

VISUAL EFFECTS SOCIETY – VANCOUVER SECTION
Board Meeting, April 17, 2018

NOTES

Present: Fred Chapman, Kerry Corlett, Steve Garrad, Anuj Patil, Shauna Bryan, Mat Krentz, Chris Downs, Marta Mintenko, Addy Pauli, Carly Cook

Apologies: Gayle Munro, Sue Rowe

ACTION POINTS:

Steve

Send Image Engine and uMedia specs to Carly
Send Carly full list of retroactive films to put in for requests
Start organizing June 1 education event

Mat

Ask Method to sponsor May pub night

Kerry

Connect with Social Events to begin planning Christmas Party
Call w/ Shauna to go over sponsorships

Anuj

Send Bayshore details to group for possible August SIGGRAPH venue

Marta

Look into The Keefer for possible August SIGGRAPH venue
Ask Image Enging if they could host History of VFX event

Addy

Set up WhatsApp group chats for sub-committees

Carly

Follow-up with Ben re Total Recall screening
Put in request for retroactive screenings once Steve sends list
Send weekly eblast & set up event for History of VFX event
Set up call w/ Kerry & Shauna re Sponsorships
Ask about SIGGRAPH funding w/ **Marta & Shauna**

1. Call Meeting to Order

Meeting called to order 6:37pm

2. Treasurer's Report

- \$14K in bank
- Received half of membership dues back in January
- Usually sit between \$10-16K over past 4 years, most events we try to fund
- Anything coming up we should be aware of?

- Should plan what we need in the next few months to see what we need to fundraise for
- Biggest expense outside of Events has been screenings, but now that we use Cap less we can have more money
- What is the cost for screenings?
 - CapU charges for space & technician/projectionist – approx. \$300

3. Screenings

- Image Engine, DNeg and uMedia have all said they're willing to participate
 - **Steve** to send specs from Image Engine and uMedia; DNeg received
- Do any venues need/want to be first?
 - DNeg has sent us their approved paperwork so let's go with them first out of the new venues
- **Carly** follow up with Ben re Total Recall screening
 - Would still do a screening of Total Recall even if Eric can't join
 - We should pick another two titles as back up to get approval
 - **Steve** to give Carly a list of films to put in for a request then fit to who we can get to Q&A
- Trying to do historic screenings with potential Q&As
 - Would still need approval to screen/buy blu ray

4. Social Events

- Pub Night:
 - Need to find another venue that can be home base; Steeltoad closed
 - **Portside in May**
 - \$500 spend; 1 drink ticket for members
 - July at another venue – Anuj in conversations with Taphouse
 - Can we get a sponsor for the May pub night?
 - **Mat** to ask Method/Gayle & loop Kerry in if needed
- Christmas party
 - 60-70 people
 - Food & bev to be provided by restaurant
 - **Venue:** Steamworks?
 - How much have we usually spent?
 - \$1500; we receive \$1K from VES
 - **Date:** w/o Dec 9? Thurs or Fri
 - Need sponsors in addition; **Kerry** to connect with Social Events
 - **Social Events** to start looking into planning event

5. Education/Training

- 3 events for the year
 - History of VFX w. Matt Leonard to be the first event; 2 hours
 - Need a venue; would image engine work? 50-60 seats
 - Roundhouse? Vancity Theatre? Depends how big we go
 - **Marta** to check with Image Engine
 - 6:30-7pm mixer followed by event
 - **Date:** **June 1, 2018**
 - Matt is avail
 - **Carly** to set up weekly eblast and calendar once details are confirmed

- Practical effects & miniatures w. VFX Sup
 - do the event then show the film
 - **August** in collab with SIGGRAPH
 - 60-90mins followed by mixer
 - Date: Aug 12-16; maybe weekend prior Aug 10&11
 - Venue: Westin Bayshore? Has patio
 - **Anuj** to send details to group
 - The Keefer rooftop & penthouse?
 - **Marta** to look into details
 - Whats available for a siggraph party funding wise and does it have to be during SIGGRAPH (could we do the weekend before)?
 - **Carly/Marta/Shaina** to ask Ben
- Vancouver & VFX
 - panel with Q&A
 - **October/November** (*avoiding Spark Anim*)
 - Date: TBD
 - Venue: TBD
- Try to find a sponsor alongside each event; i.e. a micro-brewery and extend invite

6. Health Benefits

- For every dollar paid into the plan, \$1.20 was paid out; wasn't sustainable
- Plans have been adjusted this year and are better
- A handful of people had been taking advantage of the benefits
 - Trying to make sure plans are organized as more of an insurance policy
- How many people are on the plan?
 - approx. 60 or 70
- Open to any professional in the industry in Canada excl. Quebec
- No differentiation between member/non member; in order to join with no exclusions, must join within 3 months of joining a studio or becoming a ves members
- Need to try to get more people in 20s-30s which would be ideal for the plan
 - Doesn't tend to be demographic of VES
 - Could we also involve Spark?
 - may want own branding
- Plan is pooled
 - Same plan is available under VPA
- Try target freelancers?
- Get some of the board volunteers to help out to pool resources
 - Info on Arbutus site

7. Sponsorship

- **Carly** to set up time for Kerry & Shauna to touch base

8. Membership

9. New Business

- Group chats for committees
 - **Addy** to set up on WhatsApp

10. Next Meeting Date

Tues., June 29 – **Carly** to send invite

Carried over to next meeting:

Mentorship brainstorming session.

Connecting with WIA

Sponsorships

Meeting end: 8:19pm