

**VISUAL EFFECTS SOCIETY – VANCOUVER CHAPTER**  
**Board of Directors Meeting, May 30th 2018**

**Held at Glowbal, 590 W. Georgia Street, Vancouver**

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**Present from the Board** : Shauna Bryan, Sue Rowe, Marta Mintenko, Dennis Hoffman, Kerry Corlett, Anuj Patil and Gayle Munro

**Volunteers** : Carly Cook and Addison Paulie

Apologies: Steve Garrad, Chris Downs, Mat Krantz,

**OUTSTANDING ACTION POINTS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING, 04/17:**

**Steve**

- Send Carly full list of retroactive films to put in for requests – Gayle to coordinate getting this information

**Mat**

- Ask Method to sponsor May pub night – deferred pub night, Method now assessing July event

**Kerry**

- Connect with Social Events to begin planning Christmas Party

**Carly**

- Put in request for retroactive screenings once Steve sends list – awaiting receipt of list.

**NEW ACTION POINTS FROM MEETING, 5/30:**

**EVERYONE**

- Send Gayle ideas for retrospective screenings, both film titles and any contacts that you have who worked on them.

**UNASSIGNED**

- Could I get a volunteer to look into setting up VES Vancouver chapter Twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn accounts.

**Marta**

- Check with Image Engine on the possibility of using their theatre for screenings.
- Marta to get a contact at Eastside

**Carly**

- Putting together June screening schedule, try to schedule the final June screening at DNeg.

- Check with Steve G whether he would like to continue being the point person for communicating with DNeg re screenings.

### **Sue**

- Create a how to host a Q&A screening document and share with the group.
- Send out welcome email to new members from the May 15<sup>th</sup> intake.

### **Anuj**

- Talk to Mahony & Sons about moving the Siggraph mixer to being Monday August 13<sup>th</sup>, 4pm-7pm.

### **Shauna**

- Talk to Sohonet about \$5k sponsorship for the Siggraph mixer in exchange for name recognition and 4-5 guests being invited.
- Contact VES Head Office regarding the US\$5k contribution to Siggraph mixer.
- Check with VES Head Office about receiving US\$5k for a Diversity and Inclusion event in Nov/Dec rather than for a Christmas Party.
- Get contact info from Michelle for WIA, Women in Film, Women in Games, etc.

### **Kerry**

- Talk to AMD about \$5k sponsorship for the Siggraph mixer

### **Gayle**

- Reach out to Steve Garrad to see if Matt Leonard and IE would be available on Wednesday 6/13 rather than Friday 6/15 for the education event.
- Organise the pre-mixer for the History of VFX education event once the date has been locked down.
- Send out link to googledoc for social contacts at facilities that could help promote out events within their studios.

## **MEETING NOTES:**

### **1. Call Meeting to Order**

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- Shauna called the meeting to order at 6.49pm

### **2. Treasurer's Report**

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- Marta advised that our 2018 beginning of year stipend came through. Marta will confirm exact amount tomorrow.
- Marta has asked VES Head Office if moving forward we receive a breakdown when we receive funds.
- Awaiting Capilano invoice for SOLO screening.

### **3. Screenings**

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- *Solo* screening at Capilano was a great success with a full turnout.

- Comment was made at this screening that weekday evening screenings make it hard to bring children.
- DNeg have offered to help with screenings as their screening room is VES compliant.
- Marta to check with IE regarding using their theatre for screenings.
- Carly and Shauna to look at June screening list to see if we can get a screening at DNeg. Carly putting screening schedule together with the last one in June being there.
- Carly reach out to Steve re whether he can still assist in talking with DNeg.
- Marta asked what is involved with the Q&A. Sue's response was that they welcome guests, thank Capilano, Sue has a cheat sheet which she will share.
- Total Recall screening with Total Recall had 50 RSVPs but only 6 or 7 turned up.
- Deadpool 2 had 69 RSVPs and around 30 turned up.
- Be good to have more retrospective screenings, everyone to send Gayle ideas for film titles and if they know anyone who worked on them that might be a special guest.
- Need to utilise the Facebook VES Vancouver chapter page as well as eBlasts. Also make up a flier/poster.
- Look at EventBrite as an option for sign ups.

#### **4. Social Events**

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##### **Promotion**

- Kerry suggested that Twitter, LinkedIn and Instagram are three good places additional to Facebook for promoting events and having people share.
- We should set up VES Vancouver Chapter account in all of these forums.

##### **May Pub Night**

- VES sponsored and smaller turnout than usual. ILM aren't especially supportive in attendance and they're by far the largest facility in the area so don't think this is an ideal location moving forward.

##### **June Pub Night**

- Animism sponsoring, trying Craft as a new venue in the Mt Pleasant / Olympic Village area on Wednesday 6/20. Previously when Pub Nights were held at Steel Toad prior to it closing this area had consistently good turn outs!

##### **July Pub Night**

- Patio Pub Night at Tap Shack in Coal Harbour.
- Gayle securing sponsorship.

##### **Siggraph Party (August)**

- Looking like Mahony and Sons will be the ideal venue.
- Dennis' concern is who will be actually here in Vancouver on the Saturday afternoon, so it was decided as a group that Monday August 13<sup>th</sup>, 4pm-7pm, would be a preferred time slot. Anuj to talk to Mahony's to see if this is possible.
- Should be VES member plus one.

- Gayle identified a budget of \$10k, VES headquarters contributing \$5k, need \$5k additional sponsorship. Sohonet interested in sponsoring Shauna will ask for \$5k. They would want name recognition and 4 or 5 guests invited in return.
- Kerry has a potential sponsor AMD, graphics cards and CPU manufacturers. He is also talking to other potential sponsors but they all want something additional in return.
- Sohonet and AMD contribute to Siggraph Party for \$5k each to have additional padding.
- Shauna to ask from \$5k each from VES and Sohonet and Kerry from Sohonet.

### **Christmas Party**

- Shauna mooted whether we do a Xmas Party or focus on the Siggraph and Regional Awards celebration and doing a Diversity and Inclusion event in October or November instead.

### **Regional Awards Celebration**

- Would like to do in March 2019.
- Kerry has some sponsors lined up that may potentially sponsor this, will circle back post Siggraph.

## **5. Education**

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- History of VFX presentation is set for June 15<sup>th</sup> at IE. Concerns raised that being a Friday night and with Incredibles 2 opening turnout might be low. Steve is the point person for this event, see if Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June is available – Gayle to check with Steve.
- Template for event on VES website draft completed by Carly. Once we have confirmation on 6/13 being an option can start promoting the event.
- VES mixer pre event \$300-\$500 paid for by VES. Gayle to do up a budget based on 50 people.
- We will need a liquor license – will stop serving alcohol prior to the event starting, so only for 30 minutes.

### **Diversity and Inclusion**

- Shauna to check with VES regarding funding this instead of a Christmas event.
- Shauna also to email Michelle to get contact info for WIA, Women in Film, Women in Games, etc.
- Marta talked about Eastside Games so will try to get in contact with them.

## **6. Health Benefits**

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No news

## **7. Sponsorship**

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See social events.

## **8. Membership**

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- Need to get numbers based on the May 15<sup>th</sup> intake.
- Sue to send welcome email to May 15<sup>th</sup> intake.

### **9. New Business**

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- Gayle to send out googledoc link to HR contacts at all facilities for updating by everyone.
- Sue brought up Layout and Previs artists inability to show their work in show reels. Dennis and VES went to studios to try to sell the case for including these on their reels due to the studios determination that only final imagery from the film can be shown on a reel. Every studio pushed back however, and this is something that is out of the control of facilities unfortunately. Many companies are using the VES online demo reel guidelines in advising artists.
- Chris raised that VES award winners are not invited to join, however if someone has been in the industry 5 years they are welcome to apply to join.
- Gayle raised that the limit of sponsoring two people per intake is prohibitive in attracting new members and growing the VES community.

### **10. Next Meeting Date**

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- 26 June 2018, at Sony Imageworks.

### **Carried over from last meeting:**

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Mentorship brainstorming session.