

**Minutes**  
**Camera Cranes Working Group**  
Thursday, August 6, 1998  
Beverly Garland's Holiday Inn  
North Hollywood, CA

Chairman: Ed Clare, PERA, Principal

Recording secretary: Karl G. Ruling, ESTA

People attending: Hugh A. Rose, Alliance of Motion Pict. & Television Prod., Observer  
(all joined at this meeting) Louis Therrien, Entertainment Coalition, Principal  
Anatoliy Kokush, Filmotechnie International Corp., Principal  
Bob Kewin, Fireman's Fund Insurance Company, Observer  
Paul Holehouse, Fireman's Fund Insurance Company, Observer  
Denise Dimin, Fireman's Fund Insurance Company, Observer  
Robert P. Joyce, Fireman's Fund Insurance Company, Observer  
Dennis McDonald, ISAIA & Co./Highrise Support Systems, Principal  
Dennis Knopf, J. L. Fisher, Inc., Alternate  
Jimmy Fisher, J. L. Fisher, Inc., Principal  
Kent H. Jorgensen, MPS Grips, Local 80, Principal  
Rex Worthy, MPS Grips, Local 80, Alternate  
Andy Romanoff, Panavision Remote, Principal  
William E. Hines, S.O.C., Society of Operating Cameramen, Principal  
Corey Checketts, Star-Lite Entertainment, Principal  
Paulina Briones, TCC/Telescopic Crane, Principal  
Mark A. Hotchkiss, Technocrane Ltd., Alternate  
Simon Jates, Technocrane Ltd., Principal  
Vincent Zarlengo, Vincent Zarlengo, Individual

Visitors not joining: John Hart, Abacus Insurance  
Chuck Huenergardt, Chapman/Leonard

1 Opening Remarks

Ed Clare called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m PDT and welcomed everyone.

2 Attendance and membership

Those attending introduced themselves, in order proceeding counterclockwise around the table starting from the Chair.

Karl Ruling distributed membership applications and explained how to fill them out.

3 Approval of the agenda

Ed Clare explained that there was an informal agenda for this meeting. The meeting then moved on to discuss the following points.

4 General discussion

Ed Clare explained the general nature of the project and why PERA has turned to ESTA for help. The group is being formed to address the general lack of standards in the area of camera cranes, and to work to promote safer operation and use of camera cranes by

crews. ESTA is the secretariat for ANSI accredited standards Committee E1, and has the proper accreditation and procedure for developing standards. ESTA and PERA are complementary associations, and it is faster, simpler, and less expensive for PERA members to work within the E1 framework than to seek ANSI accreditation on its own. f

Karl Ruling explained what ESTA is, and who its members are.

Kent Jorgensen talked about his work on the A92 committee (mobile work platforms), and his experience with how that committee accomplishes his work. This was to address the concerns people might have about the time commitment.

Ed Clare talked about the anti-trust issue. Karl Ruling distributed the pamphlet from the ASAE explaining anti-trust law as it relates to trade associations.

Hugh Rose explained some recent incidents of camera cranes in more detail. Injuries and deaths involving cranes have drawn the attention of Cal-OSHA. In one case, the employer was cited for violating Title A of California Code of Regulations by not having a placard on the crane stating that it was built in conformance with a number of elevated work platform standards. However, it was later realized that these standards do not fit camera cranes. Therefore, Cal-OSHA has decided that camera cranes would be exempt from meeting the work platform standards if they are built and used per some other nationally recognized consensus standard. If none exist and none are developed by the industry, Cal-OSHA will impose some. Hugh Rose feels that the industry has an opportunity to develop appropriate standards now.

## 5 New Business

A formal chair of the working group needed to be appointed. Kent Jorgensen moved that Ed Clare be the chairman, to serve with an elected co-chair. Mark Hotchkiss seconded the motion. Unanimous by a voice vote.

Ed Clare moved that Andy Romanoff be the co-chair. Kent Jorgensen seconded. Unanimous by a voice vote.

The applications were collected, and thus the initial membership and leadership of the Camera Cranes Working Group was formed.

Rex Worthy moved that the following task groups be formed. Kent Jorgensen seconded.

1. Task group to develop a guideline for a manufacturer's assembly manual.
2. Task group to develop a standardized camera crane chart
3. American National Standard Crane task group
4. Operators handbook task group

Unanimous by a voice vote.

Kent Jorgensen volunteered to chair the operators handbook task group.

Mark A. Hotchkiss volunteered to serve on any task group, but to chair none.

By consensus it was decided that the Chairs will assign people to various task groups.

## 6 Schedule for future meetings

Charles Huenergardt proposed that there should be a meeting on Saturday, September 19 in New York, in the morning. Attendance at this one would be optional. The next official meeting would be in LA in the first two weeks of October. Ed Clare asked if this was acceptable to the group. Unanimous verbal consent.

7 Adjournment

Kent Jorgensen moved that the meeting be adjourned. Hugh Rose (observer) seconded. There were no objections. Ed Clare declared the meeting adjourned at 2:38 p.m.