeff Anderson
 - **Marta:** Who is the SoCom person from Image Engine?
 - Anuj would like to do a Spring bbq-themed event since SIGGRAPH will be focus of Summer events
 - Anuj: Could we have an industry BBQ and get facilities to sponsor?
 - Answer: If doing under umbrella of VES, has to be open to all facilities. Decide amount and number of facilities needed. Want to make sure we only have one big recourse-heavy event per year
 - Big event this year to be Holiday party

5. Education

Committee: Anuj, Steve, Chris, Matt L(?)

Ideas:

- Tax incentives a big topic
 - **Shauna** to speak with SPI P&O about potential collaboration
- How to get your dream job
- Matt Leonard's history of VFX
 - **Chris** to reach out to Matt to see if he's still interested in hosting/heading up Education committee
- Health Benefits
- Invite members and other students/non-members; could host at Lost Boys/VFS/VIFF
- Have a schedule of events ready so that members can RSVP at events for the next one
- Education committee needs to come up with a short list of Education events, and board will vote on which we should focus on
- Could we put on 3 about/from VES, and 3 from third party companies?

6. Health Benefits

Committee: Fred, Chris

- Invite Fred to April board meeting for update on Health Benefits
 - **Chris** to give Fred heads up

7. Sponsorship

Committee: Kerry

- What can VES provide to companies that sponsor
- Sponsors for education nights; i.e. Mocap stage, camera company, etc.
- Anuj: Can we offer mainstream discounts as part of membership? i.e. retail, Cineplex, etc.
 - HQ had someone who was looking into this; Dennis would know

8. Membership

Committee: Mat K

- **Carly** to confirm Mat's involvement in committee
- Meetings 2 x year to work with central/review applicants
- Potentially do a Wiki Page for VES that outlines benefits of memberships, history, and other useful information

9. New Business

- **Carly** to help sub-committees meet/report when the meetings are/get organized
- Do another poll of what members need
- **Carly** to confirm Sue would like to return as Secretary

10. Next Meeting Date

- **April (week of April 16th)**
 - **Carly** to reach out to board to find date/time

Carried over to next meeting:
Mentorship brainstorming session.
Connecting with WIA.
Treasury update

Meeting closed at 8:12pm