

Minutes
Camera Cranes Working Group
June 24, 1999
Motion Picture Studio Grips Local 80
2520 W. Olive Ave.
Burbank, CA 91505

Chairs: Ed Clare, PERA, principal, general interest
Andy Romanoff, Panavision Remote, principal, producer

Recording secretary: Karl G. Ruling, ESTA

Members attending: Nico Bally, Cranium Inc., principal, general interest
Boots, Managing Director, Egripment US, alternate, producer (joined at this meeting)
Paul Holehouse, Fireman's Fund Insurance Company, observer, general interest
Denise Dimin, Fireman's Fund Insurance Company, observer, general interest
Robert P. Joyce, Fireman's Fund Insurance Company, observer, general interest
Daniel M. Mahoney, IATSE Local 52, principal, user
Timothy Wade, IATSE Local 600, principal, user
Jimmy Fisher, Jimmy Fisher Co., principal, producer
Ralf Merkle, Panther, observer, producer (joined at this meeting)
Louis Therrien, Production Safety Services, principal, general interest (company affiliation changed at this meeting)
Richard Fezzey, Richard Fezzey, observer, user (joined at this meeting)
William E. Hines, S.O.C., Society of Operating Cameramen, principal, user
Scott Taylor, Taylor & Taylor Ltd., observer, general interest
Colin Waters, TMB Associates, observer, general interest
Robert Lynn, William F. White Ltd., alternate, user (joined at this meeting)

Visitors: Bill Groener, Production Arts
Ken Eddy, Filmair
Neil Williams, Filmair
Chris Girolami, Cine Partners
Dorian Williams, Cine Partners

1 Opening Remarks

Ed Clare called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

2 Attendance and membership

2.1 Introductions of those present

People introduced themselves.

2.2 Determination of quorum (4 needed)

Ruling called roll and determined that a quorum was present.

2.3 Recognition of alternate voting members

There were none at the start of the meeting.

2.4 Requirements for membership

Ed Clare asked Ruling to give a synopsis of the requirements for membership. Ruling stated that these are a material interest in the work of the group, and regular meeting attendance for voting member.

2.5 Processing of new membership requests

At the top of the meeting Boots (Egripment USA, Inc.) and Richard Fezzey (Richard Fezzey) had applied. Louis Therrien moved that their membership applications be accepted. The motion was seconded. The motion was unanimous approved by voice vote.

3 Approval of the minutes from the previous meeting

Dan Mahoney moved that the minutes be accepted as written. The motion was seconded. Unanimous by voice vote.

4 Call for patents

Ed Clare read the following call for patents:

"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 disclosure 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 or copyright that might protect material in a standard being developed by the working group. You need not be the holder of the patent or copyright in order to notify the working group of its existence."

There was a pause in which no one made a notification to the working group.

Ed Clare then read the Anti-Trust Statement:

"The ESTA Board of Directors, the Technical Standards Committee, and the leadership of this Working Group will reject or nullify any actions that restrain trade. Anyone who feels that an action restraining trade is being or has been taken is requested to bring the 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 any member of this working group may be found individually liable for any action that restrains trade taken by this working group. An individual convicted of a violation of the Sherman Act may be fined as much as \$100,000 and be imprisoned for up to three years. An easy to read pamphlet describing restraint of trade is available from the Technical Standards Committee."

5 Approval of agenda

Tim Wade moved that the agenda as written be approved. The motion was seconded. Unanimous approval by voice vote.

Ed Clare announced that we would cover item 6.4 first. [It is recorded in the original order in these minutes.]

6 Old Business

6.1 Task group to develop a guideline for a manufacturer's assembly manual.

6.1.1 Membership

6.1.2 Scope

6.1.3 Timeline

Ed Clare suggested that we table the discussion of the manufacturer's assembly manual project (all items 6.1). There were no objections.

6.2 Task group to develop a standardized camera crane chart

6.2.1 Membership

6.2.2 Scope

6.2.3 Timeline

Ed Clare suggested that we table the discussion of the standardized camera crane chart (all items 6.2). There were no objections.

6.3 American National Standard for Cranes task group — Progress report

There was no report. Kent Jorgensen, the task group chair, was not present.

6.4 Operators handbook task group — Progress report

Louis Therrien reported. He has been working with Kent Jorgensen on the handbook, and they have produced two different versions for the group. The "Draft 1" version is his own, which was derived from an AMPTP safety bulletin. Therrien said that he had attempted to make the language simple, direct, and imperative, and had attempted to avoid using "should" language.

Timothy Wade presented the "Draft 2" version, which was largely Kent Jorgensen's. He pointed out that it has a different style in that it directly addresses the crane operator, and that it has more simple lists of things to check.

Jimmy Fisher offered his comments on the two drafts. He would like to see more pictures, and used an illustrated Army manual as an example of what he would like to see. The Army manual uses text, but it reinforces the text with simple pictures that almost completely illustrate the points of the text.

There was a general discussion of the relative values of each version of the operators handbook.

Ed Clare directed the working group to send written comments to Kent Jorgensen by the end of July.

7 New business

There was a discussion regarding the need to set attendance requirements for voting members to encourage participation and to help ensure that a quorum will be present at each meeting.

Timothy Wade moved that a voting member (or his alternate) shall have his voting status changed to observer if he misses three consecutive meetings, and that this rule shall go into effect at the next Camera Crane Working Group meeting. The motion was seconded. Unanimous by voice vote.

8 Other business

Robert Lynn and Ralf Merkle submitted working group applications. Robert Therrien asked what one does if one changes employers, since he had been representing the Entertainment Coalition but now works for Production Safety Services. Ruling said he needed to reapply, so he did.

Boots moved that the working group accept the applications of Robert Lynn, Ralf Merkle, and Louis Therrien. The motion was seconded, and unanimously approved by voice vote.

9 Schedule for future meetings

Ed Clare announced that the next meeting would be at ShowBiz Expo New York on Saturday, September 18, 1999. Clare pointed out the two-week rule, which would require that anything to be acted on at the meeting should be distributed at least two weeks before the meeting. This will necessitate that anything the technical standards manager is supposed to distribute should be in his hands by September 1.

Clare announced that the following meeting would be in January 2000.

10 Adjournment

Timothy Wade moved that the meeting adjourn. The motion was seconded. Unanimous voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 4:12 p.m.

Name	Company	Voting status	Int. cat.
Hugh A. Rose	Alliance of Motion Pict. & Television Prod.	O	G
Brian Branigan	Brian Branigan	I	U
Leonard Chapman	Chapman/Leonard Studio Equipment, Inc.	A	P
Charles Huenergardt	Chapman/Leonard Studio Equipment, Inc.	P	P
Edward M. Smith	Chapman/Leonard Studio Equipment, Inc.	O	P
Nico Bally	Cranium Inc.	P	G
Constant Tresfon	Egripment B.V.	P	P
Jan van Vlaardingen	Egripment B.V.	A	P
Boots, Managing Director	Egripment US	A	P
Anatolly Kokush	Filmotechnie International Corp.	P	P
Bob Kewin	Fireman's Fund Insurance Company	O	G
Paul Holehouse	Fireman's Fund Insurance Company	O	G
Denise Dimin	Fireman's Fund Insurance Company	O	G
Robert P. Joyce	Fireman's Fund Insurance Company	O	G
Daniel M. Mahoney	IATSE Local 52	P	U
Timothy Wade	IATSE Local 600	P	U
Mitch Lillian	Ichabod Crane Inc.	P	U
Dennis McDonald	ISAIA & Co./Highrise Support Systems	P	P
Dennis Knopf	J. L. Fisher, Inc.	P	P
Jimmy Fisher	Jimmy Fisher Co.	P	P
Kent H. Jorgensen	MPS Grips, Local 80	P	U
Rex Worthy	MPS Grips, Local 80	A	U
Andy Romanoff	Panavision Remote	P	P
Ralf Merkle	Panther	O	P
Ed Clare	PERA	P	G
Louis Therrien	Production Safety Services	P	G
Richard Fezzey	Richard Fezzey	O	U
Tim Smythe	Silvertrucks	O	G
William E. Hines, S.O.C.	Society of Operating Cameramen	P	U
Corey Checkelts	Star-Lite Entertainment	P	P
Scott Taylor	Taylor & Taylor Ltd.	O	G
Paulina Briones	TCC/Telescopic Crane	P	P
Mark A. Hotchkiss	Technocrane Ltd.	A	P
Simon Jayes	Technocrane Ltd.	P	P
Colin Waters	TMB Associates	O	G
Vincent Zarlengo	Vincent Zarlengo	I	U
Robert Lynn	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

Categories of interest

- P Producer (manufacturer) of camera cranes and related equipment
- U User of camera cranes and related equipment
- G General interest in camera cranes and related equipment

Voting membership breakdown:

- 14 Producers of cranes and related equipment
- 9 Users
- 3 General interest