

**Minutes**  
**Camera Cranes Working Group**  
IATSE Painters Local 729 Union Hall  
January 6, 2005

**Presiding chairman:** Kent Jorgensen; IATSE Local 80; P; U

**Co-chairman and recording secretary:** Louis Therrien; Production Safety Services; P; G

**Members attending:** Charles Huenergardt; Chapman/Leonard Studio Equipment, Inc.; P; MP  
Jimmy Fisher; JL Fisher; P; MP  
Andy Romanoff; Panavision Remote (Panavision); P; MP  
Ed Clare; PERA; P; G

**Visitors:** Edward "Ned" Smith, attorney for Chapman/Leonard

**1 Opening remarks**

Ed Clare had resigned as working group chairman and the TSC had appointed Kent Jorgensen and Louis Therrien to serve as co-chairs.

Kent Jorgensen called the meeting to order at 2:20pm.

**2 Attendance**

**2.1 Introduction of those present**

Those present introduced themselves.

**2.2 Circulation of attendance sign-in sheet**

While the self-introductions were done, a sign-in attendance sheet was passed around.

**2.3 Call for quorum**

The working group had 12 principal voting members at the beginning of the meeting, so the minimum for a quorum was four or more people. Kent Jorgensen noted that more than four voting members were attending, so a quorum was present and working group business could continue.

**2.4 Requirements for membership**

Jorgensen reminded the group that membership is open to all who are affected by the work of the group. Membership in ESTA or PERA is not a requirement. Voting members must attend meetings and will have their voting status changed to Observer if they or their alternative voting members together miss three meetings in a row. Voting members also must respond to letter ballots and may lose voting status if they consistently fail to vote.

**3 Processing of new membership requests**

Two membership applications had been received:

Sebastian Lumme; Panther GmbH; principal; mass-market producer  
Jiantong Wu; Beijing Special Engineering Design & Research Institute; observer; general interest

The applications were reviewed and discussed. Ed Clare moved that the applications be accepted. The motion was seconded. The motion was approved with a unanimous voice vote.

The consensus body during the meeting, including those not present, was thus:

Name	Company	Representing (This is the sort field.)	Voting status	Int. cat.
Charles Huenergardt	Chapman/Leonard Studio Equipment, Inc.	Chapman/Leonard Studio Equipment, Inc.	P	MP
Leonard Chapman	Chapman/Leonard Studio Equipment, Inc.	Chapman/Leonard Studio Equipment, Inc.	A	MP
Nico Bally	Cranium Inc.	Cranium Inc.	P	DR
Ken Eddy	Filmair	Filmair	P	MP
Timothy Wade	IATSE Local 600	IATSE Local 600	P	U
Kent H. Jorgensen	IATSE Local 80	IATSE Local 80	P	U
Rex Worthy	IATSE Local 80	IATSE Local 80	A	U
Roy Isaia	ISAIA & Co./Highrise Support Systems	ISAIA & Co./Highrise Support Systems	P	MP
Jimmy Fisher	JL Fisher	JL Fisher	P	MP
Joel Johnson	O Connor Engineering	O Connor Engineering	P	MP
Andy Romanoff	Panavision Remote	Panavision	P	MP
Sebastian Lumme	Panther GmbH	Panther GmbH	P	MP
Ed Clare	PERA	PERA	P	G
Louis Therrien	Production Safety Services	Production Safety Services	P	G
Robert Lynn	William F. White Ltd.	William F. White Ltd.	P	U
Mike Sinclair	William F. White Ltd.	William F. White Ltd.	A	U
		Total votes possible	13	
		Votes by interest category	7	MP
			0	CP
			1	DR
			3	U
			2	G

#### 4 Approval of the minutes from the previous meeting

Andy Romanoff moved that the minutes of the previous meeting on June 14, 2004 be accepted as written. The motion was seconded. The motion was approved with a unanimous voice vote.

#### 5.1 Anti-Trust statement

Kent Jorgensen read the following statement aloud to the assembly:

"The ESTA Board of Directors, the Technical Standards Committee, and the leadership of this working group will reject or nullify any actions that unlawfully restrain trade. Anyone who feels that such an action is being or has been taken is requested to bring that 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 violations of the anti-trust laws can have serious consequences. Individuals engaged in certain unlawful conduct can be found criminally liable. An individual convicted of a criminal violation of the Sherman Act may be fined as much as \$100,000 and imprisoned for up to three years. An easy to read pamphlet describing restraint of trade issues is available from the Technical Standards Manager."

No member of the assembly raised any anti-trust concerns.

#### 5.2 Call for patents

Kent Jorgensen read the following statement aloud to the assembly:

"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 disclosures 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 that might protect material in a standard being developed

by the working group. You need not be the holder of the patent in order to notify the working group of its existence."

No member of the assembly raised any intellectual property issues.

## **6 Approval of agenda**

Andy Romanoff moved that the draft agenda be approved. The motion was seconded. The motion was approved with a unanimous voice vote.

## **7 Old Business**

### **7.1 Report from Technical Standards Committee**

Ed Clare reported that the Committee has asked the Group to move ahead with the camera crane standard.

There was some discussion on having Working Group meetings out of town. NAB in Las Vegas, Cinegear, LDI in Las Vegas and Orlando, and USITT were mentioned. No motions were offered.

### **7.2 Camera Crane Handbook Update**

Ed Clare reported the ESTA Board has approved the handbook.

There was much discussion of changes to the handbook recommended by Edward "Ned" Smith, attorney for Chapman/Leonard, on Chapman/Leonard's behalf. [See the appended letter dated 11/15/04.] After the discussion, Charles Huenergardt, principal for Chapman/Leonard Studio Equipment, Inc., stated that he did not wish to change or modify the language in the handbook.

### **7.3 BSR E1.23 camera crane standard**

Kent Jorgensen asked the group to move ahead with developing the standard. Task groups were formed to write language for different sections of the standard.

## **8 New business**

No new business was discussed.

## **9 Other business**

No other business was discussed.

## **10 Schedule for future meetings**

Charles Huenergardt moved that the next meeting should be held at the NAB trade show on or about April 18, 2005. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved with a voice vote. [Note that the meeting was not held as scheduled. See the next paragraph.]

There was a discussion about possibly having meeting at the 2005 Cinegear show in early June. [This is, in fact, when the next meeting was scheduled to be held.]

## **11 Changes of voting status due to lack of attendance**

With this meeting, Roy Isaia of ISAIA & Co./Highrise Support Systems had not attended four meetings in a row, thus going beyond the three-missed-meeting limit. Jorgensen announced that his voting status was now changed from principal to observer, since he has not met the minimum attendance requirement for a voter.

The attendance records of some other voters were discussed. The following now had missed two meetings in a row, and would need to attend the next meeting or lose voting status:

Ken Eddy of Filmair  
Joel Johnson of O Connor Engineering

**12 Adjournment**

Louis Therrien suggested that the meeting adjourn. The suggestion was approved by acclamation. Jorgensen declared the meeting adjourned at 5:00pm.

**Camera Cranes Working Group Membership and Contact Information as of 2005-05-11**

Name	Company	Representing (This is the sort field.)	Voting status	Int. cat.
Warwick Hempleman	Applied Film Theory	Applied Film Theory	O	U
Jiantong Wu	Beijing Special Engineering Design & Research Institute	Beijing Special Engineering Design & Research Institute	O	G
Brian Branigan	Brian Branigan	Brian Branigan	O	U
Charles Huenergardt	Chapman/Leonard Studio Equipment, Inc.	Chapman/Leonard Studio Equipment, Inc.	P	MP
Edward M. Smith	Chapman/Leonard Studio Equipment, Inc.	Chapman/Leonard Studio Equipment, Inc.	O	MP
Leonard Chapman	Chapman/Leonard Studio Equipment, Inc.	Chapman/Leonard Studio Equipment, Inc.	A	MP
Scott A. Howell	Cine Moves Inc.	Cine Moves Inc.	O	U
Nico Bally	Cranium Inc.	Cranium Inc.	P	DR
Constant Tresfon	Egripment B.V.	Egripment B.V.	O	MP
Boots, Managing Director	Egripment US	Egripment B.V.	O	MP
Ken Eddy	Filmair	Filmair	P	MP
Paul Holehouse	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
Robert P. Joyce	Fireman's Fund Insurance Company	Fireman's Fund Insurance Company	O	G
Daniel M. Mahoney	IATSE Local 52	IATSE Local 52	O	U
Timothy Wade	IATSE Local 600	IATSE Local 600	P	U
Kent H. Jorgensen	IATSE Local 80	IATSE Local 80	P	U
Rex Worthy	IATSE Local 80	IATSE Local 80	A	U
Mitch Lillian	Ichabod Crane Inc.	Ichabod Crane Inc.	O	U
Roy Isaia	ISAIA & Co./Highrise Support Systems	ISAIA & Co./Highrise Support Systems	O	MP
Jimmy Fisher	JL Fisher	JL Fisher	P	MP
John S. Leeward	Leeward Camera Systems	Leeward Camera Systems	O	U
Claus H. Boelter	Movie Tech LP	Movie Tech LP	O	MP
Joel Johnson	O Connor Engineering	O Connor Engineering	P	MP
Andy Romanoff	Panavision Remote	Panavision	P	MP
Sebastian Lumme	Panther GmbH	Panther GmbH	P	MP
Ed Clare	PERA	PERA	P	G
Louis Therrien	Production Safety Services	Production Safety Services	P	G
Scott Taylor	Taylor & Taylor Ltd.	Taylor & Taylor Ltd.	O	G
Horst Burbulle	Technocrane	Technocrane	O	MP
Colin Waters	TMB	TMB	O	G
Eckart Steffens	SOUND-LIGHT	VPLT	O	G
Robert Lynn	William F. White Ltd.	William F. White Ltd.	P	U
Mike Sinclair	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

Interest categories

- MP Mass-market producer (manufacturer) of camera cranes and related equipment
- CP Custom-market producer (manufacturer) of camera cranes and related equipment
- DR Dealer or rental company
- U User of camera cranes and related equipment
- G General interest in camera cranes and related equipment



Handbook should not infer there is any responsibility for determining how to safely do any such “operation”. If it is felt that “operation” must be included, it should be limited to how the crane is designed to function in a safe environment as described in the Handbook.

The last paragraph on page 11 of the Handbook states that camera cranes have heavy parts. This is not correct for Chapman/Leonard cranes. This error can be easily remedied by inserting the word “Some” at the beginning of the paragraph. By doing this, the important message about how to handle heavy parts is retained.

The first full paragraph on page 14 has a typo, “likelihood” is one word. The last sentence in this paragraph requests the reader to refer to the manufacturer’s recommendations for use on slopes and inclines. Chapman/Leonard does not have any such recommendations. This presents the same potential problem that is referred to above. It would be better to delete this sentence. Otherwise change it to read, “Refer questions about use on slopes or inclines to the manufacturer, lessor or vendor.” This same change should be made to the caption under the illustration at the bottom of the page.

The second full paragraph on page 23 refers to wind speed that exceeds the manufacturer’s recommendations. Chapman/Leonard does not have any such recommendations. The UK manual contains an extensive section on wind speed. The Handbook does not. We believe it is important to delete the words “or when the wind speed exceeds the manufacturer’s recommendations”, because of the potential problem referred to above.

The section on page 25 is about maintenance, but this is not the Maintenance Manual referred to above. Particularly troubling for Chapman/Leonard is the request to maintain the camera crane in accordance with the manufacturer/vendor’s instructions. Chapman/Leonard does not have any such instructions. Such instructions could be developed in conjunction with the Maintenance Manual. It would be better to wait for that Maintenance Manual. We suggest that this section on maintenance be deleted until the Maintenance Manual is developed, or that the sentence about the manufacturer’s recommendations be deleted.

Since the Handbook does not address all situations, as stated in the Introduction, you may wish to add a general statement that it is advisable to contact the manufacturer, vendor or lessor when concerned about a particular situation.

Thank you for your consideration of these matters. We are sorry we did not do this sooner.

Sincerely,

EDWARD B. SMITH III

cc: Karl G. Ruling  
Leonard Chapman  
Charles Huenergardt