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International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees, Moving Picture Technicians, Artists and Allied Crafts of the United States, its Territories and Canada • British Columbia and the Yukon

Dear Members,

We'd like to provide an update on the status of the global production slow down and negotiations between the negotiating producers (AMPTP), the Writers Guild of America (WGA), Directors Guild of America (DGA) and the Screen Actors Guild (SAG/AFTRA).

As previously reported, the negotiations between the Writers Guild and producers have broken off and the WGA remains on strike. This has impacted one of our shows currently on the production list, *The Irrational*, who will pause filming once they run out of scripts to shoot. The other productions report they are currently prepping and shooting as usual. You can see the list of bargaining issues the WGA has presented, along with any current information on their strike [here](#). It remains to be determined when the WGA and AMPTP will return to the negotiating table.

On May 10th, the AMPTP entered negotiations with the DGA. Those negotiations are ongoing and parties remain optimistic they will reach an agreement. To view a summary of the issues they are facing in this round of bargaining and up to date information on their progress, visit their website [here](#).

Today, (May 18, 2023) SAG/AFTRA has announced they will be entering into their negotiations with a strike vote in hand, so as not to delay progress in their bargaining. You can read the details [here](#).

Turning to our current production climate in BC and the current work shortages happening globally, we recognize this has certainly felt overwhelming. We are seeing other industries also experiencing difficulties in finding their way to a fair contract as employers recalibrate post pandemic spending, readjust to workforce needs and face rising inflation.

We are taking proactive steps with our employers and industry stakeholders to maintain our relationships both domestically and internationally, and we are well positioned to take on an influx of production when the strike action settles in the United States.

First and foremost, it is important to stay informed. The more you know about what is happening in your industry and the broader marketplace, the better equipped you will be to handle any changes or disruption. Take advantage of all available resources and benefits provided including [EFAP](#), [Calltime Mental Health](#) and [The AFC](#).

As always taking proactive steps to improve your skills and education can go a long way in helping you weather uncertainties in the job market. Seek out training courses,



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professional development opportunities, and other opportunities to continue growing and learning and updating your tickets that may have expired.

There is no doubt that these are challenging times, and it's important to remember that you're not alone. We will continue to provide updates when they are available.

In Solidarity,

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