

Minutes
Camera Cranes Working Group
January 24, 2000
Motion Picture Studio Grips Local 80
2520 W. Olive Ave.
Burbank, CA 91505

Chairman: Ed Clare; PERA; Principal; Gen. Interest
Andy Romanoff; Panavision Remote (Panavision); Principal; Producer

Recording secretary: Karl G. Ruling; ESTA

Members attending: Colin Waters; TMB Associates; Observer; Gen. Interest
Hugh A. Rose; Alliance of Motion Pict. & Television Prod.; Observer; Gen. Interest
Louis Therrien; Production Safety Services; Principal; Gen. Interest
Kent H. Jorgensen; MPS Grips, Local 80; Principal; User
Paul Holehouse; Fireman's Fund Insurance Company; Observer; Gen. Interest
Dennis Knopf; J. L. Fisher, Inc.; Principal; Producer
Jimmy Fisher; Jimmy Fisher Co.; Principal; Producer
Charles Huenergardt; Chapman/Leonard Studio Equipment, Inc.; Principal;
Producer
Boots, Managing Director; Egripment US (Egripment B.V.); Alternate; Producer
Timothy Wade; IATSE Local 600; Principal; User
Nico Bally; Cranium Inc.; Principal; Gen. Interest

Voting members not in attendance and unrepresented at the meeting:

Brian Branigan; Brian Branigan; Individual; User
Ken Eddy; Filmair; Principal; Producer
Anatoliy Kokush; Filmotechnie International Corp.; Principal; Producer
Daniel M. Mahoney; IATSE Local 52; Principal; User
Mitch Lillian; IChabod Crane Inc.; Principal; User
Dennis McDonald; ISAIA & Co./Highrise Support Systems; Principal; Producer
Rex Worthy; MPS Grips, Local 80; Alternate; User
Joel Johnson; O Connor Engineering; Principal; Producer
Audiel R. Lam; O Connor Engineering; Alternate;
Paulina Briones; TCC/Telescopic Crane; Principal; Producer
Mark A. Hotchkiss; Technocrane Ltd.; Alternate; Producer
Simon Jayes; Technocrane Ltd.; Principal; Producer
Vincent Zarlengo; Vincent Zarlengo; Individual; User
Robert Lynn; William F. White Ltd.; Alternate; User

1 Opening Remarks

Ed Clare called the meeting to order at 13:10.

Ed Clare noted that Bill Hines had died January 10. He had suffered a heart attack and had not recovered. Clare called for a moment of silence.

2 Attendance and membership

2.1 Introductions of those present

Ed Clare asked people to introduce themselves, and they did so, proceeding clockwise around the table. A hot pink attendance sheet was circulated for people to sign-in.

2.2 Determination of quorum (6 needed)

Ed Clare noted that ten voting members were present, so the meeting had a quorum.

2.3 Recognition of alternate voting members

The only alternate voting member present was Boots, and as the principal for his company was not present, there was no question about who should vote for his company.

2.4 Requirements for membership

Clare noted that the membership attendance requirements are now in effect. A voting member and his alternates shall have their voting status changed to observer if he and his alternate miss three consecutive meetings.

Karl Ruling was directed by Ed Clare to print a list of the missing voting members in the minutes.

2.5 Processing of new membership requests

Ken Eddy of Filmair, the manufacturer of Giraffe cranes, had applied for membership as a principal/producer. Kent Jorgensen moved that Kent Eddy's application be accepted. The motion was seconded. The motion was accepted unanimous by voice vote.

Joel W. Johnson and Audiel R. Lam had applied as principal and alternate for O Connor Engineering Labs in the producer interest category. Kent Jorgensen moved that their applications be accepted. The motion was seconded. The motion was accepted unanimous by voice vote.

Eckart Steffens had applied as an observer member representing VPLT in the general interest category. Kent Jorgensen moved that Steffen's application be accepted. The motion was seconded. The motion was accepted unanimous by voice vote.

Ed Clare noted that Ralf Merkel has left Panther, so he needs to reapply if he wants to continue with the group. Panther is also now without representation and a representative from that company needs to apply.

3 Approval of the minutes from the previous meeting

Tim Wade moved that the minutes be approved as written. The motion was seconded. Unanimous approval by a show of hands.

4 Call for patents

Ed Clare directed the group to read the notices that were printed on the agenda, and which are reproduced below:

"ESTA intends to publish no standard that contains protected intellectual property, unless that property can be licensed by anyone for a reasonable fee. ESTA uses a process of open patent disclosure to implement this intent. ESTA does not conduct patent searches and does not warrant that its standards contain no protected intellectual property. "

"In keeping with the open disclosure policy, I ask if anyone present wishes to notify the working group of the existence of a patent or copyright that might protect material in a standard being developed by the working group. You need not be the holder of the patent or copyright in order to notify the working group of its existence."

No one identified any protected material.

The Anti-Trust Statement:

"The ESTA Board of Directors, the Technical Standards Committee, and the leadership of this Working Group will reject or nullify any actions that restrain trade. Anyone who feels that an action restraining trade is being or has been taken is requested to bring the matter to the attention of the chair immediately. Anyone who feels that actions in restraint of trade have been taken and not properly annulled is requested to notify the TSC chair or ESTA president immediately."

"ESTA legal counsel has informed us that any member of this working group may be found individually liable for any action that restrains trade taken by this working group. An individual

convicted of a violation of the Sherman Act may be fined as much as \$100,000 and be imprisoned for up to three years. An easy to read pamphlet describing restraint of trade is available from the Technical Standards Committee."

No one identified any acts in restraint of trade.

5 Approval of agenda

Tim Wade moved that the agenda be approved. The motion was seconded. Unanimous by voice vote.

6 Old business

6.1 BSR E1.12, American National Standard for Cranes task group — Progress report

Kent Jorgensen reported that the project was on hold because needs to get more manufacturers involved, particularly Chapman. Jimmy Fisher has been involved in writing the hand-book, which is good, but he would like to get another manufacturer involved in the standard. Jorgensen says he has been focussing on the handbook.

Jorgensen said he would like to pursue writing the standard in sections:

- (1) manufacturers do the building section,
- (2) dealers and renters do the text for dealers and renters,
- (3) users do the users section.

There was a discussion of how to get the manufacturers involved. Joel Johnson of O Connor Engineering was identified as being a potential resource.

Andy Romanoff said that camera crane manuals are good resources, and asked people to collect manuals and send them to the Jorgensen.

Kent Jorgensen, Louis Therrien, and Jimmy Fisher agreed to start on a first draft.

6.2 Operators handbook task group

6.2.1 Approval of draft document

Kent Jorgensen moved that we adjourn to become a task group. Louis Therrien second. Accepted unanimously. The working group went into task group mode to discuss the document.

The document and the comments on it were discussed. The task group worked out a schedule for continued work and another task group meeting.

6.2.2 Copyright

Karl Ruling reported that the Technical Standards Committee' has ruled that ASC E1 has the copyright to the handbook.

Jimmy Fisher argued that it should be in the public domain. Colin Waters said that this could be negotiated, but that it could not be considered to be in the public domain until the TSC agrees on that. Many in the group said they want to put the manual on their websites to be available for download at no charge. Waters said this may be possible, but it needs to be negotiated.

Andy Romanoff asked for a motion asking for ESTA's permission to publish the handbook on the Internet. Tim Wade moved that we ask ESTA for permission to publish the handbook document on websites for download as a PDF file, without royalty to ESTA. Paul Holehouse seconded. Unanimous by voice vote.

6.2.3 Publication and distribution

Ed Clare explained the relationship ESTA has with USITT. USITT prints and sells the ASC E1 and ESTA standards, and there is a financial arrangement to support this. It relieves ESTA of having to do retail sales, while still distributing the documents for the benefit of the industry.

Ruling reported that Bill Groener, the Chair of the TSC, has advised that Camera Cranes Working Group documents will sell through the Technical Standards Program's regular channels. The profits after that will first go to cover my costs over the donations. The remaining profits will be split among the interested groups per a formula that is subject to negotiation.

7 New business

None.

8 Other business

Ed Clare noted that he will be at the March TSC meetings to represent the Camera Cranes Working Group.

9 Schedule for future meetings

Ed Clare proposed that there would be another working group meeting around ShowBiz Expo, with the exact time and date to be decided after the next task group meeting.

10 Adjournment

Kent Jorgensen moved that the meeting adjourn. The motion was seconded. The motion was accepted unanimously on a voice vote. Ed Clare declared the meeting adjourned at 17:00.

Camera Cranes Working Group Membership Roster at the End of the 24 January 2000 Working Group Meeting

Name	Company	Parent Co./Org Represented	Vot. Stat	Int. Cat.
Hugh A. Rose	Alliance of Motion Pict. & Television Prod.	Alliance of Motion Pict. & Television Prod.	O	G
Brian Branigan	Brian Branigan	Brian Branigan	I	U
Charles Huenergardt	Chapman/Leonard Studio Equipment, Inc.	Chapman/Leonard Studio Equipment, Inc.	P	P
Edward M. Smith	Chapman/Leonard Studio Equipment, Inc.	Chapman/Leonard Studio Equipment, Inc.	O	P
Leonard Chapman	Chapman/Leonard Studio Equipment, Inc.	Chapman/Leonard Studio Equipment, Inc.	A	P
Nico Bally	Cranium Inc.	Cranium Inc.	P	G
Constant Tresfon	Egripment B.V.	Egripment B.V.	P	P
Jan van Vlaardingen	Egripment B.V.	Egripment B.V.	A	P
Boots, Managing Director	Egripment US	Egripment B.V.	A	P
Ken Eddy	Filmair	Filmair	P	P
Anatoliy Kokush	Filmotechnie International Corp.	Filmotechnie International Corp.	P	P
Bob Kewin	Fireman's Fund Insurance Company	Fireman's Fund Insurance Company	O	G
Denise Dimin	Fireman's Fund Insurance Company	Fireman's Fund Insurance Company	O	G
Paul Holehouse	Fireman's Fund Insurance Company	Fireman's Fund Insurance Company	O	G
Robert P. Joyce	Fireman's Fund Insurance Company	Fireman's Fund Insurance Company	O	G
Daniel M. Mahoney	IATSE Local 52	I.A.T.S.E. Local 52	P	U

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Timothy Wade	IATSE Local 600	I.A.T.S.E. Local 600	P	U
Mitch Lillian	Ichabod Crane Inc.	Ichabod Crane Inc.	P	U
Dennis McDonald	ISAIA & Co./Highrise Support Systems	ISAIA & Co./Highrise Support Systems	P	P
Dennis Knopf	J. L. Fisher, Inc.	J. L. Fisher, Inc.	P	P
Jimmy Fisher	Jimmy Fisher Co.	Jimmy Fisher Co.	P	P
Kent H. Jorgensen	MPS Grips, Local 80	MPS Grips, Local 80	P	U
Rex Worthy	MPS Grips, Local 80	MPS Grips, Local 80	A	U
Audiel R. Lam	O Connor Engineering	O Connor Engineering	A	P
Joel Johnson	O Connor Engineering	O Connor Engineering	P	P
Andy Romanoff	Panavision Remote	Panavision	P	P
Ed Clare	PERA	PERA	P	G
Louis Therrien	Production Safety Services	Production Safety Services	P	G
Richard Fezzey	Richard Fezzey	Richard Fezzey	O	U
Tim Smythe	Silvertrucks	Silvertrucks	O	G
Eckart Steffens	SOUNDLIGHT	VPLT	O	G
Scott Taylor	Taylor & Taylor Ltd.	Taylor & Taylor Ltd.	O	G
Paulina Briones	TCC/Telescopic Crane	TCC/Telescopic Crane	P	P
Mark A. Hotchkiss	Technocrane Ltd.	Technocrane Ltd.	A	P
Simon Jayes	Technocrane Ltd.	Technocrane Ltd.	P	P
Colin Waters	TMB Associates	TMB Associates	O	G
Vincent Zarlengo	Vincent Zarlengo	Vincent Zarlengo	I	U
Robert Lynn	William F. White Ltd.	William F. White Ltd.	A	U

Voting Status

- P Principal voting representative for a company or organization
- A Alternate voting representative for a company or organization
- I Individual representing no organization other than himself or herself
- O Observer; non-voting

Categories of interest

- P Producer (manufacturer) of camera cranes and related equipment
- U User of camera cranes and related equipment
- G General interest in camera cranes and related equipment