

Informational Meeting Of Camera Cranes Working Group

September 19, 1998

Javits Center

New York City

Chairman: Ed Clare, PERA, Principal

Recording secretary: Karl G. Ruling, ESTA

People in attendance: Andy Romanoff, Panavision Remote Systems
Brian Dowd, TMB
Colin Waters, TMB (ESTA TSC)
David Oliver, Near North Ins. Brokerage
Ed Clare, PERA
Kent Jorgenson, Local 80
Louis Therrien, Entertainment Coalition
Michael Moss, Majestic Light
Paul Holehouse
Paulina Briones, T.C.C.
Scott Taylor, Taylor & Taylor
Tamra Tiemeyer, Fletcher Chicago
Greg Hill, Chapman/Leonard Studio Equipment
Tim Smythe, Silvertrucks Lighting

Ed Clare called this informational meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

The people attending introduced themselves and gave their company affiliations.

Ed Clare explained the issues and what the group is all about. 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. Ed Clare and Andy Romanoff are the co-chairs

Karl Ruling explained that ESTA is the secretariat for ANSI accredited standards Committee E1, and has the proper accreditation and procedure for developing consensus 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.

Kent Jorgensen explained that the issue of camera cranes had been discussed in the meetings of Accredited Standards Committee A92, and that that committee had declined to take on the project because it felt it was outside their scope.

There was a discussion of the minutes of the last meeting. Two issues raised by Andy Romanoff and Ed Clare were money and the organization representation status of some of the initial working group members. Some of the members have two companies, which

makes the organization representation status determination complicated. Ruling explained that to ensure that no commercial interest dominates the group, the Policies and Procedures ESTA follows defines an organization by its top level of control. That is, a company or organization is defined by having a board (or individual if a sole proprietorship) that answers to no other board. Thus, a company with multiple subsidiaries has one vote, and an individual who owns multiple companies has only one vote.

This led to a discussion of the group's make-up. It is our intention to not have this working group dominated by crane manufacturers. To this end, Ruling noted that the interest already shown in the project by labor unions, crane dealers and rental companies is most welcome.

Andy Romanoff and Ed Clare asked why Ruling had left the discussion of money out of the draft minutes of the August 6th meeting. Ruling explained that he had done so because it was not germane to the technical development of the standard, and it was important to make sure that there was no suggestion that participation in the development of this or any standard be based on the ability to pay.

Ed Clare pointed out that the project was going to cost some money, however, and voluntary donations would be needed to fund it. PERA would like to raise \$25,000 over two years, with 4\$ of every \$5 raised going to ESTA to cover expenses and 1\$ going to PERA for its part of the administrative costs. It was estimated that the project would take two years. Thus, if ten to 15 companies donated a maximum of \$3,000 over two years, the expenses would be met, and this level of funding would not be onerous.

It was announced that the next working meeting would be November 16 at a meeting room still to be determined in the Los Angeles area.

Ed Clare adjourned the meeting at 11:20 a.m.