

Dear Members,

The Association of Canadian Film Craftspeople, Local 2020 Unifor is hereby informing you that the 2022 Annual General Meeting (AGM) is tentatively scheduled for the end of May 2022 (two months later than usual). The reason for delay in convening the AGM this year is due to difficulties faced across the accounting industry in British Columbia, which have been exacerbated by the Covid-19 pandemic.

To appreciate why the delay is necessary, there are several things to consider: 1) the presentation of the audited financial statements is the key function of an AGM; 2) it is required that the auditors present their opinion of the financial condition of the Union and be available to answer questions about the audit process, and; 3) it is also at the AGM where the Union (by vote of membership) appoints or reappoints the auditor.

We understand there is currently a shortage of junior accountants entering the industry in British Columbia, which has resulted in a backlog of work across the accounting industry. Furthermore, auditing work in general is taking longer as Covid protocols have affected physical access to offices of organizations undergoing audits by external accounting personnel (auditors). This has resulted in our auditor, Smythe LLP, being unable to complete their audit of our financial records in the normal amount of time.

It is our goal to hold the AGM in person this year. We will have Covid protocols in place and will of course be following any orders declared by the Office of Public Health. Prior to the AGM, we will send information to you. Should conditions change due to the ongoing pandemic, we will inform you as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, you may contact me at the office (604 299 2232), Monday through Friday.

All the best.



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