

WGGB Annual General Meeting
Friday 19 June 2015
10.30 a.m. – 5.00 p.m.

Cluny & Tanner Room, Bermondsey Square Hotel, Bermondsey Square, Tower Bridge Road,
London SE1 3UN.

FINAL AGENDA

1. Quorum: 28 Full Members and/or Life Members
2. Standing Orders Committee Report
3. Appointment of tellers. *Two required*
4. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Friday 4 July 2014. *Copies will be available at the meeting. If you require a copy in advance please download it from the WGGB website or contact the Guild office.*
5. Chair's Report
6. Treasurer's Report
7. Presentation and adoption of audited accounts. *Copies will be available at the meeting. If you require a copy in advance please download it from the WGGB website or contact the Guild office.*
8. Appointment of Auditors
9. Guest Speaker: Sioned Wiliam, BBC Radio 4's Commissioning Editor for Comedy.
Note: This item will be taken at 11.30 a.m. sharp irrespective of what other business has been covered.

LUNCH – approx. 1.00pm - 2.00pm

10. General Secretary's report
11. Free is NOT an option: Update on WGGB's big campaign by Bill Armstrong, Chair of the Television Committee
12. Annual report: section by section. *Copies will be available at the meeting. If you require a copy in advance please download it from the WGGB website or contact the Guild office.*
13. Motions

a. Subscriptions

This AGM resolves to amend the rules of the Writers' Guild of Great Britain as set out below with effect from 1 September 2015. Each proposed change has been highlighted in bold and underlined.

Subsection 23.3 which currently reads –

“Full Members whose annual earnings from writing were less than £15,000 shall pay a subscription of £180.”

To be amended to -

“Full Members whose annual earnings from writing were less than **£18,000** shall pay a subscription of **£198**.”

Subsection 23.4 which currently reads –

“Full Members whose annual earnings from writing were £15,000 or more shall pay a subscription determined by a writing income banding system to be set and reviewed by the Executive Council at its discretion up to a maximum subscription of £1,800.”

To be amended to –

“Full Members whose annual earnings from writing were **£18,000** or more shall pay a subscription determined by a writing income banding system to be set and reviewed by the Executive Council at its discretion up to a maximum subscription of **£2,000**.”

Subsection 23.5 which currently reads –

“No member shall be required to pay more than £1,800 per year.”

To be amended to –

“No member shall be required to pay more than **£2,000** per year.”

Proposed by the Executive Council.

Note: Under Rule 31.1 this rule-changing motion requires the support of two-thirds of the Full Members present and voting at the meeting.

b. Banding system

This AGM approves the changes to the banding system set out below.

	Income	Payment	Monthly	Quarterly
Full Member	Full Member	£198	£16.50	£49.50
A	£18,000 and below	£198	£16.50	£49.50
B	£18,001 +	£220	£18.33	£55.00
C	£20,000 +	£250	£20.83	£62.50
D	£24,000 +	£300	£25.00	£75.00
E	£28,000 +	£350	£29.17	£87.50
F	£34,000 +	£400	£33.33	£100.00
G	£40,000 +	£500	£41.67	£125.00
H	£47,000 +	£600	£50.00	£150.00
I	£54,000 +	£700	£58.33	£175.00
J	£59,000 +	£800	£66.67	£200.00
K	£65,000 +	£900	£75.00	£225.00
L	£75,000 +	£1,000	£83.33	£250.00
M	£85,000 +	£1,100	£91.67	£275.00
N	£95,000 +	£1,200	£100.00	£300.00

O	£100,000 +	£1,300	£108.33	£325.00
P	£110,000 +	£1,400	£116.67	£350.00
Q	£120,000 +	£1,500	£125.00	£375.00
R	£128,000 +	£1,600	£133.33	£400.00
S	£136,000 +	£1,700	£141.67	£425.00
T	£145,000+	£1,800	£150.00	£450.00
U	£155,000+	£2,000	£166.66	£500.00

Proposed by the Executive Council.

Note: Under Rule 23.5, should the E.C. wish to increase any band by more than 2% in the 12 months between AGMs, the following AGM must approve or reject the increase by a simple yes/no vote. Where a no vote is recorded the increase in any band cannot be more than 2%.

If confirmed, these changes will come into effect on 1 September 2015.

c. Election of General Secretary

In accordance with Chapter IV Section 58 of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992, this AGM resolves to amend Rule 21 with immediate effect to add the following paragraph:

21.11. In the event that:

- (a) an incumbent General Secretary is nearing retirement age at the expiry of any term of office, as defined in Section 58 (1) and (3) of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992, and*
- (b) the conditions set out in Section 58(2)(a)-(f) of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992 apply*

then there shall be no requirement to hold an election for the role of General Secretary, the procedures set out in Rules 21.1 to 21.10 shall not apply, and the General Secretary shall be entitled continue in office, subject to the discretion of the Executive Council.

Proposed by the Executive Council.

Note: Under Rule 31.1 this rule-changing motion requires the support of two-thirds of the Full Members present and voting at the meeting.

- 14. Results of elections and announcement of vacancies
- 15. Election of Standing Orders Committee for 2015-2016
- 16. President’s closing remarks: Olivia Hetreed
- 17. Any other business

AGM papers will be available at the meeting and can be downloaded from <http://www.writersguild.org.uk/news-a-features/events> or contact the office on <mailto:admin@writersguild.org.uk> and copies can be emailed or posted to you.